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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, May 05, 2026, 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 attending remotely.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the April 16, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Ketchum (1)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall attended Pike CEO Breakfast.

A meeting was held with the Police Officer's Union to discuss the union contract proposal.

Mayor and Public Works Director met with the city attorney and engineer and they will draft a response letter to the EPA and Attorney General in regards to the Honey Creek and Roots Subdivision left station corrective action plan.

We hosted the Elected Official Meeting this quarter.

The newly appointed Economic Development Advisory Board met with Hometown Consulting and discussed potential developments.

May 13, 2026 at 11:00am the IDOT Aeronautics Division will have a site visit at the Airport.

Parking on sidewalks is not allowed.

Electric Bikes and scooters laws will be enforced.

Mowing season is upon us, mayor reminded everyone to keep their properties mowed and cleaned up.

Public Comments: Mr. Booth stated that many streets have too much crown and need repaired as Cherry Street was.

Alderperson White stated that the Finance Committee met tonight and discussed department budgets, and starting salary. More data has been requested for salary.

Alderperson Ritchart stated that the utilities committee met today, and discussed a potential rate increase for the minimum monthly sewer bill. The wastewater plant needs several

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mechanical repairs and replacements and a phosphorus removal plan needs to be implemented.

No Street and Alley Committee meeting occurred.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the special use amendment request from Charles Booth to allow for a soybean crop to be no-till planted for one year at the property located on the north side of the 900 and 1000 block of Lowry Street.

Aldersperson 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.

Aldersperson White asked to pass the Starting Salary Range to allow for additional committee discussion.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve Union Contract between the FOP Labor Council and the city of Pittsfield, effective May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2029

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve 2026-2027 Committee Appointments as recommended by Mayor Mendenhall.

Aldersperson 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.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to direct Attorney Morris to draft an agreement and easement for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to be placed at 221 S Monroe Street.

Aldersperson 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.

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Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1768, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 320 W Fayette Street, on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson 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.

Aldersperson White moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1767 by title only.

Aldersperson Lemmon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1767, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 320 W Fayette Street, on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to approve Ordinance No. 1769, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 1243 W Washington Street, on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1769 by title only.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

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Aldersperson Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.
Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Grimsley asked the status of the Street and Alley Superintendent position. No decisions have been made.

Aldersperson White thanked the employees for all of their work during the recent storms.

Kenny Gwartney informed the council that Rees Construction has been very good to work with during the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Chief Starman stated that Weston McAllister will start the academy on May 14. He also informed everyone that Officer Wier will be educating the youth at school about the laws of electric bikes and scooters.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:28 p.m.
