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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 06, 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, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderman Kevin Ketchum was absent. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve August 16, 2022 city council minutes.
Alderman White the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ritchart White, Wilson, Wombles (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Ketchum, Little (2)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Three meetings have been held with Apptegy, a website/mobile app designer and host.

Street and Alley met with MECO Engineering to develop a street repair plan. A plan was devised and the bid documents have been submitted to IDOT.

A meeting was held with CDS Office Technologies. They have submitted a proposal for a new telephone system that will use VoIP. This proposal will reduce our currently telephone service by approximately \$300 per year.

Mayor Mendenhall has met with representatives from three trash disposal services.

Our quarterly Business meeting was held with its largest attendance yet. The business owners seem to enjoy these meetings.

A meeting was held with Anthony Miller of Hutchison Engineering to discuss the recently awarded Downtown Revitalization Grant. Mr. Miller recommended applying for an ITEP Grant in collaboration with the DCEO Grant.

Mayor Mendenhall, Airport Manager, and Airport Committee Chairman met with the farm tenant to discuss the farm lease.

A meeting was held with Good Energy in preparation of the City Electric Aggregation renewal. There was no good news to come from this meeting. Our current aggregate contract is for .046 per kilowatt and the rate is estimated to go up to .12 - .13 per kilowatt.

The Fall Festival was a great success this year. New to the festival was the car show hosted by Hooligans Car Club. The car show was very well attended, we are hopeful it returns.

Alderman Ketchum to accept the Zoning Committees recommendation to approve the variance request of Sheryl Christie as guardian of Sherry Spencer, owner of 1298 Lakeview Drive, to place an unattached

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accessory building, being a 30 x 50 garage, which will exceed the two unattached accessory building limit.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve the request of Pike County Christian Academy to host a Turkey Trot on November 24, 2022, providing the route is approved by the Pittsfield Police Department and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1706, An Ordinance Amending Code Section 81.01 Neighborhood Gas-Powered and Electric Vehicles of the Cod of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1706, as stated above.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1706, as stated above, on its seconded reading.

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

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The motion carried.

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt announced that the Big Buck Classic Disc Golf Tournament will be held on October 29, 2002.

Attorney Hollahan stated that he had sent Ms. Asprocolas a letter in reference to the property that was formerly ...

Ms. Asprocolas came to his office today at 3pm. He advised that a meeting should be scheduled. Mr. Hollahan asked that this matter be tabled.

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt stated that the property south of Oak Hill Road has previously been deeded to the City for an extension of Oak Hill Road, however, he has not been able to find that the property has been accepted as a road. Mr. Hollahan a survey research will be done and at that time the matter should be brought back to council.

Alderwoman White moved to approve the contract with Apptegy for Mobile App Development and Website design and hosting, with a one-time set up fee of \$4,900, and an annual fee of \$6,200.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve Resolution 2022-6 A resolution in support of an ITEP Grant.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve a Contract with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. to prepare an application and associated attachments for ITEP cycle 15 improvements to historic downtown Pittsfield. Complete field survey and phase 1 and phase II engineering services for improvements to Pittsfield square and adjacent side streets except Washington Street.

Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Kevin Garnett with MECO Engineering updated the council about the upcoming street repair schedule. A MFT maintenance package to bid has been submitted to IDOT. Milling projects should begin yet this fall. Fayette Street will have a full mill with a hot mix/sand seal overlay. Several additional streets will receive milling, chip seal, concrete crack sealing as well as milling and chip seal. The total estimate for the project is \$206,761.00, approximately \$54,000 will be MFT funds and the remaining will be General Fund Street Repair.

Alderwoman White moved to allow the Mayor or City Clerk to sign an agreement with Good Energy for a City Electric Supply Aggregate.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to waive any Civic Fees to the Aggregate Contract.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to permanently transfer an United States Department of Treasury refund, as a result of an overpayment on a 2016 941 in the amount of \$8,369.75 from the payroll account to the General Corporate Fund.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Hollahan will draft an agreement in regards to advertisement benches throughout Pittsfield.

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

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ritchart asked the status of the Gas Surcharge collection and if residents were paying as they should. City Clerk stated that since the payments were built into the monthly utility bill if payments were made shut offs would occur, as per ordinance.

Alderman Grimsley welcomed Alderman Lennon back.

Alderman Lennon asked the status of the Water Tower repairs. At inception of the contract Maguire Iron indicted they would begin in the fall.

Alderwoman White asked the status of the Park Ranger position. Mayor Mendenhall stated that the current park ranger has said this may be his last year, however, has not formerly resigned.

Alderman Ketchum stated that work should begin on the King Park Lagoon now that the pool has closed for the season.

Alderman Wombles stated that the resignation of the Airport Manager was a loss for the City as Mr. Gerard has done an outstanding job at the airport.

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt requested that an Ordinance Committee Meeting be scheduled to discuss permit fees.

Mr. Reinhardt also stated that the Garden Tractor Pull at the lake last weekend went very well. The pole light at the dog park has been installed. There were 64 campers a Lake Pittsfield over Labor Day Weekend.

Economic Development Director Ed Knight stated that a meeting with the USDA grant monitor for the expansion of City Hall will take place this week.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Ann Moffit