February 04, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 04, 2020, 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, Kevin Wombles, and Robert Wood. Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Council meeting. Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

The Cannabis Ordinance was tabled.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the variance request of Trung Nguyen, Tenants of 507 Clarksville Road, to place a carport, which will leave a two foot (2’) space between the main building and accessory building instead of the required ten feet (10”) and a side yard of two feet (2’) instead of the required six feet (6’), with the carport projecting five feet (5’) into the front yard. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve the Ground Lease between City of Pittsfield and USCOC of Central Illinois LLC (US Cellular) pending US Cellular obtaining a special use permit. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve entering into an agreement with Day Pitney LLP for representation of the City of Pittsfield in connection with the natural gas pipeline rate case that was filed by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LLP and to pay the current invoice of $4,418.77 to Day Pitney LLP. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
Alderman Knight 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, Ritchard, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion Carried.

Gray Trust has funded the installation of an indoor/outdoor carpeted area at the Pike County Animal Shelter facility. The area will soon be fenced as well.

Mayor Hayden stated that the bid opening for the pool painting project will be Wednesday, February 12th at 10:00 am

Alderman Ketchum updated the Council that the Park Board had recently accepted the bid of Turf Works for a 3 year contract.

Mayor Hayden stated that the City has an opportunity for a vehicle purchase and asked Chief Starman for an update. Chief Starman stated that the Missouri Highway Patrol currently has vehicles for sale that have approximately 50,000 miles. He would like the Public Safety Committee to meet to discuss financing.

Max Middendorf thanked the Street and Alley Department for removal of the tree at King Park.

Chief Starman recognized Officer Gerard on his work in reference to a search warrant that was executed last week. Officer Gerard’s investigation resulted in solving several burglary offenses as well as the recovery of a substantial amount of cash.

Mayor Hayden noted that the Disc Golf course has been used a tremendous amount this winter.

Gas and Water Superintendent Steve Watkins and City Clerk Ann Moffit explained that there was a necessity to evaluate the delinquent shut-off process. A committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss this issue.

Tom Reinhardt stated the pharmacy project has begun.

Economic Development Director Diana Halmick stated that she will be submitting the Home Town Transformation application to HGTV by Friday afternoon and that any recommendations should be sent to her. The Pike CEO class will meet tomorrow, weather permitting. A WBBA Radio Coffee Talk will be recorded tomorrow, she asked that if there are any suggested topics, they be emailed to her. There is a Pike County Economic Development meeting Tuesday, the 11th. There will be an Energy Efficiency workshop with Ameren on Tuesday, February 18 and February 25. The Picture Pittsfield Town Hall Meeting will be Tuesday, February 25. There is a Rural Economic Development Conference meeting in Springfield that Diana would like to attend on March 26 and 27 and would like the Economic Development Committee or Finance Committee to review for approval by tomorrow.
Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into closed session at 6:25 p.m. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into open session at 6:45 p.m. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Richart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)
Absent: Grimsley (1)

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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City Clerk