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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Pittsfield Fire Department 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, and Robert Wood. Alderman Kevin Wombles attended via teleconference. Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 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 Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the variance request of Eric and Diana Miller, owners of 329 East Jefferson Street to place a deck extension and a roof over an existing porch, which will leave a side yard, on a corner lot, of nine feet (9’) instead of the required ten feet (10’) and a rear yard of five feet (5’) instead of the required fifteen feet (15’).
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Zoning Committee’s recommendation to allow the Special Use Permit to USCOC of Illinois to erect a cell tower site. And also the variance to allow the tower height to be One Hundred Twenty Feet (120’) with an overall height of One Hundred Twenty Five Feet (125’) including the lightening rod instead of the maximum of Thirty Five Feet (35’) as required in Ordinance No. 156.106.

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 approve Resolution No. 2020-3, A Resolution for Funding for IDOT Job No. C-96-060-15, FAP Route 321 (US 54, IL 106) Section 20, 107 RS-8 ADA.

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 informed the Council that he had signed an extension for another year on the IDOT Kamar Drive Agreement

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City Clerk Ann Moffit informed the Council that the Employee Manual is being updated at the recommendation of IPMG, our Risk Management Company. There was discussion about compensatory time being given at a rate of 2 times the regular rate on Sunday and Holidays. There was also discussion about modifying the Sick Leave Policy. There was no vote on the matter.

Mayor Hayden stated that CityWide Clean-up would be postponed until the Fall with a date to be determined later.

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.

Mayor Hayden noted that he is grateful for the community support for our restaurants that have opened. He also commended the restaurants for keeping the outdoor seating areas clean and well maintained.

Mayor Hayden stated that he has been informed that Zimmerman park remains closed and that it should be and will be opened.

There will be a review of the Fuel System at the airport tomorrow, Wednesday June 3, and all Alderman are invited.

Max Middendorf updated on the pool project and stated that best case for being ready to open would be early July depending on the weather.

Mr. Middendorf also stated that the West Water tower project rigging was done and blasting should begin Thursday.

Mayor Hayden stated that Golf Carts must be inspected. There are several Golf Carts in town now and the public should be made aware that inspections are necessary. Also, there are several home improvement projects taking place and the public should also know that Building Permits are necessary. Alderman Lennon asked if there are rules about golf carts being used off road at the City Lake. It was determined that golf carts should not be operated on the grass areas.

Mayor Hayden asked the Alderman to be thinking about the Civil War Reenactment. The Reenactment has been postponed until August. Mayor advised the Looking For Lincoln Board that he would inform them in early July if the City will allow the Reenactment.

Mayor called a Finance Committee meeting to be scheduled Friday, June 5, 2020 at 8 am.

It was noted that the City Lake has had a tremendous amount of activity, including the use of kayaks. Everyone was happy to see the Lake being utilized.

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Economic Development Director, Ed Knight, stated that all easements have been obtained for the Honey Creek Project.

Alderman Wood has talked with IDOT about the message board in reference to the Florence Bridge closure not being visible. They are aware and will be moving the board.

Alderman Ketchum stated the hope was to still have the kid's trout fishing event this summer, however it has been cancelled for the year. The supplies have been purchased and will be used next year.

The Street and Alley Department have begun street repairs, there are several repairs underway.

The new Whitetail property has an impressive mural being painted. Also, the wall on the former Ideal Hardware building will have a mural erected on Friday. The mural was funded by Picture Pittsfield.

Jim Filbert asked about the ability to use the local ballparks. Ed Knight informed him that the Little League Park is in need of repair and can not be used at this time. Chief Starman stated that he has the field at the Lake ready for use. There are practices being held at the field in the evenings, however they can be used by groups of 10 or less, if they are available.

Kevin Ketchum moved to enter into closed session at 6:41 p.m.

Alderman Lennon 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 enter into open session at 7:17 p.m.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion Carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to authorize Mayor Hayden to offer the position of mechanic to the Committees recommendation.

Alderman Grimsley 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 authorize the Finance Committee to make an offer to purchase the former Temptation Building based on a percentage of the appraisal.

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

The motion Carried.

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

City Clerk