

May 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, May 21, 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 Cindy Prentice, and Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Ed Knight, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, and Robert Wood. Absent: Alderman Wilson and Alderman Wombles. Mayor Hayden presided.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report and the Treasurer's Annual Report.

Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to close Mississippi Street from Fayette Street to Washington Street on Sunday, June 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Nazarene Church Backyard Bible Club.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1632, An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the Pittsfield TIF District II Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects, on its first reading.

Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1632 (described above) by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

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Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1632, An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the Pittsfield TIF District II Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects, on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to purchase a 2019 GMC Sierra pickup from Pikeland Motors at a cost of \$28,875 (\$20,000 to be paid from USDA grant and \$8,875 paid by City) plus additional cost for equipment for the inside of the truck.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)

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, Ritchart, Wood (6)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Street and Alley Foreman Jeff Griggs has ordered signage for the lake after a couple of campers have been damaged due to Google Earth directing them to the north boat dock then through the narrow road by Zimmerman Park to get to the camping areas.

MECO Engineer Max Middendorf reported core samples will be taken from Clarksville Road in front of South Elementary School Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Mayor Hayden reported neither of the earlier sites recommended for the cell tower are favorable with the City now due to the size requirement of the cell tower. The City will suggest the lot across from the Fire Department on Jefferson Street. He also reported the old Mike's Tavern lot will be cleaned up soon. He is also trying to find out who owns the lift sitting in the alley between Farmers State Bank and the lot from Irving's old building so it can be removed. The lot also needs finished up.

Mayor Hayden said he and City Clerk Cindy Prentice will begin work on the City budget within the next week to ten days.

Alderman Knight reported Illinois Department of Natural Resources Soil and Conservation will be hosting a Pond Management Seminar July 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and will demonstrate shocking.

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Alderman Ketchum stated King Park Pool area looks much better and thanked all who helped with the sidewalk project.

Mayor Hayden reported Tuesday, May 28, 2019 is Economic Development Director Megan Newman's last day in the office and encouraged the Council to stop in if they wish and said he wished her good luck.

Alderman Lennon moved to go into closed session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:       Yea:    Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
                              Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
                      Nay:    None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to go back into open session at 6:31 p.m.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:       Yea:    Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
                              Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
                      Nay:    None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Knight moved to allow Mayor Hayden and the Economic Development Committee to interview and hire for the Economic Development Director position as warranted as either part-time or full-time with assistance to the City Clerk's office.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:       Yea:    Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,  
                              Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)  
                      Nay:    None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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City Clerk