September 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Council room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Ed Knight, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, and Robert Wood. Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the minutes of the last regular Council meeting.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2019
Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart updated the council that the variance request of Gary and Dena Jones has been continued to October 1, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to approve a variance for Ellis W. and Doris Jean Sanderson, owners of the property located at 310 South Monroe Street in Pittsfield, to construct an addition which will leave eight foot (8') between the accessory building and the main building instead of the required ten feet (10').

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1641 – Cannabis Sales Tax was passed as it was approved on its second reading September3, 2019. No action was taken.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve a loan, in the amount of $50,000.00 from CDAP Fund to Insurance Fund.
Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to appoint Steve Watkins as the Gas & Water Department Superintendent retroactive to September 5, 2019.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Darlene Corgiat updated the Council on the necessity to paint the pool. The pool was painted by Steve Smith approximately 4 years ago and was repainted each year until this year. Ms. Corgiat requested a proposal from Westport Pools, who specializes in community pools, and was informed that the pool would need to be sandblasted. The proposal for sandblasting, minor patching, and painting is $37,508.75. Ms. Corgiat stated that she understands that this may seem like a lot to paint the pool, however, she spoke with the Pleasant Hill and painted of their pool, which is half the size of Pittsfield's, was $25,000.00. Mayor Hayden asked if they were seeking assistance with the entire amount. Ms. Corgiat believes that the Park Board may be able to pay approximately $8,000.00. Mayor Hayden asked what time frame she was looking at and was told that it would need to be completed in the Spring. Alderman Wood inquired about the length of time to cure, which should be 7 – 10 days. Alderman Knight asked if this will last more than one year, Ms. Corgiat has been told this should last 3-5 years. Alderman Wilson asked if anyone knew when the pool was sandblasted last and without verifying exactly, it seems to have been 1991. Mayor Hayden requested that Ms. Corgiat seek a few other bids and bring them back to a Council Meeting. The issue can be discussed in Budget meetings, or to be added to the budget or possibly another fund. Ms. Corgiat also updated that the pool season was very good with approximately 90 children on swim team.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Trunk or Treat sponsored by the United Methodist Church and allow Adams Street to be closed from Monroe Street to Madison Street for the event.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to accept the resignation of Gas Department Employee, Chad Knight.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea: | Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6) |
| | Nay: | None (0) |

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Shane Ruble as the new Gas Department employee effective September 30, 2019.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue the claims thereon.
Alderman Knight seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden noted that burning hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and that all burning must be attended. Alderman Lennon verified that recreational fires were acceptable.

Jackson and Morrison Streets have had oil and chip laid. It is unfortunate that there has been so much dust but limestone is recommended to absorb the oil and it creates dust.

Alderman Ritchart asked if there were weight limit signs on the Lake Road and Jeff Griggs, Street and Alley Superintendent, confirmed that there were.

Alderman Grimsley noted that there is a home being built in the Sunnybrook Subdivision that has tall and unsightly weeds. The City Police will investigate and issue a citation if necessary.

Alderman Knight shared that he has noticed that the Sunday afternoon Soccer games have been well attended, while this is great, parking needs to be addressed as campsites are being used for parking.

A Gas Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 8:30 to discuss personnel.

An Economic Development meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 8:45 to discuss Economic Development Projects.

Economic Development Director, Diana Halmick stated that Picture Pittsfield will host a Fall Equinox Courthouse Glow on Monday, September 23, 2019. Also, there will be a Grand Opening for the Disc Golf course on October 26, 2019. Alderman Knight asked for an update on the parking for Disc Golf and Mr. Griggs updated that the markings have been done.

Alderman Ritchart asked what work was being done at Lowry Park and Mr. Griggs informed that work was being done to a storm sewer.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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City Clerk