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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 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: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderman Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Beth White, and Kevin Wombles. Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, and Robert Wilson were absent.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve September 05, 2023, city council minutes.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve September 07, 2023, city council special meeting minutes.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

S&S School of Dance is open in its new location. Mayor Mendenhall and Clerk Ann Moffit attended the ribbon cutting and toured the building.

The Historic Preservation Committee met with Joe Petty in reference to the repairs being made to the Two Rivers Regional Council building. The committee was pleased with the plans.

Mayor Mendenhall and Clerk Moffit met with the Library Director and two members of the Library Board to discuss budget and tax levy. Additionally, there was discussion of reviewing bi-laws to ensure they are in compliance with the State Statute.

Mayor Mendenhall and Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt attended the Newburg Township Board meeting to discuss repairs to 260th Avenue.

A Drive Thru Flu Clinic will be held on Saturday September 23, 2023 at the County Highway Building from 10 am to 2 pm.

A reminder that by Ordinance, trick or treating is held on two nights, October 30 & 31 from 6-8pm.

Alderman White moved to approve the September, 2023 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Motion made by Alderman Ketchum moved to accept the zoning committee's recommendation to approve the request of Whitney Sethaler of 410 Clarksville Road, to place an attached garage, which will leave a rear yard of 10 feet (10') instead of the required twenty-five feet (25').

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Wombles moved to accept the zoning committee's recommendation to approve the special use request of Jacob Stendback of J & J Green Door, to permit a parking lot in a residential district and to accept the zoning committee's recommendation to approve the variance request of Jacob Stendback of J & J Green Door, owner of 315 W Jefferson Street, to allow for a parking lot with a side yard of zero feet (0') instead of the required six feet (6') and a rear yard of zero feet (0') instead of the required five feet (5').

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the request of Abigail Heavner, owner of 320 North School Street, to allow for construction of a front porch which would leave a front yard of sixteen feet (16') instead of the required twenty feet (20').

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the variance application as proposed.

Alderwoman White Seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon reported that the Public Safety Committee met today. Sergeant Barton advised that The Safe T Act went into effect Sunday at midnight. Rusty Camp has been working Ordinance Violations

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and the department has several pending ordinance violation warnings that are set for review next week, if violations are not brought into compliance citations will be issued.

Alderman Wombles reported that the Street and Alley Committee met today. The tar and chip work will begin tomorrow. Callendar Construction will start on South 365th Street and Cherry Street oil will be done. Mr. Freeman, a resident of Cherry Street, addressed the Council about concerns that he had with the repairs being made on Cherry Street. Mr. Wombles, Mayor Mendenhall and Max Middendorf answered his questions and concerns.

Alderman Ketchum reported that the Ordinance Committee did not meet today due to having no quorum.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No 1717 Short Term Residency Rentals, by title only on its second reading.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve Ordinance No 1718 Trash Receptacle Ban on City Right-of-Way, by title only on its second reading.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1719 Park Model Homes, by title only, on its first reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve the final payment request from Mark Edlin Dozing for the Airport Tree Removal Project, in the amount of \$10,000.00

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve the closure of Adams Street between Monroe Street and Madison Street on October 29, 2023 for Trunk or Treat from 5pm to 9:30 pm.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Wombles moved to approve the temporary closure of Mississippi Street from Adams Street to Jefferson Street on October 29, 2023 from 5pm – 9:30 pm as requested by Pike County 4 Wheeling for a Cause.

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

Alderman White moved to approve Resolution 2023-09 A resolution in support of IDOT Safe Routes to School Grant Program.

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

Alderman Ketchum moved to provide financial support, up to \$30,000.00, for repair and resurfacing 260th Street in the 2024 budget year.

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

Alderwoman White moved to demolish the structure at 630 West Jefferson Street.

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

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Alderman Grimsley moved to approve the Salvation Army Bucket Blitz to be held on November 30, 2023 at the intersection of Memorial and Jefferson Street from 10 am to 2 pm.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Setting of Public Hearing was tabled with a special meeting to be held to discuss the matter.

Alderwoman White moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ketchum congratulated Wally Lindsay and Lindsay's Tavern for being in business for 90 years.

Alderman Wombles asked that residents be patient with street repairs.

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt stated that the Gas and Water Department has been busy with water issues on the west side of town, they have replaced a regulator and believe the issues has been resolved. He also stated that the new Gas and Water employee, Cody Spann, will start on Thursday. The Airport Farm Lease is open for bid with bids due back on September 29, 2023.

Alderman Wombles stated that the burn pile is closed until harvest is complete.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Ann Moffit