The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 07, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held via conference call at the City Council room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present at City Hall: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Ed Knight; The following officers were present via teleconference Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles, and Robert Wood, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, and Alderman Kevin Ketchum.

Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Knight moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2020 Council meeting.

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 opening the east side of Lake Pittsfieled with the west side to remain closed. The Campgrounds will not open during the Executive Order to Shelter in Place.

Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor advised the council that the Finance Committee met and determined that all departments are essential and that employees have been and will continue to stagger shifts to maintain appropriate social distancing.

Mayor Hayden recommended Ed Knight as the new Economic Development Director. Ed Knight provided his letter of resignation as Alderman of Ward 2.

Alderman Lennon moved to appoint Ed Knight as Economic Development Director effective April 8, 2020.

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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Alderman Wood moved to appoint Beth White as Alderwoman of Ward 2 to fulfil the remainder of Ed Knight’s term.
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 not allow garage or yard sales during the current Social Distancing Requirements and Stay At Home requirement of the Executive Order issued by Governor Pritzker.
Alderman Wood seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden advised that the City-Wide Clean-up has been postponed until further notice.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve the Amendment to the Employee Benefit Plan in response to the FFCRA/CARES Act as recommended by IPMG.
Alderman Ritchart 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 the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue the claims thereon.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
Nay: None (0)

The motion Carried.

Mayor Hayden advised that we currently have a spending and hiring freeze until the Executive Order has been lifted.

Max Middendorf updated that the Pool Project contractor is finalizing the bond. The dates of the project may need to be adjusted and we will attempt to delay the start of the project at the at the Pre-Construction meeting. The Well job is still on schedule. Max also stated that he received a message from Bob Evans about a water leak in Quail Ridge. Mayor Hayden had received the same message and has found that there was a pool being drained in that area.
Alderman Ketchum stated that the Kid’s Trout Fishing Tournament has been cancelled and all poles and tackle boxes have already been purchased. The event will be rescheduled if possible, if not the items will be stored and used next year.

Mayor Hayden commended the citizens for adhering to the Shelter in Place order.

Alderman congratulated Mr. Knight and thanked him for his years of service as an Alderman. Alderman Knight stated it has been a pleasure working as an Alderman and looks forward to continuing to work for the City as Economic Development Director.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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City Clerk