

August 03, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 03, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Hall Council Room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderwoman Beth White was absent.

Mayor Mendenhall presided. Mayor Mendenhall asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bill Scheiwe. Mr. Scheiwe served as an Alderman for the City of Pittsfield from 2003 – 2019.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Council meeting.  
Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7)
	Nay:	None (0)
	Present:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Ordinance Committee Chairman, Alderman Ritchart, reported on the council on the Ordinance Committee Meeting. Parking Ordinance tabled for further study. Solar Ordinance was reviewed and tabled to allow Attorney Hollahan to make changes. Push Tax Ordinance is tabled for further study.

Annexation has been tabled for review.

Mayor Mendenhall advised that the City Goals presentation would be given at the August 17, 2021 meeting.

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

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7)
	Nay:	None (0)
	Present:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall asked the council to review the employee handbook for any recommended updates or changes. There will be changes and additions to the handbook. Some updates will be job descriptions, addition of the newly created flow chart, and salary parameters.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that Isaac Amann continues to research updating the web page design.

Alderman Ritchart would like to thank the public works employees and inmates for placing wood chips at the parks.

Alderman Ritchart has received complaints about the Higbee Lot grass.

Mayor Mendenhall asked for any complaints to be directed to the Clerk for further research and addressing the issue.

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Mayor Mendenhall has received several calls about the brush pickup and the residents have expressed their appreciation.

Alderman Lennon received a request for a stop sign at School and Jefferson Street. Lennon asked police to research the area.

Alderman Ketchum stated that a Gas Department employee has resigned, and we will be hiring a new employee in that department.

Alderman Wombles commends former Alderman Bill Scheiwe on all of his work for the city.

Alderman Wombles and Mayor Mendenhall drove approximately 70% of the streets. Alderman Wombles feeling milling would be helpful on many of the streets.

Alderman Wilson reiterated Alderman Wombles thoughts on Alderman Scheiwe.

Tom Reinhardt stated that there was a collapsed storm sewer, and they are going to inlet with a new pipe.

Economic Development Director, Ed Knight, advised that we are finally receiving guidelines for American Recovery Funding.

Attorney Hollahan asked Max Middendorf if we knew the large box was being placed at the traffic light at Washington and Madison Street. Mr. Middendorf stated the placement was in the plans.

Max Middendorf stated there is a Highway 54 project with Ameren to review streetlights.

Tom Reinhardt shared that the overflow had broken in the lagoon and the overflow will be moved.

Alderwoman Wombles moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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City Clerk