

June 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 16, 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 present by phone.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the June 02, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall and Economic Development Director Brittney Emerick hosted a business owners' meeting last week.

The USDA Rural Development visited to do a walk-through of the City Hall Expansion. Illinois State Director Jesus Ortega attended the meeting as well and was very impressed with the completed project.

Chief Starman is monitoring new legislation that should be announced on July 1 concerning E-Bikes.

The America 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held on July 3, 4pm – 8pm.

Mayor Mendenhall spoke with Steve Martin, the new owner of the Zoe Theater, he is waiting for one more bid for demolition.

The new fire truck should arrive in July, a few months earlier than expected.

Alderperson White moved to approve the May 2026 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Public Safety Committee did not meet tonight.

The Ordinance Committee did not meet.

Alderperson Little moved to approve Ordinance No. 1776 – An Ordinance Approving & Authorizing the First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Pittsfield and Damon Properties – Kellogg Street on its first reading by title only.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1776 – An Ordinance Approving & Authorizing the First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Pittsfield and Damon Properties – Kellogg Street.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1776 – An Ordinance Approving & Authorizing the First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Pittsfield and Damon Properties – Kellogg Street on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to direct the TIF Group to prepare a redevelopment agreement with Damon Properties on the former Mill property, allowing for an upfront payment as presented in the proposal submitted by Braden Damon.

Aldersperson Lennon 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 Lennon moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 – A Resolution establishing a Qualifications-Based Selection Written Policy and Procedure.

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 Little moved to allow Mayor Mendenhall to renew the Benchboard Contract.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,

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|          | Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8) |
| Nay:     | NONE (0)                             |
| Present: | NONE (0)                             |

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to accept the bid, in the amount of \$23,700, from BK Electric to replace the storm siren on the Downtown Water tower.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,<br>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.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 6:27 p.m.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 6:39 p.m.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to authorize Attorney Morris to accept the offer presented by attorneys for Lisa Asprocolas in Case 2023-LA-06.

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

The motion carried.

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New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that John Neupauer has been appointed to the Street and Alley Superintendent position for a 60 day temporary position. Billy Fitzmaurice has been appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent.

Alderson Grimsley stated that a resident of Quail Ridge has been in contact with him about their neighbor's yard. The mayor will ask the code enforcement officer to take a look. Also, he asked if a building permit has been issued for a residence on Cherry Street to build a shed. There was a permit issued.

Alderson Lennon stated that he observed two young people riding their e-bikes in the middle of Washington Street.

Attorney Morris stated that the residents that are sharing a water main have worked the issue out and should have their own water lines installed within 6 months.

Brittney Emerick stated that a business meeting was held last week and the turn out wasn't great due to weather, but she received positive feedback from the notes that she sent to all to business' that could not make it. She has also started researching FEMA grants that may cover storm sirens.

Tom Reinhardt asked Attorney Morris for an update on the Perry Street house that is on the fix and flatten, Ms. Morris stated that a default judgement has been ordered and the owner has 30 days to respond, after 30 days we can proceed with demolition, Brittney Emerick stated that she has initiated the paperwork to use the grant funds for demolition.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the tube project on North Monroe is scheduled to begin this week.

Mr. Reinhardt announced that the Fire Department Run your Axes off 5K will be June 27, 2026.

Alderson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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