

August 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Alderman Chris Little, Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk Ann Moffit; Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, and Robert Wilson; Kevin Wombles was present by phone; Robert Wilson was absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the August 18, 2026, city council minutes.
Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All in favor, Alderperson White voting present.

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the July 2026 Monthly Treasurer's Report.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All in favor.
The motion carried.

The Public Safety Committee did not meet tonight.

The Ordinance Committee met to discuss Ordinance 1778, Historical Preservation Ordinance and Ordinance 1779, An Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Vehicles as Surplus. Alderperson Little has many concerns regarding Ordinance 1778; this ordinance will be tabled and reviewed further.

Alderperson Lennon moved to approve Ordinance No. 1779 – An Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Vehicles as Surplus, on its first reading by title only.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1779 – An Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Vehicles as Surplus.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Alderperson Lennon moved to approve Ordinance No. 1779 – An Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Vehicles as Surplus, on its second reading by title only.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the variance as requested by Monroe Street Suites, 212 S Monroe Street, to construct a concrete porch with an awning, leaving a front yard of zero feet (0') instead of the required thirty-five (35').

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wombles(6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the variance as requested by Mary Harshman, 800 North Orchard Street, to construct an addition to the home, which will leave a front yard of seventeen feet (17') instead of the required twenty (20').

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wombles(6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

The Wastewater Generator Project Bid Award was tabled to allow for further discussion with Max Middendorf.

Aldersperson Grimsley moved to approve the closure of Madison Street on August 28, September 4, September 18, October 2 and October 26 as requested by Sauke Nation.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wombles(6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to approve the Restore Pittsfield application from Complete Design, LLC for demolition and rebuilding of a home at 246 S Walnut Street.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wombles(6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Lennon asked for an update on the water pipe issues on the square. Mr. Reinhardt stated that several experts have reviewed the issue. He expects a report on the findings this week.

Aldersperson Wombles asked if there was an opening date for the Pickleball Court. Mr. Reinhardt stated he was unsure of an opening date but that the contractors would be back to finish up the dirt work on Thursday.

Attorney Morris stated that the deed has been mailed for the Asporcolas property.

Brittney Emerick stated that OSLAD grant application is complete; she is waiting for Max Middendorf to review and then she will submit. The Deer Santa Festival will be December 6, 3 pm – 7 pm.

Tom Reinhardt stated that homecoming is early this year; street painting will be on Sunday, the 23rd. There will be a disc golf tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

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