

October 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 19, 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, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson and Kevin Wombles. Alderman Kevin Ketchum was absent.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve the minutes of the October 05, 2021 Council meeting.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the annual audit for fiscal year May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 as presented by Franklin & Vaughn, LLC.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Chief Starman addressed the council and stated that a police officer position vacated by Michael Gangloff remains vacant. He has secured a spot in the academy if needed and would like the council to give permission to advertise for the position.

Alderman Grimsley moved to allow Mayor to advertise for the vacant Police Officer position at the time requested by Chief Starman.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the variance request of Charles and Jessica Hull, owners of 219 South Madison Street, to place an enclosed patio on the south side of the house which will be two feet from the main building instead of the required ten feet and a side yard of five feet instead of the required six feet.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the Ordinance Committee met to discuss Bee Museum, Food Truck Ordinance, and Propane tanks. The matter of the Bee Museum has been tabled until Mr. Evans produces licensing information. A sample food truck ordinance is being reviewed. Attorney Hollahan will draft a sample propane tank ordinance and will present it at the next meeting.

Alderwoman White moved to approve the temporary closure of the alley north of Farmer’s State Bank from October 27, 2021 – October 29, 2021.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the September 2021 Treasurer’s Report.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve the amendment of the restrictions, on the deed, from 12 units to 4 units on the South half of the former Higbee property and to direct Attorney Hollahan to prepare a release.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

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Mayor Mendenhall stated that the quarterly business meeting with the Mayor will be held October 26, 2021 at 6pm at Brewed.

Jared Kirk has requested that a memorial in honor of his father at the Industrial Park. Mayor stated that we will speak with him and bring the matter to council.

Alderman Ritchart requested an Ordinance Committee meeting for November 2, @ 5:15 pm to discuss Propane Tanks ad Food Trucks.

Alderman Ritchart asked about the removal of the Road Construction signs throughout town. Alderman Wombles stated that they would be removed upon final inspection of the project.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the drainage issue at the Southwest corner of Madison and Washington is being addressed.

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

Mayor Mendenhall reminded everyone that the Picture Pittsfield Dog Park Fund Raiser Dog Walk was on October 23 at 9:00 am.

Alderwoman White called a Finance Committee meeting on November 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm to discuss a possible property purchase.

Alderman Wilson asked Max Middendorf to review the intersection at the Community Center. He believes the curb is over the street.

Tom Reinhardt stated that Eagle Scouts will be completing projects at the lake this weekend and that Girl Scouts have been cleaning at the lake this week.

Tom Reinhardt stated that fish shocking will occur on Friday to transplant the desirable fish from the Lagoon to the Lake.

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

City Clerk