July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, July 20, 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, Deputy City Clerk Kim Flesner, Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Absent: City Clerk Ann Moffit and Alderwoman Beth White. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Council meeting with amended changes on the first motion voted on. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7) 
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the June 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7) 
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Finance Committee’s recommendation to discuss the possibility in the future to purchase property for an addition and get the opinion of a structural engineer. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7) 
Nay: None (0)

The motion carried.
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Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Ordinance Committee’s recommendation to have Attorney Hollahan and Tom Reinhardt draw up an ordinance on solar panels for future review. The parking issues were tabled for further evaluation.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little
Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Grimsley moved to approve the Nazarene Church’s request to close Mississippi Street from Washington Street to Fayette Street on July 31, 2021 from 5 pm to 9 pm.
Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little
Ritchart, Wombles, Wilson (7)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

First Christian Church Street Closure item on the agenda was scratched for the subject had prior approval from Police Chief Starman.

CITY GOALS

Alderman White has developed some spreadsheets to review for future projects and this will be tabled until her return. She was out of town for tonight’s meeting.

Police Chief Starman stated he would like to discuss in the future about hiring a drug task force person or a K-9 due to the increase of the drug situation in our area.
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Alderman Ritchart moved to pay the bills as stated by City Clerk. Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart called an Ordinance Committee meeting for August 3, 2021, at 5:15 pm to discuss solar panels and parking.

Alderman Ketchum stated that Blake Ruebush will be holding the fishing clinic again for kids at the King Park Lagoon. A flyer is being distributed with dates and times of the events.

Alderman Wombles and Mayor Mendenhall will be riding the roads starting on Thursday, July 22, 2021 to determine the need for repair.

Alderman Little moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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Deputy City Clerk