

December 07, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, December 07, 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, and Kevin Wombles.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderwoman Lennon moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021, Council meeting.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: None (0)
 Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman Wombles moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2021, Special Council meeting.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: None (0)
 Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Illini Community Hospital has purchased the property at 201 Mississippi Street and plans to open a Child Care Facility. The have requested use of the south side of the property, on Adams Street, for employee parking. Tom Reinhardt and Jeff Griggs has approved parking however, a neighbor has contacted City Hall and stated that parking has previously been denied at that location. Mr. Reinhardt researched and found that on 9/19/2000, when planning commission approved a zoning change for the property that there were complaints about parking in that area and the request for parking was withdrawn and the zoning request was approved. Mr. Hollahan recommends the new property owner, Illini Community Hospital, should make a request for parking to the council.

Alderman Wilson moved to approved Resolution 21-06 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: None (0)
 Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve a Christmas Bonus of \$375.00 for full time employees and \$100 for part-time employees, with employees no longer receiving \$25 gift cards.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
Nay: None (0)
Present: None (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

The City has been awarded an Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant from USDA in the amount of \$447,500 to replace Well #2.

The Airport has received a Rebuild Illinois Grant in the amount of \$175,000 with an in-kind contribution of 10%.

The Boy Scouts have completed their Eagle Scout Badge projects at Lake Pittsfield.

Alderman Ritchart asked about a house on Fayette Street that seems to be vacant and has windows and doors open. Tom Reinhardt will investigate.

Alderman Lennon asked if it was common for a well to fail. Max Middendorf stated that Well #2 failed due to a collapse of the sand around the well. The type of EPA required test bore did not identify this as a potential issue. The test bore completed on the new well site would identify this as a potential issue.

Alderman Wilson asked if the curbing by the community center has been looked at. Max Middendorf stated that he did look at that with the contractor and the curbing is to code.

Alderman Wilson also stated that there is water pooling on the corner in from of Giannis. Max Middendorf stated that he would contract the contractor.

Mayor stated that there was no need to enter into closed session therefore closed session was passed.

Chief Starman stated that interviews were completed to fill the final open police officer position. Two candidates scored equally, however since the interview process one candidate has withdrawn his interest. Therefore, the committee recommends Sam Zarr.

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Alderman Wombles moved to hire Sam Zarr as police officer effective January 11, 2022, with a beginning salary being that of a new officer increasing to a two year officer salary after completion of the academy. Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	None (0)
	Present:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:31 p.m.

City Clerk