The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Hall Council Room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderman Kevin Ketchum was absent.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve the minutes of the June 01, 2021 Council meeting. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)

Nay: None (0)

Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the May 2021 Treasurer's Report. Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)

Nay: None (0)

Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Ordinance Committee’s Recommendation to authorize Attorney Hollahan to draft an amended Ordinance to grant Mayor or Liquor Control Commissioner power to approve liquor license applications. Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)

Nay: None (0)

Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to accept the Ordinance Committee’s Recommendation to authorize Attorney Hollahan to draft an amendment to the current ordinance to allow the hours of sales to state alcohol purchases can now be made 7 days a week during the hours of 7 am to 12 am (midnight). Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)

Nay: None (0)

Present: None (0)

The motion carried.
Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Ordinance Committee’s Recommendation to authorize Attorney Hollahan to amend the current ordinance and remove the cap on the number of licenses that may be obtained and granted. This amendment would be a repeal to the 01/10/2012 Ordinance. Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve Ordinance 1678, 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 on its second reading. Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance 1679 An Ordinance Providing for the Disbursement of the City’s Portion of the Retailers Occupational Tax on its first reading. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 1679, as stated above, by title only. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance 1679, as stated above, by title only, on its second reading. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
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The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to approve Ordinance 1680 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay the debt service on $270,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 1999, of the City of Pittsfield on its first reading. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 1680, as stated above, by title only. Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance 1680, as stated above, by title only, on its second reading. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve Ordinance 1681 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay the debt service on $600,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, of the City of Pittsfield on its first reading. Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 1681, as stated above, by title only. Alderwoman Ritchart seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0
The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve Ordinance 1681, as stated above, by title only, on its second reading. Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0
The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall announced that we have hired Isaac Amann as part-time City Hall staff. Isaac has been working on the Website as well other office duties. The plan is for Isaac to continue to work with the Website remotely while attending college in the fall. There have been two summer help employees hired to work with Street & Alley and Gas & Water. The two hired were Jason McKee and Cody Gunder.

Mayor Mendenhall presented an Organizational Chart that has been created. There was discussion about position that were inadvertently omitted from the chart. Changes will be made and the corrected chart will be submitted at the next council meeting.

Mayor Mendenhall has been working with Lauren Perez to create a seal for the City of Pittsfield. Mayor presented the seals to council for opinion. The options were narrowed down to one with the recommendation for a slight change. Mayor will have Ms. Perez make the change and present the seal at the next council meeting.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk. Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0
The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that he will host a business owner meeting on June 29, 2021, at 6pm at Brewed Coffee House to discuss City Goals.

Mayor Mendenhall asked for any alderman that notice something in and around town that they feel the citizens would like to be aware of to please take photographs and submit to City Hall to be placed on our Facebook page.

Economic Development director stated that the City is pursing a project, being a USDA food processing plant, for the East Side of the Industrial Park. Alderman Grimsley thanked Ed Knight for all of his hard work and diligence to obtain grants for the City.

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Alderman Lennon asked if the location of placement of boat stickers had been previously determined. It was determined that there has been discussion about where to place the stickers but no council vote on the matter. Alderman Lennon asked that this be placed on the agenda for vote.

Alderman Ritchart thanked the city crews for installing the donated pads under the swings and Lowry Park and feels that this is a very nice addition to the park.

Alderman Wombles moved to enter into closed session at 6:53 pm. Alderman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to enter into open session at 6:59 pm. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Grimsley moved to allow Mayor Mendenhall to hire two officers, who have been previously interviewed, as academy opportunity becomes available.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles, White, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None 0)
The motion carried.

Tom Reinhardt stated that a few children had scuffed feet when the pool opened, he has spoken with the pool manager and there have not been any recent issues.

Chief Starman stated he would be out of the office for the remainder of the week and Deputy Chief Thompson would be available.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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City Clerk