

October 06, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 06, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Fire Department Meeting Room at 121 East Jefferson Street. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles, and Robert Wood.

Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Council meeting.

Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart
White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Present: Lennon, Wombles (2)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1665, An Ordinance Amending Section 29 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1665 as stated above.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1665 on its second reading as stated above.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1666, An Ordinance Amending Section 31.90 of the Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

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The motion carried

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1666, An Ordinance Amending Section 31.90 of the Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1666 on its second reading as stated above.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Alderman Grimsley, Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee reported that the Street and Alley Committee met to discuss a 4-way stop sign being installed at the intersection of Monroe and Perry Streets. The Committee has voted to table the matter for two weeks to discuss alternative options.

Alderman Grimsley moved to table Ordinance 1667, An Ordinance providing for the installation of stop signs within the City of Pittsfield, for two weeks to discuss alternative options.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Alderman Ketchum moved to allow Trick or Treating to proceed as stated in Ordinance 1366 during the hours of 6pm to 8pm on October 30 and October 31 provided all parties participating follow the CDC and IL Department of Public Health Guidelines.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

Mayor Hayden noted that additionally there will be a golf cart parade on October 31 with the route to still be determined.

Mayor noted that the Highway 54 Construction is in place and is proceeding nicely. Mayor asked Alderman Wombles his opinion on how far they plan to go before stopping for the year. Alderman Wombles stated it appears as if they will make it to the corner of Washington and Madison.

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City Clerk Ann Moffit distributed and gave a brief description of Insurance quotes received from Einstein Consulting.

Alderman Wombles stated that someone had approached him about the letter recently received in reference to opting out of the electrical aggregate. Mayor Hayden stated that our rate has dropped 22% and the rate is locked in for 2 years.

Alderman Wombles asked about the letter that was sent in reference to gas meters. The type of meter we now install is mandatory on all new construction, this letter is to inform the customer that they have the option to purchase this type of meter if they do not currently have one.

Alderman Wombles asked if bushing the road in Quail Ridge Subdivision has contemplated. Alderman Grimsley stated that Tom Reinhardt and Max Middendorf have assessed the roads and believe that it needs time to settle, heat will help that and it is suppose to be warm in the next week.

Ed Knight stated that a grant has been submitted to IDNR for the East Boat Ramp at the lake however we probably will not hear back from IDNR until next year.

Ed Knight stated that he assisted IDNR and shocked the lake and found that the fish population in the lake is very good.

Mayor Hayden stated that repairs have been made to the road just past the J.C. Campground and the Lowry Park Parking area with left over road repair material.

Alderman Grimsley stated that Michael Smith would like to thank the City for the road repairs on Oak Hill Road.

Jim Filbert asked what the cost of the meter repair was for Ordinance No 1665. The cost of shall be the actual cost of removal, repairing and/or replacing of the damaged equipment.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:25 p.m.

City Clerk