

July 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Fire Department Conference room at 121 East Jefferson Street. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Robert Wood. Alderman Kevin Wombles was present via telephone. Kevin Ketchum and Robert Wilson were absent. Robert Wilson joined the meeting at 6:15 pm. Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Council meeting.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, White, Wombles, Wood (6)
	Nay:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the June 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, White, Wombles, Wood (6)
	Nay:	None(0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$76,549.50 for RP Coatings for the King Park Pool Repainting Project.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, White, Wombles, Wood (6)
	Nay:	None(0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1662, An Ordinance Providing for the Disbursements of the City's Portion of the Retailers' Occupational and Amending Ordinance Number 1038, I.E., 1232, 1257, 1275, 1300, 1326, 1363, 1389, 1440, 1550, 1569, 1587, 1587, 1611, And 1638, on its first reading.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, White, Wombles, Wood (6)
	Nay:	None (0)

The motion carried.

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Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1662 An Ordinance Providing for the Disbursements of the City's Portion of the Retailers' Occupational and Amending Ordinance Number 1038, I.E., 1232, 1257, 1275, 1300, 1326, 1363, 1389, 1440, 1550, 1569, 1587, 1587, 1611, And 1638, on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1662 (described above) on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1663, An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to pay the debt service on \$270,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 1999, of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1663 (described above) on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1663 (described above) on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

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Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1664, An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to pay the debt service on \$600,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1664 (described above) on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1664 (described above) on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden stated that the Lions Club has requested approval to use parking spaces on the North Side of the Square for a fish stand on Saturday, June 25, 2020.

Alderman Wood moved to allow the Lions Club to use parking spaces on the North Side of the Square for a fish stand on Saturday, June 25, 2020.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to accept the Gas Committee's recommendation to have Attorney Hollahan prepare an ordinance to change the installation rate for Gas Meters to time plus material, with a minimum charge of \$1,000.00 for a standard plastic installation and a \$2,000.00 minimum for a steel main installation for residential customers.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
White, Wombles, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

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Ordinance Committee Report – Tabled due to Ordinance Committee meeting not taking place due to no quorum.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue the claims thereon.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart,
 White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
 Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden stated that Ordinance Committee did not have a quorum. Mayor stated that he spoke with Chief Starman and Attorney Hollahan in reference to the dog ordinance. The ordinance process is being handled properly. Also, attorney Hollahan will prepare an amended ordinance for the section on hours of operation for liquor license holders. The current ordinance lists License Classification that we no longer offer and there are License Classifications that are not listed.

Mayor Hayden noted that Picture Pittsfield volunteers did an outstanding job with the clean up of Lowry Park.

It is expected that the pool will open tomorrow. Max Middendorf stated that he and Tom Reinhardt did a final walk through, there were a few issues were able to be corrected.

Max Middendorf stated that the West Water Tower is prepared for the final coat. He would like to meet with a City Official at the Water Tower location to confirm the placement location of the logo. Ed Knight will meet with him.

Signage has been placed and work should begin on Washington Street. Ameren hasn't responded as of yet as to the cost of ornamental light posts.

The hole near Pittsfield High School should be filled by the end of the week.

Due to the storm damage from today, Mr. Griggs does not believe the brush pile will handle the anticipated brush. Mayor Hayden authorized the use of the cul-de-sac at the Industrial Park for excess brush.

Mayor updated that all newly hired employees are now working.

The Airport Engineer will be at the Airport on Monday July 27 at 9:30 am.

Alderman Ritchart stated that Chief White accepted an offer from the Brussels Fire Department to purchase the 2001 Fire Truck in the amount of \$40,500.00.

Christy Davenport thanked the City for their assistance in a street name change.

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Chief Starman stated that Ordinance Enforcement needs to be addressed. Currently a Ordinance Violation is heard through Code Hearing. If the offender does not show there is no recourse other than a civil court action. The Ordinance allows the City to abate the nuisance, this would result in more expense. Chief Starman is speaking with other municipalities on what their policies are.

Chief Starman also advised that he has been speaking with the outgoing Pikeland Superintendent and they believe that they will enter into an agreement with the City for a full-time School Resource Officer for the upcoming school year. He will meet with the new Superintendent this week to verify that. If we will have a full-time School Resource Officer there will be a need to hire a new Officer. He will have clarification at the next council meeting.

Economic Development Director, Ed Knight stated that there may be disaster funds available for storm clean-up from today's storm and that he will look into this. He has no received good feedback from DECO on the Rebuild Illinois Grant that he has been working on for the Honey Creek Project. He has spoken with the USDA about a loan. The loan would be at a rate of 1 1/8% interest. He would like to move forward with the pre application process.

Mayor stated that Ed has been working hard on the grant process and continues to hit walls.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 p.m.

City Clerk