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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderperson Beth White and Robert Ritchart were absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the August 5, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wombles (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Wilson (1)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall attended the Farm Bureau Legislative steak fry recently.

Diamond Construction is set to begin street repairs on Monday, August 27, - September 2. Street and Alley crews will be completing work ahead of the repairs.

The Music for a Mission committee met with Jennings Promotions to discuss the upcoming Music Festival. The Music Festival will be held September 7, tickets are \$25 each and will be \$30 on the day of the event. Gates open at 4. Evan Darnell will take the stage 4:30, Los Honkey Tonk will take the stage at 5:30 with headliner, Little Texas taking the stage at 7pm.

A demonstration of a new mower will be held at the Lake Dam tomorrow at 10:00 am.

The house on North Jackson is scheduled for demolition on Thursday.

Cordell McKee, a two-year summer helper, has accepted a full-time position with the Street and Alley Department.

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

Alderperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

No Public Comments

Alderman Wombles stated that the Public Safety Committee met, Chief Starman addressed the fact that our Code Hearing Officer is working minimum hours and the Police Officers are working on Ordinance violations. Officer Weir is researching obtaining a Therapy Dog.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the Ordinance Committee met Attorney Morris continues to research Bitcoin Kiosks and Solar Ordinance.

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Alderman Little stated the Economic Development Committee met and discussed adding State Certified In-Home Daycare Providers to the Business Incentive Program. The committee also reviewed the Restore Pittsfield sample program.

Business Incentive Program Modification – Tabled

Cole, with Hometown Consulting, addressed the council. He explained that they have reviewed our website and GIS. The next step is to meet with the Economic Development Committee to prioritize City owned Buildings to determine how we would like to proceed.

Resolution 2025-10 – ITEP Downtown Revitalization Funding – Tabled

Alderman Lennon moved to approve Resolution 2025-08 – A Resolution Supporting and Authorizing an Application for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for King Park Improvement Project.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to accept the proposal of \$23,905.20 for the preparation of oil and chip of East Knapp Lane from Calendar Construction.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the water softener at the Water Plant went back online Tuesday. Saturday the water in town became salty again. The softener was taken back offline and more repairs will be done. The Mayor read a letter from the Pike County Water District No. 1 commending our staff, specifically Billy Fitzmaurice, for their professionalism during a recent repair.

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Alderman Grimsley asked about the timing of oil and chip. Alderperson Wombles stated that it has to do with when they are in the area; it saves on mobilization if they are already working in the county.

Alderman Ketchum asked about the status of the former Mill site. A neighbor to the site has made complaints. He also asked if the parking near the North End of the water tower could be addressed, due to loading issues for the water trucks.

Alderperson Wilson asked about the issues with Walmart's water pressure. Public Works Director Reinhardt explained that the water pressure fails to meet the needs of the water suppression system.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the West Side of the Square will be closed for the Car Show during the Fall Festival. The crews have been prepping for oil and chip and the Meadow Creek tube has been completed. The lab results for the current boil order should be back tomorrow.

Cole from Hometown Consulting stated that the Economic Development Action Plan is 70% complete and a town hall meeting will occur in October.

Brittney Emerick stated that she attended a Conference in Springfield and gathered a great deal of knowledge and ideas. Additionally, she attended a meeting regarding the 250th Anniversary of America celebration that will occur next year, and the committee would welcome all volunteers.

Alderperson Wombles moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:57 p.m.


