

August 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City all at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderman Bill Grimsley, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson. Alderman Kevin Ketchum, Kevin Wombles and Alderman Paul Lennon were absent. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve July 02, 2022 city council minutes.
Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

A meeting was held with 120 Water in reference to Lead Water Line Replacement as required buy the EPA.

The Well #4 Preconstruction meeting was held with City Officials, MECO Engineering, Brotcke Well and Pump and the USDA.

Mayor met and welcomed new teachers at the Courtyard Café.

A Public Safety Committee and Personnel Committee meeting was held last week.

Mayor Mendenhall and Clerk Ann Moffit attended a County Elected Officials meeting hosted by the PCEDC.

August 15 was Carolyn Casteels 99th Birthday. Mayor Mendenhall and Clerk Ann Moffit attend the birthday celebration as well as presented her with a proclamation deeming August 15, 2022 as Carolyn Casteel Day in the City of Pittsfield.

To clarify the concern of the amount of Natural Gas contracted for future years, the City has contracted 100% of Natural Gas thru March of 2025.

Mayor Mendenhall met with CASCO and received a bid for sealing the walking path at Lowry Park and the Tennis Court at the Lake.

City employees ID badges should be completed this week.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve the July 2022 Treasurer's Report.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

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The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to deny the variance request of Harrison Lane, owner of 624 N Dutton Street, to place a mobile home on said lot, being in the R-2 District.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the variance request of Chris Nichols, owner of Lot 4 of Pittsfield Industrial Plaza, to have two driveways that exceed the maximum width requirement of 35'.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Kathy Zimmerman, Bob Norris, and Joe Zinner presented reports from the Civil War Reenactment. Bob Norris thanked the City for their support and indicated that the attendance this year was very good despite the increased gas prices.

Alderwoman White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1705, An Ordinance Amending Code Section 154.03 on its first reading.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Little, White, Wilson (4)
	Nay:	Ritchart (1)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1705, as stated above.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Little, White, Wilson (4)
	Nay:	Ritchart (1)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1705, as stated above, on its seconded reading.

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Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the renewal of the School Resource Officer Contract with Pikeland Unit 10 School District.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to enter into contract with 120 Water.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

Yea: Grimsley, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson (5)
Nay: NONE (0)
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Power Supply Industries – Tabled.

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

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ritchart thanked the City crews who placed the mats at the base of the merry-go-round at Lowry Park.

Mayor Mendenhall thanked Shelter Insurance for donating the pads for the merry-go-round and swings.

Ed Knight, Economic Development Director, stated that the Economic Development Committee met and approved the Business Incentive Program application submitted by Kenna's Closed.

Tom Reinhardt announced that the garden tractor pull will be held August 27, 2022.

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Mayor Mendenhall announced that the City of Pittsfield has been awarded a Downtown Revitalization grant.

Alderman Little moved to enter into closed session at 6:41 pm
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to enter into open session at 7:12 pm.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Grimsley moved to approve the appointment of Tom Reinhardt to the position of Public Works Director effective 08-17-2022, with a 10% salary increase.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to allow Chief Starman to offer Cameron Sledge a police officer position.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Ann Moffit