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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 4, 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: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderman Kevin Ketchum, Bill Grimsley, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson and Kevin Wombles.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the May 21, 2024, city council minutes.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Highway 54, Jackson Street to Interstate, was honorarily named The Secretaries Trail. This is thanks to the efforts of Bob Evans and CD Davidsmeyer.

A meeting was held with Pike County Board member Jim Sheppard, animal shelter employees, Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit, and Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt in reference to the air conditioning unit at the animal shelter.

Mayor Mendenhall met with promoter Jim Jennings to finalize the musicians for the Music Festival. Confederate Railroad and Trailer Choir have been secured to perform.

We have received notification of a grant award for Safe Routes to Schools in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Alderswoman White stated that the Finance Committee met tonight and discussed Part Time employee salary increases and determined not to change the rate increase of .50/hour and the draft appropriation ordinance was reviewed.

Alderman Wilson stated that the Utilities Committee met and learned from Shane Allen that lead letters had been sent to residents per IEPA requirements. Mr. Allen also stated that valve inspections have been ongoing. Three valves were found to be inoperable and USDI are making the repairs. The Honey Creek project was discussed.

Alderman Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met and discussed the Street Cutting rate.

Alderman Lennon moved to accept the Street and Alley Committee's recommendation to set the Street cutting rate at \$600.00.

Alderswoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Ordinance No 1734 Appropriation Ordinance April 2024 – May 2025 – tabled

Alderman Little moved to approve the Business Incentive Program application from Raintree.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the Business Incentive Program application from Nathan Davis.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the façade loan application from GV Pizza Inc in the amount of \$6,072.50 at a 3% interest rate.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall explained that if an Alderman receives a complaint from a resident about an ordinance violation, especially a noise complaint, the resident should be told to contact the police department immediately.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ritchart asked that residents not blow grass clippings into the street. The drains are plugged causing Street and Alley personnel to have the street sweeper out when rain occurs.

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Alderman Grimsley went to meet the summer workers and each of them seem eager to work for the City this summer. Additionally, he noted that the park mowing looks very nice.

Alderman Ketchum reminded everyone to be mindful when driving near the pool. Summer brings many children to the pool and vehicle traffic should be very cautious.

Alderman Womble asked if the stop signs at the school were removed during the summer. They are not removed at South School but are at the High School.

Ed Knight has received an updated bid for approximately \$50,000 for the East Boat Ramp, with City employees completing a portion of the work.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the extension of the brush pile hours of operation has worked well.

Mayor Mendenhall received a recommendation that the City purchase a lot adjacent to King Park for parking and asked Alderman for consideration.

Beth Zumwalt asked the status of the Maysville Bridge project. Mr. Middendorf stated the cast should be delivered next week.

Alderman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Ann Moffit