

June 18 , 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 18, 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, and Robert Wilson. Kevin Wombles and Beth White was absent.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the June 04, 2024, city council minutes.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

The North Water Tower maintenance and painting should being in the next couple of weeks.

A meeting was held with Hutchison Engineering for the Downtown Revitalization project.

Ryan Pike, Vice President of marketing at Make My Move met with local investors and explained the value of the Make My Move.

The Annual TIF Joint Board of Review will be held Monday, June 20 at 11:00 am.

Several meetings have taken place with promoter Jim Jennings to finalize the details of Music with a Mission. Tickets may be obtained at [Evenbrite.com](https://www.evenbrite.com) or at City Hall.

IML conference will be held on September 19 – 21 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

The Maysville Bridge project is underway and should be complete in a few weeks.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the June 2024 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart reported that the Public Safety Committee met and discussed an employee termination and a new employee has accepted the vacant position. The new truck should be ready this week. A camera reimbursement grant should be coming soon. Neighborhood vehicles were discussed.

Alderman Ketchum advised that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed the solicitor ordinance. Also discussed was the addition of Taxidermy as a permitted use in B-3.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1734, Annual Appropriations Ordinance April, 2024 – May 2025 on its first reading by title only.

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Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1734, Annual Appropriations Ordinance April 2024-May 2025 by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1734, Annual Appropriations Ordinance April, 2024 – May 2025 on its second reading, by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1735, A Tax Abatement General Obligation Bond – Fire Department on its first reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

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Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1735, A Tax Abatement General Obligation Bond – Fire Department on its second reading, by title only.

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Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1736, A Tax Abatement General Obligation Bond – Sewer on its first reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1736, A Tax Abatement General Obligation Bond – Sewer by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1736, A Tax Abatement General Obligation Bond – Sewer on its second reading, by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Ketchum, Grimsley, Lennon,<br>Little, Ritchart, Wilson, (6) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

Easement Buzz and Shirley Ward – Tabled

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the purchase of a pump for the Sewer Plant in the amount of \$41,121.59.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

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

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|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                    |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                    |

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the electrical contractors have begun in the City Hall Expansion.]Alderman Grimsley has been asked about refunds from Uri and Panhandle Transportation. Nothing is expected from Uri. The Panhandle transportation remains in litigation in Federal Court.

Alderman Grimsley wished Alderman Lennon well on his summer hike.

Alderman Lennon stated he would be hiking and return Mid-August.

Alderman Little stated that emailing department supervisors works to identify and rectify issues.

Ek Knight stated that he has received the final elevator requirements and he has been working on the application for a \$50,000 grant.

Alderman Ketchum moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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Ann Moffit