

December 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the December 02, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Cole McDaniel from Hometown Consulting presented a Consulting Service Proposal

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the October 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall, Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt, and Max Middendorf with MECO participated in a conference call regarding the Jill Street sewer issues.

Interviews were held for the vacant Street and Alley and Water/Gas Department. At this time no offers have been made.

The Deer Santa Festival was well attended, Mayor Mendenhall lit the tree with only minor technical difficulties due to the snow.

Mayor Mendenhall and Economic Development Director Brittney Emerick attended a meeting with Hometown Consulting to review the Strategic Action Plan for the City.

Mayor Mendenhall read an announcement of a Public meeting to be held on January 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm. The meeting is regarding the Proposed 4th Amendment to the Pittsfield Tax Increment Financing District I Redevelopment Plan, Project, and Area.

No Public Comment

Alderperson Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight. Chief Starman presented year end stats for the Police Department. A traffic monitor has been collecting data on Lowry at Clinton. Chief Starman shared the data with the Committee. There were approximately 700 cars per day and most were at or below the speed limit. Chief Starman would like to revisit the possibility of a K-9. The approximate cost for start-up will be approximately \$20,000.00.

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Alderman Ketchum stated that the Ordinance Committee met tonight. There was a discussion of the ordinance for a stop sign at Lowry Street at Clinton Street. Chief Starman stated that the traffic monitor detected approximately 700 cars per day, and about 99% of them were at or below the speed limit. Clerk Moffit stated that an employee requested that days off be switched from December 24 to December 26. It was determined that it could not happen without an amendment to the Ordinance.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the Variance request submitted by Robert and Christine Smith, owners of the property located at #28 Quail Ridge Drive, providing Mr. Smith enters into a hold harmless agreement.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1757 – An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of a Stop Sign (Madison Street at Kellogg Street) within the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1758 – An Ordinance Providing for the Installation of a Stop Sign (Lowry Street at Clinton Street) within the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Wilson (2)
	Nay:	Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (6)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion failed.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1759 – An Ordinance Regulating Wind and Solar Renewable Energy Systems within the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its second reading, by title only.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1760 An Ordinance Amending Title XV (Land Usage) of the City of Pittsfield Code by Adopting a Revised Chapter 156 (Zoning Code), on its second reading, by title only.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: NONE (0)
 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$500.00 to all full-time employees and \$250.00 for Part-time employees.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: NONE (0)
 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: NONE (0)
 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall asked that supervisors submit their employee of the year nominations

Alderman Ritchart complimented the employees on snow removal.

All Aldermen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Clerk Moffit announced the Holiday Party would be January 17, 2026 and Joe Brawdy's retirement party is December 31, 2025.

Tom Reinhardt announced the holiday meal at the shop will be the 23rd at noon.

Jim Filbert thanked the Public Works Department for clean up after the recent snow.

Alderman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:42 p.m.
