June 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 16, 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 at City Hall, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Alderman Kevin Ketchum Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Robert Wood. Alderman Kevin Wombles was present via telephone. Paul Lennon was absent Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Council meeting. Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the May 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the variance request of Patricia Labby, owner of 216 S Memorial Street, to construct an addition and deck on the house which will be zero foot (0’) rear yard instead of the required twenty five feet (25’). Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the variance request of Jim Jones, owner of # 1 Bear Court, to place an accessory building on the east side of the house which will be six inches (6”) from the main building instead of the required ten ft (10’). Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1658, An Ordinance Relating to the Annual Appropriation for the Fiscal Year of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, beginning May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021, on its first reading.
Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1658 (described above) on its second reading.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1658 (described above) on its second reading by title only.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Employee Handbook – Tabled

Michael TenEyck addressed the council and stated that the First Christian Church may possibly be selling the Daycare Facility that also houses office space for the Church. They would like to place a mobile building on the lot at 112 W. Jefferson Street to house the office space temporarily and the use the building for storage. Bobby Smith indicated that they would like to apply for a Special Use Permit for this. At this time use of a mobile building for offices and/or storage is not a Special Use. An ordinance committee meeting will be called for 8 am Friday, June 19 to address this. The property is currently zoned Residential and asked if the First Christian Church would request the property to be rezoned. They will not need the property to be rezoned.

Alderman Wood moved to have the Ordinance Committee meet to review the request of First Christian Church to add Mobile Building Use as a Special Use.
Alderman White seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Utility Shut Off Policy – Clerk Ann Moffit explained that the Attorney General issued a press release in reference to Utility Shut offs and she will do more research into the matter.
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B-3 Storage Building – Tom Reinhardt stated that Storage Units were not listed as a Permitted Use in B-3 and this should be addressed as we have a Storage Unit in a B-3 area. This will be added to the Ordinance Committee meeting agenda.

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, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)
Nay: None(0)

The motion Carried.

Mayor Hayden stated that the pool project should be complete by 1st of July but with cure time we would be looking at mid July for opening at the earliest.

Max Middendorf stated that the NASE Level 1 inspector was at the West Water Tower site today and the outside primer should be done by Friday. The Quality Control inspector is now satisfied with the performance of the painters. Completion of the project should be in the next 2 to 4 weeks.

We have been notified that the Motor Fuel Tax Restore Illinois money that was expected to be 6 installments of $300,000 may not be produced by the State of Illinois.

There is a preconstruction meeting scheduled with IDOT tomorrow, June 17 for the Highway Project.

The Bid Process for our electric aggregation was today and we signed a 24 month contract at a significant reduction in the rate that we previously had.

Mr. Galle and Mr. Carnes sent an update on their plane repairs that were to be completed by July 1. They have parts ordered and repairs scheduled however they do not feel all will be complete by July 1 but should be by August 1. Mayor Hayden stated he would like an airport committee meeting to be scheduled.

Also, a Street and Alley meeting should be scheduled to discuss the $50,000.00 Restore Illinois Motor Fuel Tax Funds that we did receive.

Alderman Ritchart noted that the Airport looks great.

Alderman Grimsley has noticed that board are loose one of the fishing docks. Tom Reinhardt stated that the repairs had been completed today.

Alderwoman White stated that she has been asked if anything can be done about parking on the square. There are business that feel that parking on the East Side of the square is limited due to the Automotive Dealership using many spaces. Officer Gangloff stated that he would speak with the dealership.

Storm Sewer Repair will begin on Clinton Street tomorrow.

Mayor Hayden stated that he has still not made a commitment on the reenactment.
Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into closed session at 6:50 pm.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  
Yea:  Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart,
       White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)  
Nay:   None (0)  
The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to enter into open session at 7:25 pm
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  
Yea:  Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart,
       White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)  
Nay:   None (0)  
The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to accept the recommendation to hire Brian Cooley as mechanic/street and alley employee effective June 22, 2020.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  
Yea:  Ritchart, White, Wilson,
       Wombles, Wood (5)  
Nay:   Grimsley, Ketchum (2)  
The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the recommendation to hire Keith Walker as Street and Alley Employee effective July 6, 2020.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  
Yea:  Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart,
       White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)  
Nay:   None (0)  
The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to direct Attorney Hollahan to prepare the documents to purchase 122 East Adams Street at a cost of $5,000.00 with the Seller to assume Real Estate Taxes to date.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call:  
Yea:  Grimsley, Ketchum, Ritchart,
       White, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (7)  
Nay:   None (0)  
The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson moved to accept the bid of Lyndle Burns for the demolition of the building at 122 East Adams Street in the amount of $20,000.00 upon satisfactory insurance policy submitted as well as proper covering as the demolition progresses.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:30 p.m.

City Clerk