

August 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 04, 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, and Robert Wood. Alderman Kevin Wombles attended via conference call.

Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 Council meeting.

Alderman Ketchum 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 Niemann Foods, Inc., owners of 818 West Fayette Street, to construct Storage Units which will leave a front yard of ten (10') feet instead of the required thirty five (35') feet and a rear yard of zero feet (0') instead of the required twenty (20') feet.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for Central Tank Coatings in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the West Water Tower Rehabilitation project.

Alderman Lennon 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 Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$95,841.00 for Central Tank Coatings, Inc. for the West Water Tower Rehabilitation project.

Alderman Wilson 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 recommendation to accept the bid from UCM in the amount of \$19,223.26 for oil and chip.

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Ameren is working on poles and has requested Benson street be closed tomorrow from Jackson to Memorial Street.

Mayor Hayden stated that there was a meeting with Ameren today to look into replacing the metal poles on Washington Street one block in both directions from the square with ornament light posts. The possibility is being considered and options are being researched.

Mayor Hayden expressed gratitude to the City of Griggsville and the Village of Perry for assisting our crews with brush clean-up after our recent storm. He also commended law enforcement as well as the Public Works employees for their work during the storm.

Demolition of the former Temptation building is progressing. It was found today that there is an eight foot basement at the location.

There have been complaints about sidewalks in town. Mayor Hayden stated that if cars are parked on the sidewalks and they are unusable, the police department should be notified, and they will request the vehicle be moved. Additionally, if there are safety concerns with a sidewalk, the Street and Alley department should be notified. We do have sidewalk repairs budgeted, however, we have not been able to complete any repairs as of yet this fiscal year due to limited staff at the beginning of the COVID19 pandemic.

Alderman Ritchart also wanted to compliment law enforcement and City Crews for their hard work during storm clean up.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that he is in a position to begin reviewing Fix or Flatten complaints.

Mayor stated that Mr. Knight has been working to determine what we can use the Restore Illinois MFT funds for.

Mayor also noted that Mr. Knight has been actively involved with the Opportunity Zone and has been working with a few businesses.

Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into closed session at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Wilson 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 enter into open session at 6:39 p.m.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

