The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, March 03, 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 February 18, 2020 Council meeting. 
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Jamie Reel from the Crossing Church requested the closure of the inside lanes of the square for an Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by several area churches, on April 11, 2020 from 12pm to 6pm. Street and Alley Superintendent Jeff Griggs stated that he would provide the barricades, Jamie stated that he would put them up at the appropriate time.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the street closure on the inside lane of the Pittsfield Square on April 11, 2020 from 12pm to 6pm.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum, on behalf of the QUMA stated that the Spring Kid’s Trout fishing event will be held on Saturday, April 4, at 8 am. He asked for support from the City as they have in the past. He also thanked all of the sponsors as sponsors are what make this event happen. He stated that Trout season opens in Illinois on April 4, at 5 am and there was to be no fishing in the Lagoon before that time. There will be a planning meeting on March 17, 2020, following the City Council Meeting. Volunteers are need for the event.

Alderman Ritchart moved to allocate $1,000.00 to the trout program.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to hold Spring Cleanup for the City of Pittsfield from Saturday, April 25, 2020 through Saturday, May 2, 2020. Hours will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 7:00 am through 4:00 pm on Saturdays. There will be no Sunday hours.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
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Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
            Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve a 4-way stop at the intersection of Perry and Monroe Streets if
the previous ordinance about this 4-way stop has not been repealed; if the previous ordinance has been
repealed Attorney Hollahan is directed to draft a new ordinance.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
            Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to accept the 4-year rate with Homefield Energy as provided by Good Energy.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
            Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson 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’
Occupation Tax on its second reading.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
            Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1655 an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the
Pittsfield TIF District I Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to
the Pike County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis for Tax Year
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
            Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1655 by title only.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1655 by title only on its second reading.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1656 an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the Pittsfield TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Pike County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis for Tax Year 2018 payable 2019.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1656 by title only.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1656 by title only on its second reading.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
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Attorney Hollahan asked that the Alderman review the Reciprocal Report Agreement between Pikeland Unit School District No. 10 and the City of Pittsfield and for the same to be placed on the Agenda for the March 17, 2020 council meeting.

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, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion Carried.

Alderman Knight stated that DNR and the Pittsfield Work Camp have constructed Fish Attractors to be installed at the Pittsfield Lake and they should be placed in the lake on Monday.

Gas and Water Superintendent Steve Watkins stated that Illinois Meter will be here tomorrow to complete work on West Street. Once that work has been completed his crew will be able to finish testing the hydrants. The testing will take place late evening to minimalize the effect on residents.

When ADA road work begins on Jackson and Washington Streets there will be two hydrants that will need to be removed. We will need to look at relocating those hydrants.

Mayor Hayden stated that as of now the ADA road work project is still on for the March 6 letting.

Mayor Hayden advised that there will be a Watertower project meeting on March 19th.

Alderman Lennon would like to look at the feasibility of lot beside the Zoe theater to be used as a parking lot. Street and Alley Superintendent Griggs said that curbs would need to be installed. Mayor Hayden directed Mr. Griggs to place gravel on the lot for leveling and the lot can be reviewed for parking after that has been completed.

Mayor Hayden stated that the former Temptations remains to be an issue but there has been correspondence with the owner.

Chief Starman reminded the Council that there are used cars for sale and that the School would share the cost of a vehicle for the SRO. Mayor Hayden said Public Safety and Finance would meet and discuss the matter.

Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into closed session at 6:35 p.m.  Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.
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Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into open session at 6:55 p.m.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Knight moved to hire Shane Allen as a Wastewater/Water Facility employee effective April 1, 2020.
Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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City Clerk