

February 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderman Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve February 1, 2022 city council minutes.  
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve January 2022 Treasurer's Report.  
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to permanently rezone 201 South Madison Street from R-2 to B-2 Central Business District.  
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Ordinance Committee met February 15, 2022. The matter of Gaming Terminal Fee has been tabled indefinitely.

Alderman Ritchart moved to have a Business Incentive Program Resolution prepared.  
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:        Yea:                Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)

                      Nay:                NONE (0)

                      Present:            NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1693, Conforming Uses on its first reading, by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:        Yea:                Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)

                      Nay:                NONE (0)

                      Present:            NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading on Ordinance No. 1963, by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:        Yea:                Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum,  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, (8)

                      Nay:                NONE (0)

                      Present:            NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1963, by title only, on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:        Yea:                Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles, (8)

                      Nay:                NONE (0)

                      Present:            NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that Greg Carnes had been in contact with him in reference to the Newburg Township Lake Road. Mr. Carnes stated that the City had previously committed to assisting financially to the repair of the road. It was found in previous minutes that the matter was discussed in August and October of 2019. Alderman Wombles will contact Newburg Township to determine their needs.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by Janet Rohn.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the Fire Department Suburban broke down again while the department was attending Fire School. He advised that the vehicle will need to be replaced soon.

Mayor Mendenhall asked the status of the Airport Tree Removal project. Mr. Reinhardt stated that some trees have been marked. Alderman Lennon will follow up with the Airport Manager.

Mayor Mendenhall asked Attorney Hollahan if he had an update on the Asporcolas property. He will have an update for the next meeting.

Alderman Little commended the Street and Alley Department on snow removal last week. Mayor Mendenhall stated we may need to look into purchasing a snow blower for the handicap ramps. We also need to look into an emergency snow removal program.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the water in front of Liberty Village has broken down the road on Lowry Street. Mayor Mendenhall asked all Alderman to make note of street repairs that are needed in their wards.

Chief Starman informed the Council that he has had numerous complaints about parking on Dutton Street. The complaints are in reference to a vehicle that is legally parked, however, the parking does cause safety concerns.

Alderman Wombles moved to enter into closed session at 6:25pm to discuss property acquisition. Alderwoman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to enter into open session at 6:56 pm.  
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ketchum  
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)

Nay: NONE (0)  
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to enter into negotiations for the purchase of a building to facilitate the growth of City Hall.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon,  
White, Wilson, Wombles (5)

Nay: Ketchum, Little, Ritchart (3)  
Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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Ann Moffit