

August 04, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 04, 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: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderperson Beth White is absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the July 20, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall attended the First Christian Church youth-sponsored lunch for the employees of Rees Construction.

Mayor Mendenhall and the Economic Development Director attended the new teacher conference at Pikeland District No. 10.

Phillip Hoover came in to look at our needs for conference tables. He will research and give us a proposal.

There have been some fitting issues during the downtown revitalization project that a solution continues to be researched.

The new windows have been installed at the expansion.

Public Comments: None

The Finance Committee met and discussed the IDOT invoice for the City's portion of the Hwy 54/106 project. We have a five-year repayment plan. Max Middendorf indicated that we will have to pay that over a five-year period.

The Utilities Committee met, and Kenny Gwartney stated that the meter installation is going well, with a few minor kinks. The ICC inspector is here completing the 2023, 2024, and 2025 audit. There was discussion about the pipe leaks that have been identified during the downtown revitalization project.

The Street and Alley Committee met and Superintendent John Neupauer updated on the patching project. Alderperson Wombles discussed a few areas that should be added to the milling project and discussion was held about what type of rock to use on the oil and chip project.

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Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve the Business Incentive Program Application of Paul and Patty Ruble, Red Rooster.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

 Nay: NONE (0)

 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the updates to the Pittsfield Strategic Plan as recommended by Hometown Consulting.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

 Nay: NONE (0)

 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little 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.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

 Nay: NONE (0)

 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to appoint Aldersperson White, Lennon, and Wilson to the Intergovernmental Joint Planning Committee.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

 Nay: NONE (0)

 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

One Way Alley Whitetail – Moose - Tabled

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve the removal of Justin Poor from the park board and the addition of Jessica Bigelow to the park board.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

 Nay: NONE (0)

 Present: NONE (0)

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The motion carried.

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

Aldersperson Little asked the status of the two homes on Perry Street that are scheduled for demolition.

Aldersperson Wombles asked the status of the Airport equipment. Mayor Mendenhall has not received any updates.

Aldersperson Ritchart asked about a trailer on North Dutton that is in disrepair. Clerk Moffit explained that Chief Starman gave each ward to a different officer to handle Ordinance matters, and she would send information to all alderspersons.

Clerk Moffit stated that the Wastewater Plant Generator bid opening was last week. It was discussed, and Max Middendorf gave the three bid totals. The low bid can be accepted, and the matter will be placed on the next agenda for formal approval.

Brittney Emerick stated that Girls Night Out will be November 5, from 4-8 pm. This is the 16th year for the event, and the theme will be Sweet 16.

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