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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, May 19, 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, and Robert Wilson; Kevin Wombles was absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the May 05, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

A meeting was held with Hansen Engineering regarding the airport usage study.

Hometown Consulting presented a few ideas for TIF Fund uses.

Mayor Mendenhall, Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt, and Clerk Ann Moffit met with Attorney David C Berwin, from Evans & Dixon, LLC in regard to the Brackett Lawsuit.

Max Middendorf with MECO Engineering has located a grant possibility for the Honey Creek Project. It is a Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant. He will look into in further.

Pickle Ball construction has started with a projected completion date of mid-July.

Public Comment: Javan Petty presented his request to host a 5K on July 4th. He will submit details of the event to be presented at the next council meeting.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the April 2026 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

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.

Alderperson Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight. The Committee learned that Weston McAllister has started the police academy.

The Ordinance Committee did not meet.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to increase the minimum sewer rate to \$15.00 per month.

Alderperson White 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 Ketchum moved to direct the TIF Group to prepare an amended redevelopment agreement with Damon Properties on the Kellogg Street property, allowing for an upfront payment.

Aldersperson Little seconded the motion.

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

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to move forward with the grant application process for Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization.

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 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)

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall thanked the staff for all of their work on the Downtown Revitalization and also thanked the business owners for their patience.

Aldersperson Little encouraged the public to patronize the downtown businesses during the construction project.

Aldersperson Ketchum reminded everyone that school will be out soon and that the pool area will be very busy.

Aldersperson White stated that the Street and Alley Department responded very quickly to a sidewalk issue recently and she commended the crew. Additionally, she would like a finance committee meeting scheduled at 4:30 on June 2 to discuss the compensation package. The finance committee will also discuss the 1/3/5 year plan at the last meeting of each quarter.

Aldersperson Grimsley asked if the council could approve hiring and termination of employees.

Aldersperson Little stated the personnel committee sits in on interviews for hiring, and oftentimes employees need to inform their current employer, so they ask that the offer of employment not be

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disclosed in an open meeting until doing so. Mayor Mendenhall stated that the City Clerk will notify the council of any personnel changes.

Aldersperson Ritchart thanked the street and alley department for their work during brush pickup.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the brush yard will have extended days and be open every day, barring no issues, and brush pickup will resume on the first Monday of each month. The pool will open on schedule. Memorial Day, May 25, will be opening day.

Attorney Morris stated that she would be on vacation from May 22 to June 2.

Brittney Emerick stated that she has been working on the coordination of a kickball tournament between businesses. There will be a business meeting on June 11 at 5:30 pm. The OSLAD Grant will be open for application on July 1, and she will reapply.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:58 p.m.
