



# Pittsfield ILLINOIS



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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Pittsfield  
September 2008

September 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Council room at 215 North Monroe Street. The purpose of the meeting was to transact any business legally brought before it. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Cindy Prentice, and Aldermen Dan Chamberlain, Richard Ervin, Paul Lennon, Larry Ruble, Bill Scheiwe, Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles, and Robert Wood. Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Scheiwe moved to approve the minutes of the last regular Council meeting.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Ervin, Lennon, Ruble,  
Scheiwe, Wilson, Wood (6)

Nay: None (0)

Present: Chamberlain, Wombles (2)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of August 2008.

Alderman Ervin seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson moved to approve to draft a three-year agreement with the Zoe Theater Restoration Committee. Economic Development Director Bill McCartney will draft the agreement in conjunction with City Attorney Mike Hollahan and it will be available for review at a later date.

Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)



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Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson moved to approve the agreement with the Pike County Community Health Partnership for use of the old water tower building. Economic Development Director Bill McCartney will draft the agreement in conjunction with City Attorney Mike Hollahan.

Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to approve the variance for Robert E. and Sandra J. Wood at 521 West Fayette Street for permission to construct a room addition which will leave a front yard of sixteen feet (16') instead of the required twenty-five feet (25'), and will be five feet (5') from an unattached accessory building instead of the required ten feet (10').

Alderman Ruble seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8) Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ervin moved to approve Ordinance No. 1389, An Ordinance Providing for the Disbursements of the City's Portion of the Retailers' Occupational Tax; and Amending Ordinance Number 1038, I.E., Amending Ordinance #775, #778, #840, #935, #1001, #1101, #1159, #1177, #1194, #1209, #1232, #1257, #1275, #1300, #1326, #1338, and #1363, on its first reading by title only.

Alderman Scheiwe seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1391, An Ordinance Amending



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Section 31.90 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, (officials salaries), on its first reading by title only.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ervin moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-14, A Resolution for the Tax Levy of .02% of the value of all Taxable property in the city as Equalized or Assessed by the Department of Revenue for Maintenance, Repairs, and Alterations of the Public Library Building and Equipment.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to allow bow hunting at the city airport with the same rules as used previously.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden stated that the bids for oil and chip will be opened Monday, September 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Alderman Wood set an Ordinance Committee meeting for Monday, September 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss electric vehicles and a plumbing code.

Alderman Scheiwe stated that the Gas and Water Committee met and opened the backhoe bids, which will be acted on at the next regular Council meeting.



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Gary and Debby Wilder, Jennifer Niebur, and Mary Baker were present to ask about the progress regarding the sewer backup problems on Jill Street. Mayor Hayden stated that he spoke with Jim Miles from the Environmental Protection Agency this morning and as he reported to him, the City has walked the whole line looking at manholes. There is some illegal infiltration of water. A video was also taken of the lines and nothing conclusive was found. An income survey is being conducted to try to obtain a grant to help put in an overflow at a cost of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Mr. Wilder asked why an income survey had to be done and why they couldn't just go from census information. Max Middendorf, MECO Engineering, stated that we don't qualify – there are different guidelines and we have to show the need based on income surveys. The overflow will be built whether or not we receive the grant, but a 75% reimbursement would be the ideal situation. No money can be spent until the grant is approved or denied or it is non-reimbursable. Within the next week, the meter readers are doing a survey of downspouts. If they are going into the ground, then they will find out where they go. The lines can't be smoked at this time because you can't smoke wet sump pumps. Monday night at the ordinance committee meeting they will be discussing a new plumbing code that states that all plumbing is to be inspected and approved by the City before being connected to the City system. There will also be a public hearing associated with the grant application and Mr. Middendorf stated that the residents experiencing the problems discussed tonight will be invited to attend for support of the project.

Alderman Ervin moved to approve the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue the claims thereon.

Alderman Ruble seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Chamberlain, Ervin, Lennon, Ruble, Scheiwe, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ruble moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:32 p.m.

City Clerk