

April 07, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 07, 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 March 17, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the March 10, 2026, special city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                          |
|            | Present: | Ketchum (1)                                                       |

The motion carried.

#### Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall and Tom Reinhardt met with the Hayden family concerning a fenceline by the lake ball diamond, JC park and south of the lake by the maintenance shed. Many years ago the city signed an agreement with the property owners to maintain fencing in these areas.

March 30<sup>th</sup> a Public Hearing was held concerning the TIF fourth amendment.

March 31<sup>st</sup> a meeting was held with property owners north of town regarding water service to their residences, which is outside of the city limits.

A meeting was held with IDOT Department of Aeronautics Division concerning the Airport evaluation and study.

We have started discussions with music promoter Jim Jennings, about this year's music festival.

We are still searching for council tables. We ordered tables but they did not work and we returned them.

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm the City of Pittsfield is hosting the county elected officials meeting.

The pickleball court construction will begin the first of May.

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We are currently seeking bids for to paint the front of the annex building.

Mayor Mendenhall may be out of town April 16 – 19, Kevin Wombles will be Mayor Protem in his absence.

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

Ordinance Committee report – passed, no meeting occurred.

Aldersperson White stated that the Finance Committee met tonight and discussed the purchase of a new squad truck, reviewed Health Insurance renewal offers, reviewed current salaries as well as starting salaries and called a Finance Committee Meeting be called on April 20 at 2pm to further discuss salaries as well as budget preparation. Also, Mayor Mendenhall stated that upon review of the sidewalk plans he determined that several corner curbs have grass areas instead of concrete. He believes this to be a potential issue in maintaining a lawn area. Everyone agreed that concrete would be better served in the areas.

Aldersperson Wilson stated that the utilities committee met today, and learned from Kenny Gwartney that installations of the new meter readers is going well.

Aldersperson Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met today. Tom Rienhardt advised the committee that Street and Alley Superintendent Todd Scranton will be retiring on June 11. He also stated brush pick-up has started again for the year. Pick-up will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month as it has been in years past. Brush yard hours will remain the same on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Street repairs and ditch work should begin soon. John Neupauer has transitioned to the lake and has started mowing. The Downtown Revitalization progress was discussed. Chairman Wombles would like to finish Fayette and complete Clinton from Fayette to Washington. He would like to see some milling done as well.

Mr. Booth presented his reasoning for a request for an amendment to his special use permit to allow for soybeans to be planted for one year due to soil toxicity from the alfalfa that has been planted for several years. Mr. Booth was told that to amend the special use, he must make an application to do so, and the required publication must occur before action can be taken.

Aldersperson White moved to accept the Health Insurance renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Aldersperson Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Aldersperson White asked to pass the Employee Salary Increase to allow for additional committee discussion.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1767, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 310 W Fayette Street, on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,<br>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 Ketchum 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 310 W Fayette Street, on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

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.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,<br>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)

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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, Womble (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.

Aldersperson Little 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 second reading by title only.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1770, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 201 S Madison Street, on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum 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.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1770 by title only.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1770, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 201 S Madison Street, on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve Ordinance No. 1771, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 05-019-03, 05-053-04, 53-019—03A, on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ritchart 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. 1771 by title only.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1771, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 05-019-03, 05-053-04, 53-019—03A,, on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1772, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 625 N Jackson Street, on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,<br>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. 1772 by title only.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1772, an Ordinance rezoning a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsfield, commonly known as 625 N Jackson, on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes (8)

Nays (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1773 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to Pittsfield TIF Redevelopment Plan and Projects on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1774 An Ordinance designating the amended redevelopment agreement project area for the fourth amendment to the TIF District I on its first reading by title only.

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Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1775 An Ordinance approving the Fourth amendment to Pittsfield TIF Redevelopment Plan on its first reading by title only.  
Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1776 approving the execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Damon Properties and Braden Damon on its first reading.  
Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 – A Resolution in support of IL America250.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to accept Mayor Mendenhall's recommendation to appoint Claire Heaver to the Park Board.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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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,<br>Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                            |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                            |

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Wombles asked for any street repair requests to be sent in.

Aldersperson Grimsley asked the finance committee to closely review salaries.

Tom Reinhardt stated that he is seeking bids for tornado sirens. He has been working with IREA for a water tower lease and there will be a kids fishing event on Saturday, from 9am to 12pm.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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