

May 06, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, May 06, 2025, 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, and Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the April 17, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Ritchart, Wilson (2)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall and City Clerk Moffit met with Steve Bryant and Jerrod McMorris from Good Energy in reference to our City Aggregate.

A finance committee meeting was held to finalize the budget and discuss sewer rates.

Two meetings were held with Make My Move.

Mayor Mendenhall continues to work with Perry and Griggsville in regards to a contract for the Ordinance Officer.

A Business Owners Meeting will be held at City Hall on May 19 at 5:30 pm.

The Duck Blind Drawing for Mississippi River Pool 24 will be held at Pittsfield Lake.

The new fuel credit card system has been installed at the Airport. Fuel rates have been adjusted to attempt to draw more customers.

The Economic Development Director has had several meetings with the Looking for Lincoln Project and has been working on restructuring Picture Pittsfield and has also met with John Wood Community College on potential child care in the area.

Alderperson White stated that the Finance Committee met on April 28 to discuss Budget Review and Sewer Rate Increase.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the Utilities Committee met today and discussed the deficit in the Wastewater fund. Also learned from Terry Leahr that the crew is ready to backfill the water main repair at Knapp Lane.

Alderperson Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met today and learned that the City Wide Clean up was very successful and that he and Kevin Garnett from MECO Engineering will be assessing the streets that need repair.

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Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve 2025-2025 Committee Appointments as presented by Mayor Mendenhall.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that after meetings with Make My Move it was determined that we will not renew the contract at this time.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1744 An Ordinance Relating to International Building Code on its 2nd reading, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1749 An Ordinance Amending Permitted Uses in B-2 on its second reading, by title only.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1750 An Ordinance Amending Liquor Ordinance, on its second reading, by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (9)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to increase basic sewer rates from \$7.99 per month to \$12.50 per month.

Aldersperson Little seconded the motion.

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

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The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve the Business Incentive Application from the Dome Coffee Shoppe and Eatery.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ritchart stated a resident informed him they had a meeting in reference to solar with an attorney and learned that there is nothing that can be done to prevent the proposed solar farm and they appreciated our efforts in trying to dispel it.

Aldersperson Grimsley welcomed Aldersperson Wilson back.

Aldersperson White thanked City Clerk for work on budget and thanked Street and Alley for work during City Clean up.

Aldersperson Little also thanked the S&A staff. Urges everyone in the future, to check on the elderly neighbors that can't haul debris to city wide clean up. Noted that grass clippings should not be blowing on the street. Asked for a moment of silence for Rick Barton.

Aldersperson Wilson stated that he is glad to be back.

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Mayor Mendenhall asked Attorney Morris for an opinion mowing of City right-of-way. She will research.

Chief Starman stated that many warnings have been issued for Ordinance violations, giving them an opportunity to clean up during City Wide Clean-Up. Many have not been rectified, and citations will be issued. Chief Starman also noted that the noise ordinance does not have time limits. The new SRO has begun full-time.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:44 p.m.
