The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Ed Knight, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Bill Grimsley, Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles, Kevin Ketchum, and Robert Wood.
Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Council meeting. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Ketchum, Knight, Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the January 2020 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Ketchum, Knight, Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Daniel Thiele has made a written request to close the City right of way on the West side of his property. Reinhardt has researched the request and has found that the Subdivision was vacated in 1909. Mr. Hollahan will research the legal documents closing the street to determine how the property was divided when vacating the Subdivision.

City Clerk Ann Moffit explained that a verbal request was made by Jamie Reel, Campus Pastor at the Crossing Church for road closure on the Pittsfield Square for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the time of the request Mr. Reel planned to meet with the Pike County Building and Ground Committee and update us with details. At the time of the meeting we did not have details, therefore the matter was tabled.

Alderman Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1654, An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Pittsfield and Square 1838 LLC., on its first reading. Alderman Wood seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Ketchum, Knight, Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.
Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules of the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1654, An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Pittsfield and Square 1838 LLC. Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance 1654, as stated above, on its 2nd reading. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance 1653, An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Pittsfield by the Addition of Chapter 33, Section 33.90 Imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailers’ Occupational Tax. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance Committee Chairman advised the Council that they met today to discuss a request to allow Sanitation Service as a permitted use in B-2, the committee tabled the matter to obtain input from neighbors to the property in question. There was also a request to allow a Dance Studio as a permitted use in B-2. There are currently several Dance Studios in B-2. There was also discussion of parking in R-2. This is an issue of parking in one of the Hospital parking lots. Mr. Reinhardt is going to gather details and discuss and review the matter with Attorney Hollahan.

Alderman Ritchart made a motion to allow Dance Studio as a permitted use in B-2. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Ketchum, Knight, Grimsley, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.
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Mayor Hayden advised that the Pool Bid Opening was last week. The bids were as follows: Bazan Painting, $74,747; CCIMW, $75,000; Steve Smith Painting, $53,120; RP Coatings, $52,000. These amounts include the base bid as well as the alternative bid. Meco Engineering is reviewing the bids and investigating RP Coatings, Inc before awarding the bid.

Alderman Ketchum moved to award the Pool Bid to RP Coatings, Inc. contingent upon MECO Engineering’s investigation. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Hayden stated that Gas and Water Superintendent, Steve Watkins, Street and Alley Superintendent Jeff Griggs, Alderman Robert Wood and City Clerk Ann Moffit should schedule a meeting to make the necessary updates to the Employee Handbook.

Alderman Grimsley stated that his great nephew, Cody Walston, passed away and he wanted to thank the council for allowing him an opportunity to work for the City last summer. Jeff Griggs expressed that we were very pleased with Cody when he worked with us.

Christy Davenport, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, shared that the Chamber will have its Annual Diner and meeting on March 24, 2020. She distributed invitations for that as well as 2020 Chamber Award Nomination Forms.

Chief Starman stated that we continue to have issues with damage at the Pittsfield Lake. In the past we have allowed the offender to repair the damages. Chief Starman wanted to make it clear that any future damages will be submitted to the State’s Attorney for prosecution.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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