The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Meeting Room of the Fire Department at 122 Jefferson Street. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, and Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Paul Lennon, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Robert Wood. Alderman Robert Ritchart, and Kevin Wombles was absent.

Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 Council meeting. Alderman White seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the November 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to direct Attorney Hollahan to prepare a special use for Communication Station. Alderman Wood seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve Ordinance No. 1671, An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Tax Levy of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, commencing on the first day of May, 2020, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2021. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1971 by title only.
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Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum
             White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay:       None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1671 on its second reading by title only.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum
             White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay:       None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue
the claims thereon.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum
             White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay:       None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden stated that Economic Ed Knight has informed him that Pittsfield has received a
$100,000 grant. Mr. Knight stated that we have received the Notice of Award a $100,000 Sustainability
Grant. This grant funds $5,000 grants available to small business that meet certain guidelines.
Applications are available at City Hall. Applications along with proof of income for 2019 and 2020 must
be submitted at December 21, 2020. All applicants must be in compliance with all State and Federal
guidelines. Mr. Knight also indicated that we have received a Notice of Award for the Airport CARES
grant.

Robert Brewer and Wally Lindsay asked that the City implement a fee waiver for the Liquor License. Mr.
Lindsay stated that his business was shut down for 3 months and would like for the City to consider a
refund or reduction in the upcoming year’s license fee.
Mayor Hayden explained that the council could not vote on this issue as it was not the agenda. We will
have a finance committee meeting to review the request and the can be placed on the agenda for the
next council meeting on January 5, 2021.

Mr. Brewer stated that the Illinois Liquor Commissioner came to his establishment and he was cited for
being open.

Alderman Grimsley stated that he has noticed several potholes would like to know if the hot box has
been out. Mayor Hayden stated that the Street and Alley Department was out today with the hot box.
Alderman Lennon asked if the City is responsible for the gas line repair from the recent damage to the line. It was explained that the contractor would be responsible for the repair and a JULIE had been called in on the job.

Alderwoman White moved to enter into closed session at 6:20 p.m. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into open session at 6:34 p.m. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to accept the request of Dan Williams to be relieved of Sergeant duties effective December 4, 2020, and to accept the recommendation of Chief Starman to appoint Officer Jordan Gerard to the position of Sergeant retroactive to December 4, 2020, and to accept the recommendation of Chief Starman to appoint Officer Michael Gangloff to the position of Sergeant effective December 18, 2020. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Ketchum White, Wilson, Wood (6)
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:45 p.m.