

September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 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 September 2, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson White 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:

A Community Foundation Grant was accepted on behalf of the Park Board from the Community Foundation as recommended by the Ty Rylander Fund for toddler playground equipment at Lowry Park.

Mayor Mendenhall will now be speaking on KJFM Radio every other Wednesday from 7:15 – 8 am to talk about events and projects happening in the community.

We have been working on minor adjustments to the Restore Pittsfield Incentive Program.

Mayor Mendenhall has been working with Airport Manager Schultz on hangar availability. There was an available hangar and it has been leased. Jeff Olson, Airport Engineer, stated the equipment grant is progressing and we can obtain bids for the equipment.

October 20 is the Community Meeting at Watson 1838. Hometown Consulting will be addressing the guests.

The Water Plant Softener is still undergoing repairs.

Alderperson Little moved to approve the August 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson 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.

No Public Comments

Heather Viele, General Manager, with IMGA gave a presentation on a Natural Gas PrePay Program.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the Variance request as submitted by Douglas and Rebecca Shannon of 430 West Jefferson Street.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met, Chief Starman stated that Skylar Gwartney will be hired for PT Ordinance violations. Aldersperson Ritchart asked about Homecoming weekend, Chief Starman stated that there were no major issues. Chief Starman also stated that school is going well. SRO Epperson is a great fit.

Aldersperson Ketchum stated that the Ordinance Committee met and reviewed Ordinance 1754 regarding Solar Ordinance. Attorney Morris will draft an intergovernmental agreement and present to the county and review the ordinance with the Pike County Zoning Administrator.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve Resolution 2025-09 – A Resolution Approving an Agreement from Legal Services Related to AFFF PFAS Litigation.

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 Lennon moved to approve the Agreement with Hutchison Engineering for Construction Engineering for the Downtown Revitalization project.

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 Ritchart moved to approve the modification of the Restore Pittsfield Incentive Program as presented.

Aldersperson 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.

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

Aldersperson 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.

New Business:

Aldersperson Ritchart asked for an update on the Fire Truck. The first payment has been made and the truck has moved to the next level of production.

Aldersperson Ketchum stated the sidewalk in front of Kepley House is in need of repairs. Mr. Reinhardt said that he will add that to the fall sidewalk repair list.

Brittney Emerick stated that the fix or flatten project of Jefferson Street is complete. The total cost was \$17,285.00. There is \$23,715 remaining on the grant that can be used for fix or flatten projects and she has learned that we do not to own the property to use the funds.

Brittney Emerick also stated that October 20 at 5pm at the Watson 1838. Hometown Consulting will give a presentation.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the Brush Yard will be closed until further notice due to dry conditions.

City Clerk Moffit reminded everyone that the Monthly Mixer hosted by the Pike County Economic Development Director will be Thursday, September 18 at noon, at Geared Up.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:12 p.m.
