

October 05, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 05, 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, Beth White, Robert Wilson and Kevin Wombles.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Council meeting.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
 Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson (7)
 Nay: None (0)
 Present: Wombles(1)

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to approve Resolution 2021-05 A Resolution for Support for Safe Route to Schools Cycle 2021 Grant.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson advised that the Gas Committee has met to discuss options presented by IMGGA to decrease our risk for raising Natural Gas prices. There is now an option to purchase an insurance, the cost, as of today, would be approximately \$7 per dekatherm. The gas committee has decided to proceed with purchasing 110% of our 5-year average, at a rate of \$3.87 per dekatherm, instead of purchasing insurance.

Ed Knight advised that the Economic Development Committee has met and approved the plans submitted by Maschoff's for two outbuildings on a lot that they have recently purchased in the Industrial Park. The Committee also approved the design of a building for Cintas.

Alderman Ritchart advised that the Ordinance Committee met to discuss a potential Bee Museum and use of Propane tanks within the City Limits. Mr. Evans continues to research the licensing aspect of the Bee Museum therefore no action was taken. Mr. Reinhardt will compile sample ordinances from surrounding municipalities and use of propane tanks will be discussed at a later date.

Blake Ruebush addressed the council in reference to renovation of the King Park Lagoon. The Lagoon will be drained to repair the spill off and at that time the DNR Division of Fisheries can remove the undesirable fish that are in the Lagoon and collect the remaining fish to restock the pond upon completion of the repairs. The City would complete minor excavating work and the only cost to the City could potentially be \$130-\$500 for chemicals.

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Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the King Park Lagoon renovation.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that Trick or Treating will be on October 30 & 31 during the hours of 6 – 8 pm as stated in Ordinance.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the Golf Cart Halloween parade will be October 30, 2021 at 1 pm.

Blake Ruebush stated that DNR Department of Fisheries will conduct their fall electrofishing survey on Friday at 9:00 am.

Tom Reinhardt stated that there will be a Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday and thru traffic will be closed.

Alderman Wombles stated that our airport manager had a medical issue and is home from the hospital and doing very well.

Alderman Ritchart called an Ordinance Committee meeting on October 19, 2021 at 5:15 pm to discuss the Bee Museum and Propane tanks.

Gas/Water Superintendent Steve Watkins stated that the Variable Drive Pump Control has been hit by lightning and an insurance claim has been filed.

Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into closed session at 6:29 p.m.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Ketchum moved to hire Cody Alred as Gas & Water employee with a start date of October 18, 2021.

Alderwoman Wombles moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:37 p.m.

City Clerk