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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, July 07, 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, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles, and Robert Wood.

Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Council meeting.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (7)
 Nay: None (0)
 Present: Lennon (1)

The motion carried.

Payton Dean from the Pike County Health Department stated that a Used Tire Collection will be held on August 7 and 8th for local units of government. The collection will be held at the Western Illinois Fairground.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve a Used Tire Collection at the City Maintenance Building on August 7th from 7 am to 3 pm.

Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Grimsley moved to approve the request of Chris Reel from the Nazarene Church in Pittsfield to temporarily close Mississippi Street from Washington Street to Fayette Street on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to allow the variance request of Robert C. Riley, owner of 325 Walnut Court to construct an accessory building (garage) which will leave a distance of three and one-half feet (3 ½') instead of the required ten feet (10') from the main building and a side yard of five feet (5') instead the required six feet (6').

Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1659, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, on its first reading.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1659 (described above) on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1659 (described above) on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1660, An Ordinance Amending Zoning Code B-3 Highway Business District Section 156.090 Permitted Uses of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1660 (described above) on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1660 (described above) on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

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Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1661, An Ordinance Amending Zoning Code Section 156 Special Uses of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1661 (described above) on its second reading.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1661 (described above) on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Max Middendorf stated that the West Water Tower exterior has been blasted and primed and is approximately 80% complete.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve Pay Request No. 1, in the amount of \$127,314.00 for Central Tank Coatings, Inc. for the West Water Tower Rehabilitation project.

Alderman Ketchum seconding the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve resuming normal procedures and pre-existing policies regarding utility accounts. The policy and procedure is utility payments are due of the 15th, penalty is implemented if not paid on the 20th and utility shut-off will occur on the 1st if not paid by the last day of the month. Accounts currently with a past-due balance may qualify for a payment plan of four months with no interest on past due balance.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Donnie Swartz addressed the council in reference to the Dog Barking Ordinance. He stated that he was informed by Code Hearing Officer, Judge Roseberry that any barking dog is not allowed, per the ordinance, within the City limits. Mayor Hayden interprets the ordinance as a barking dog isn't allowed to the point of being a nuisance. Mr. Swartz has received an ordinance citation for barking dogs, however he has made a complaint about neighbors barking dogs and a citation was not issued. Deputy Chief Thompson read Chapter 91 of the Animal Noises Ordinance and stated that they try to rectify all complaints by working with the public and based on history. Mr. Swartz asked if the City would enforce ordinances outside of City limits. Mr. Hollahan stated that historically we have let the county handle zoning issues outside of City limits, and also stated we will investigate complaints.

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, White, Wilson, Wood (8)
 Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Max Middendorf updated on the pool project. The preliminary inspection of the pool revealed seams that need to be caulked. After that has been completed there is a 7-day curing period. The earliest that the pool can be filled will be July 15. Alderman Wilson asked if the park board should be notified.

Alderman Ketchum will contact Darlene and have her contact the Pike County Health Department to ensure that she is aware of everything that should be done to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions. Alderman Ketchum also stated that the pool looks great as does the new mural being painted at King Park.

Mayor Hayden reported that the IDOT road project start date has been delayed from July 1 to July 21.

Mayor Hayden stated that Street and Alley Superintendent Jeff Griggs will be obtaining bids for overly and oil and chip. The oil and chip project that is being considered is Quail Ridge Drive with the hope of being able to complete the side streets also.

Demolition is ongoing on the former Temptations building. The contractor has worked closely with City officials and updated them on the progress regularly.

Economic Development Director Ed Knight stated that volunteers have mowed and sprayed at the City Lake. The City must clear all spraying on the shoreline of the lake with the EPA as well as DNR. No spraying is allowed, and any volunteer mowing must be approved by the City.

Mayor Hayden stated that Bill Conking's last working day is today, with his official retirement date being August 28.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the Fire Department is in negotiations with Brussels to sell a Fire Truck.

Alderman Wood moved to go into closed session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,

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Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to go back into open session at 7:15 p.m.

Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the amendments to the Employee Handbook as presented.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wood (8)

Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Deputy Chief Thompson stated that the intent is to fill the vacant police officer position with part-time and the School Resource Officer through the summer. However, they would like to advertise for the position now. Mayor Hayden approved advertising for the position.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:25 p.m.

City Clerk