The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 21, 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, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson. Alderman Kevin Wombles was absent.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Council meeting. Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the August 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the subdivision re-plat for the property located at 380 West Adams Street as request by Square 1838 (Jonas Petty). Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the variance request of Stanley and Kandis Hull, owners of property located at 320 E Jefferson Street, to place an unattached accessory building, being a shed, which will exceed the two unattached accessory building limit. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldermwoman White stated that Finance Committee met today to discuss City Goals. Projects were assigned owners, owners will now define costs and time frame of projects and report back to Finance Committee.
Alderman Wilson stated that the Gas Committee met September 20 at 5pm to hear a presentation from Heather Viele with IMGA in reference to the current Natural Gas situation. Predictions are for gas prices to continue to rise. There is now an insurance option available to purchase to safeguard from a spike in prices that occurred in February 2021. The gas committee will meet again on September 27 at 5 pm to further discuss the issue.

Alderman Little moved to require employees to use sick, comp or vacation time for any compensation for COVID related absences starting October 1, 2021. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

Alderman White moved to approve Resolution 2021-05 A Resolution for Support for Safe Route to Schools Cycle 2021 Grant. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

Alderwoman White moved to approve Girls Night Out on the square for November 4, 2021 during the hours of 4pm – 8pm. Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Lennon moved to approve the request of the Salvation Army to hold a one-day bucket blitz at the intersection of Memorial and Jefferson on Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 10am to 3:30 pm. Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Ritchart moved to host City Wide Cleanup in the Spring, not in the Fall, it was hosted in the fall in 2020 due to Covid restrictions in the Spring. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

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

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

The Brush yard will be closed until after harvest.

Fire Chief Jason White extended an invitation to attend the Fire Department meeting September 23 at 6:30. There will be a presentation to prior City Officials.

There will be an architect assessing City Hall expansion.

Alderman Ritchart stated an Ordinance Committee meeting will be held October 5, 2021 at 5:30 pm to discuss Propane tanks and the Bee Museum.

Alderman Grimsley had a resident approach him and state they were impressed with the City Goals.

Alderman White thanked Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit and Economic Development Director Ed Knight for attending her 20 year of service celebration.

Alderman Ketchum had someone ask him about parking. Mayor Mendenhall stated he has sent a letter to downtown businesses asking for their input.

Tom Reinhart stated that the Garden Tractor Pull will be Saturday, September 25 at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a Disc Golf Tournament held in the upcoming weeks.

David Camphouse thanked the council for their support of Girl’s Night Out and also thanked Kaye Iftner for creating this event so many years ago.

A resident has offered to donate time and equipment to do brush work at the Pittsfield Lake and three Scouts will be completing service projects at the Lake as well, those projects are a road built, benches and a fire wood containment.

Kaye Iftner stated that Picture Pittsfield will have a fundraiser cookout lunch at County Market on September 24 to support the walking path at King Park. There is a dog walk scheduled in October to support the dog park.

Alderman Ritchart advised that planning for the Halloween Golf Cart Parade is going well.
Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:45 p.m.

City Clerk