The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 01, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Council room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Ed Knight, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, and Robert Wood. Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the last regular Council meeting. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (6)

Nay: None (0)

Present: Ketchum

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the revised subdivision plat of 380 West Adams Street owned by Square 1838. Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to approve a variance for Gary L & Deana R Jones owners of property located at 123 ½ West Perry Street (rear), to construct a room addition which will leave a front yard of five feet six inches (5’6”) instead of the required twenty feet (20’), a rear yard of eleven feet six inches (11’ 6”) instead of the required twenty-five (25’), and a total lot area of four thousand eight hundred square feet (4,800 sq ft) instead of the required six thousand square feet (6,000), and having a side yard of four feet (4’) instead of the required six feet (6’). Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Kaye Ifnter updated the Council on behalf of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce about Girls Night Out. This year is the 10th annual Girls Night Out and will be held on Thursday, November 7 from 4 pm to 8 pm. The 1st Girls Night Out has an attendance of 30 – 40 ladies, last year approximately 680 ladies participated representing over 50 communities. Ms. Ifnter stated that the Chamber will coordinate the
event as they have in years past and will obtain and insurance policy. Area Disposal will set up trash receptacles again this year. Mayor Hayden thanked Kaye and the Chamber on all of her work on this event.

Mayor Hayden read an e-mail from Matt Schmidt, Assistant Director of the Salvation Army in Quincy and Hannibal. The e-mail requests the city’s permission to do a bucket blitz for the Christmas campaign sometime the week of December 2.

Alderman Wood moved to allow the Salvation Army to have a bucket blitz at the intersection of Memorial and Perry Streets subject to the Salvation Army working with Chief Starman. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

Mayor Hayden stated that Newburg Township would like a commitment from the City on financial assistance for repair to the Lake Road. Mayor Hayden indicated that a few years ago the City offered to contribute $20,000.00 for road repairs and that offer still stands. If any additional funds are requested Newburg Township will need to address the council during next year’s budget preparation. This was discussed at the August 6, 2019 Council Meeting.

Alderman Wood moved to restate the minutes of the August 6, 2019 City County Meeting. Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1642, An Ordinance Amending Zoning Code Section 156 Special Uses of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Illinois, on its first reading. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1643, An Ordinance Amending Section 150.03 of Chapter 150, Title XV of the od of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Illinois, on its first reading.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Grimsley moved to approve the addition of the following language to building permits: On all projects requiring a building permit and approved plans, City services will not be turned on to the project until it has been completed according to approved plans, this includes all infrastructure. The completion of which may need to be verified by a City Official before services will be turned on. If temporary services are required to complete the project, an agreement may be reached between the City and the builder, at the discretion of the City of Pittsfield. If the agreement is not fulfilled the meters will be removed or locked off until the project is completed according to the plans.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Tom Reinhardt updated the Council on property that Andy Welborne would like to purchase in the Industrial Park. Mr. Reinhardt has found that the Industrial Park Ordinance eliminates the need to replat the property because Mr. Welborne owns the adjacent property.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve Andy Welborne to purchase Lot 7 of the Industrial Park from Scott and Anita Andress.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Storage Agreement between Pittsfield 3 Township and the City of Pittsfield, Lions Club, and Fall Festival Committee.
Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the amendment of the Employee Manual to include a Social Media Policy and a six (6) month Probationary Period for all employees with the exception of the Police Department employees. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:  
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richert, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1645, An Ordinance Amending Section 50.62 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Illinois, on its first reading. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:  
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richert, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve an amendment to the Farm Lease with John Hoover to include that Mr. Hoover can maintain a water crossing, at his own expense, to access a portion of the farm ground, providing the flow of water is not interrupted. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:  
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richert, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

A Solar Energy Ordinance was distributed for review.

Alderman Ketchum moved to have Attorney Hollahan draft an Ordinance to add offices to B-3 Highway Business District. Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

Roll Call:  
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richert, Wilson, Wood (7)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
Fire Chief Jason White addressed the Council and informed that the Fire Department has located a truck that is a 5-seater to replace the current 2-seater. The truck is in TX and a price of $110,000.00 has been negotiated and shipping will be $2,500 to $3,500. The Fire Department has been placing $20,000.00 per year in CDs and currently has approximately $125,000.00 in CDs. There has been interest in purchasing the 2-seater truck that this truck will replace. Alderman Knight has spoken with the USDA about a grant that would cover 35% of the cost of the truck and will look further into that.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the purchase of a new Fire Truck in the amount of $110,000.00. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue the claims thereon.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Senator McClue and Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer will host a meeting at the Courtyard Café on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

There will be an Economic Development Committee meeting on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss a TIF project.

Mayor Hayden noted that sidewalk work is progressing nicely with the sidewalks at McDonalds being completed.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the Park Board met last month and the issues of moving and trimming at the parks are being addressed.

Alderman Ketchum inquired about the availability of Airport Hanger space for rent, he has been asked by several people. Mayor Hayden said there is a waiting list, he is aware of one possible space coming open and they will go through the waiting list to offer the space. Mayor Hayden stated there is a TIPS meeting set for October 30, 2019.

Alderman Wilson asked that an Ordinance Meeting be set to discuss the Solar Ordinance. The Ordinance meeting will be October 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Jeff Griggs stated that the brush pile will be closed after the brush pick-up next week until after harvest due to the dry conditions of the surrounding farm fields.
Chief Starman informed the Council that the new SRO will start tomorrow and that Officer Lipcaman will be ready to patrol alone next week.

Alderman Knight moved to enter closed session to discuss personnel at 6:54 p.m. Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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City Clerk