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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, March 03, 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.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the February 17, 2026, city council minutes.

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 thanked Alderman Wilson for covering for him during his recent medical procedure.

Mayor Mendenhall and Tom Reinhardt met with the Park Board about flag football, which will start on March 1. There have been 195 children who have signed up.

The TIF Joint Review Board met today to review FY 2024 & 2025. There was an additional Joint Review Board meeting to discuss the proposed TIF 4th Amendment.

Public Comments: None

Alderperson White reported that the Planning Commission met today to act on a request from Damon Properties to permanently rezone a property located at 625 North Jackson to R-3 from R-2.

Alderperson White moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the re-zoning request as submitted.

Alderperson 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.

Alderperson Ketchum reported that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed a potential burn ban ordinance and also reviewed an ordinance regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Pike regarding City Boundaries and Annexations. The committee also reviewed the proposed amended special use ordinance to add Small Engine Repair as a special use.

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Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1765, An Ordinance Amending Title XV (Land Usage) of the City of Pittsfield Code by Adopting a Revised Chapter 156.195 (Special Uses) 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 Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1765, An Ordinance Amending Title XV (Land Usage) of the City of Pittsfield Code by Adopting a Revised Chapter 156.195 (Special Uses) 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.

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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 Ritchart moved to approve the Special Use Application from Edward/Baker allowing for Small Engine Repair to be approved as a special use at their residence at 112 West Perry Street.

Aldersperson 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.

Aldersperson White reported that the Finance Committee met today and Expense Reports were reviewed. Clerk Moffit will reach out to department heads to ask them to submit upcoming budget requests. Mayor Mendenhall noted that a Police Department vehicle is having mechanical issues and will need to be replaced very soon. Clerk Moffit stated that Einstein Consulting is gathering health insurance renewal quotes.

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Aldersperson Ritchart stated that the utilities committee met today, and Terry Leahr stated that the resin on the water softener should be replaced, and we should consider that in the upcoming budget discussions. Mr. Leahr reminded the council that his last day would be March 19. The Water Line Replacement on the square is going well on the square. The few unforeseen problems have been resolved quickly.

Aldersperson Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met today. The Street and Alley Department has been removing awnings beginning on the West side of the square for the downtown revitalization project. The department has also cut and hauled wood to the Boy Scout camp and has been grinding stumps. Some patching has also occurred. There was much discussion about street repairs, which streets should be done, and funding for anticipated repairs.

The Booth Special Use issue was passed.

Mayor stated that Hometown Consulting recommends that we develop an Economic Development Advisory Committee made up of various community members. He advised the council that he will compile a committee and present for approval with all other committees in May.

Mayor Mendenhall read a Pike County Child Care Task Force & Provider Palooza Proclamation.

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

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ritchart asked about the Walmart Fire Suppression Line. Max Middendorf stated that Walmart has decided to install Fire Storage Tanks.

Aldersperson White thanked our fire department as well as the surrounding departments for their continuous work on grass fires. These departments are volunteer and take time away from their family and jobs to keep our area safe.

Keisha Morris stated that her office will transition to virtual.

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Brittney Emerick stated that the Pike County Child Care Provider Pallooza is March 10, 6-8pm at JWCC. She is also working on a project to gather photographs of prior Mayors.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:26 p.m.
