

October 15 , 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City all at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Robert Wilson. Alderperson Kevin Wombles was absent. Mayor Mendenhall was absent, Alderperson Wilson stood in as Mayor ProTem.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the October 1, 2024, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall was absent, Clerk Moffit gave the following announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall has met with local churches to formulate a plan to move any festivals to their locations and parking lots should the Downtown Revitalization Project have any impact on the festivals.

Mayor Mendenhall presented a proclamation at the Domestic Violence Awareness ceremony, declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Pittsfield.

The Fire Department is donating old and outdated gear, hoses, and boots to a North Carolina Fire Department that lost everything in the recent flooding.

The Hooterville Café ribbon cutting will be Wednesday, October 16 at 2pm.

The McKay Auto Parts (NAPA) ribbon cutting will be Friday, October 25, at 10:30 am.

Mayor Mendenhall wants to send out a huge thank you to Alderman Wombles for his leadership and oversight on the road project the last couple of weeks.

We have accepted the resignation of Shane Allen. Mr. Allen has accepted a position with the State of Illinois. Mayor Mendenhall wants to thank him for his service and dedication to the City of Pittsfield. Mr. Allen's last day will be October 29.

Billy Fitzmaurice has started in the Gas and Water Department on Monday, October 14.

Several applications has been received for the Full-Time Economic Development Director Position, interviews should be occurring soon.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

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Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the annual audit for fiscal year May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 as presented by Franklin & Vaughn, LLC.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart advised that the Public Safety Committee met and Chief Starman acknowledged all Law Enforcement, especially SRO Clint Weir for their hard work over the last few weeks at the Pikeland School District. Also, Michael Lemons was hired as a Part-Time Officer.

Item 6. Personnel was tabled

Aldersperson Ketchum noted that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed the continued need to review fines and fees.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve the Halloween Golf Cart Parade for October 26 at 11 am.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Item 10 Airport Field Tile was tabled.

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

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Grimsley expressed gratitude for all departments who have work so well the last few months, completing projects and most working short staffed.

Alderman Ketchum reiterated Mayors gratitude for Alderman Wombles and the Street and Alley Department for the nice job with the Adams Street project.

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Alderman Little wished to clarify that his reason for his no vote on the variance last council meeting was not due to his belief that there should not be a fine, it was that he believed the fine should be higher.

Economic Development Director Ed Knight has been working with a company that the Trux building may work for.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the streets that were recently completed turned out very nice. The boat ramp will be poured on Thursday. The Pittsfield Fire Department 5K had approximately 50 participants. A few of the Jill Street homes have had their sewers camera completed.

Alderpersion Whtie moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Ann Moffit