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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderman Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Beth White, and Robert Wilson. Alderman Robert Ritchart and Kevin Wombles was absent. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderwoman Ketchum moved to approve April 5, 2022 city council minutes as amended.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum White, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report.
Alderwoman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum, White, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor met with Finance Committee and Einstein Consulting Group on 4/18/22 to discuss Health Insurance Renewal.

Granite Communications has made all of the transfers of our phone lines with the exception of two which are under contract. They will be transferred upon completion of contracts.

Mayor had a zoom meeting with the Two Rivers Council Board.

Mayor met with Police Department Union Representative for wage negotiations. Our offer was accepted, and no further negotiation meetings will be necessary.

There will be an IML Zoom meeting for the 15th Congressional District on Wednesday, April 20 at 6 pm if anyone would like to attend, they may meet at City Hall.

Mayor and Street and Alley Superintendent met with a resident concerning sewer issues.

Mayor has had several contacts with residents to fill vacancies of various Boards.

Mayor proofed our promotional video that has been in the works for quite some time.

Mayor, Ed Knight, Brenda Middendorf and Max Middendorf have been working on locating funding for the Industrial Park Expansion.

Mayor met with WGEM several times in reference to weather cameras that will be installed in Pittsfield.

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Mr. Hollahan has researched the rules of competitive bidding and found that we do not need competitive bidding for professional services such as a Water Tower Maintenance Contract. However, since this is a new contract, he recommends that the council vote to suspend the rules of competitive bidding if we are not going to bid the project. Alderman Little questioned why we wouldn't bid the job based on the dollar amount of the contract. Alderman Ketchum asked Mr. Middendorf how much the West Water Tower rehabilitation cost, and he indicated that it was \$300,000.00. Alderwoman White asked Mr. Middendorf what the bid was for the largest tower that we have, near King Park. Mr. Middendorf indicated that it has not been bid, an estimate was completed 3 years ago and at that time the rehabilitation was \$1,000,000.00, and costs on average have gone up a minimum of 25% since then. Mr. Middendorf also stated that our towers need immediate attention, and that Maguire Iron is a very reputable company.

Kevin Ketchum moved to suspend the rules of competitive bidding and review the proposed water tower maintenance contract.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum, White, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the Full Service Maintenance Plan for the three City of Pittsfield Water Towers as presented by Maguire Iron, Inc. with the amendment of the typographical error from South Dakota to Illinois.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum, White, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to approve the Health Insurance Renewal with United Health Care, option 3 as presented by Einstein Consulting Group, ensuring there is no termination clause.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum, White, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to re-schedule Spring Clean-up, due to unavailability of dumpsters, to May 14 – May 21. Hours will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 7:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. There will be no Sunday hours.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
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White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderswoman White moved to accept the appointment of the following individuals to the Pittsfield Library Board, for a 3 year term expiring July 2025: Paul Lennon, Alderman, Sheila Davidsmeyer, President, Sally Bowers, Michelle Westbrook Peg Ring, Heather Robertson, Spencer Boren, Sarah Sweeting, and Jeremy Schoenherr.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderswoman White moved to accept the appointment of the following individuals to the Pittsfield Park Board, for a 3 year term expiring April 2025: Kevin Ketchum, Alderman, Laura Maki, President, Mallory Davidsmeyer, pool manager, Kent Hawley, Amber Martin, Bobby Knight, Jodi Glenn, Darlene Corgiat, Ex-Officio Member.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2022-02, A Resolution of the City of Pittsfield in Support of Tax Increment Financing.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve appointment of the following officer to the Pittsfield Fire Department: Jason White, Chief; Jason Thomas, Asst Fire Chief; Allen Motley, Equipment Captain; Rob Seybold, Lieutenant Treasurer; Keenan Smith, Lieutenant Fire Safety Officer; Bill Irwin, Lieutenant Fire Support Officer; Jeff Bonnett, Lieutenant Secretary.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
Wilson (5)

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Nay: NONE (0)
Present: White (1)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1695 – An Ordinance Approving Purchase of Real Estate for a Public Purpose on its first reading.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No 1695 – An Ordinance Approving Purchase of Real Estate for a Public Purpose.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,
White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1695 – An Ordinance Approving Purchase of Real Estate for a Public Purpose.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum,
White, Wilson (5)
Nay: Little (1)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum
White, Wilson (6)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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New Business:

Ed Knight stated there are still 4 grants that we are awaiting a notice of award.

Alderwoman White indicated that a Finance Meeting will be held Monday, April 25, at 7:30 am to discuss budget with the Department Heads.

Alderman Grimsley stated that trash a Lowry Park needs to be addressed. Mayor Mendenhall stated that the Park Board is meeting this evening and should formulate a plan to address that issue.

Alderman Lennon stated that the street at Jefferson and Illinois is not yet repaired. Mayor Mendenhall stated it was on the list to repair.

Alderwoman White stated that the Pittsfield Fire Department Father/Daughter dance was very successfully.

Chief Starman stated the new officer will graduate the academy and be on the road Monday.

Max Middendorf asked that a Street and Alley Committee Meeting be scheduled to discuss Higbee Street. Mr. Middendorf also stated that the bid date for Well #4 has been set for May 25.

Alderman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Ann Moffit