



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Short. A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- present
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- present
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- present
Mayor Ann Short	- present

2. The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2017, were submitted by the City Clerk. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley that the foregoing minutes be approved as printed. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

3. The claims were read by Mayor Short. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the claims as submitted. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

4. Commissioner Mossman reported that Christmas lights have been taken down out of the park.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that the City's engineering company and Big D Electrical will meet in Sullivan to discuss sites that need upgraded or repaired. Depending on anticipated costs, some of the work might be done this February, and some might be held off until the next fiscal year. Hopefully cost estimates and budgeting plans will be available by the next meeting.

6. Commissioner Kirk explained that the shed for the electric linemen is in need of repairs. Amongst the issues are leaking skylights and a gutter that dumps water

onto the Beacon property. Kim Harris obtained an estimate from Standerfer Brothers for the work. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the estimate of \$4986 from Standerfer Brothers for repair work to the electrical shed. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

7. Commissioner Kirk explained that some recent outages occurred due to the 69 kV line on Market and Adams Street. The wind whipped those lines into a guy wire on a pole that was installed a few years ago. The wind also caused outages due to a main line behind Bethany. Due to those outages, Sullivan generated electricity from about 6:00 p.m. until around 9:30 p.m.

8. Commissioner Kirk reported that a new electric apprentice was hired and started work this morning (January 23, 2017). The union will be consulted to make a determination about which pay grade he will be started at.

9. Commissioner Kirk reported that apprentice lineman Kyle Myler is at school for three weeks and will be at his next step when he returns. This will allow him to work on primary lines in the bucket with Kim Harris. He will then only be one step away from journeyman lineman status.

10. Commissioner Kirk reported that there are street light issues on Cottontail Lane. Only one light currently works. The department is looking for the faults, but the work is tedious due to the installation method used and the fact that the lines are coming in from the back of the houses on both sides of the street.

11. Commissioner Kirk reported that trees are still being cut down that affect the primary lines near the power plant.

12. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers was present to discuss the Sanitary Sewer Project and bids. He explained that bids were opened on January 19th at 1:30 p.m. He also explained that each bidder submitted two sets of bids. Contract A is an option for the City to do conventional work, where the entire sewer main is torn out and replaced. Contract B is to remove and replace only the mains that are not up to code or that need special attention. The majority of that area would be cured in place with a liner. The bids were reported as follows:

Contract A

Wiggs Excavating, Benton, IL	\$ 888,348.50
Followell Construction, Marion, IL	\$ 913,777.00
Kamadulski Excavating, Granite City, IL	\$1,033,446.00
Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co, Decatur, IL	\$1,466,280.00

Contract B

Wiggs Excavating, Benton, IL	\$ 891,116.50
Followell Construction, Marion, IL	\$ 830,777.00
Kamadulski Excavating, Granite City, IL	\$1,090,887.00
Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co, Decatur, IL	\$1,335,168.00

Mr. Beckman explained that he called the EPA and their recommendation was to not line the 6 inch sewers or anything with less than a .4% slope. Sewer Foreman Bubba Farris will work with Milano & Grunloh to check specific sewer sizes before work begins. A camera will also be sent down the mains to check for failures that would need to be addressed prior to construction. Mr. Farris was in favor of lining the sewers due to the problems that would be caused with digging up all of the roads. Mr. Beckman stated that the estimated life of lining the sewers is 50 years. He believes that work would probably begin in April, and he recommended the Council move forward with Contract B. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to award Contract B for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to Followell Construction for \$830,777.00. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

13. Mayor Short explained that it was discussed at the last meeting to look into the need for a new water tower. A hydraulic analysis of the City's water system would show the pressures and flows, and would help show the appropriate location for a new tower. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the project authorization for Milano & Grunloh to perform a hydraulic analysis of the existing water system. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. Commissioner Risley reported that the Street Department's 2010 1 ton dump truck has major issues. It is estimated that it would cost \$20,000 to fix the truck with a rebuilt engine. New truck prices are being researched, and it may be possible to keep the dump bed from the existing truck to put on the chassis of a new truck. Commissioner Risley will report back to the Council after more research is done.

15. Commissioner Risley explained that the City is moving forward with finding a possible solution to the Eastview subdivision drainage problem. After a drainage study, Milano & Grunloh will coordinate with IDOT to see if the City would be allowed to divert water through an existing culvert, or if a bigger culvert could be installed. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the project authorization for Milano & Grunloh to perform a drainage study of the Eastlawn subdivision. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that the Code of Ordinances requires a Food Vendor License Application form be filled out for those people wishing to apply for such a license. No form previously existed, and Mr. Flannell has prepared a form for use going forward. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adopt the prepared Vehicular Food Vendor License Application form. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

17. Clerk Johnson explained that a business wants to apply for a Vehicular Food Vendor license. One issue is that they might want to operate past 7:00 p.m., which is the time that the City's ordinances calls for food vendors to halt operations for the day. Mr. Flannell stated that the current ordinances might be too restrictive, and that the Council may want to look into changing those ordinances. The City will wait for the business to submit a new application before taking any action.

18. Mr. Flannell explained that a company has requested permission to install a 70 foot tall cell tower in the City's right of way. The requested location was near the McMullin-Young Funeral Home. Mr. Flannell contacted the company and they stated that any location within a ½ mile radius of that site would work. The City has looked at non-residential locations that the tower could be placed, and the proposed location from the company will not be used. Mr. Flannell will contact the company to resubmit a license form, and a bond will need to be filed with the permit application. The City is unable to stop the company from building a tower in the City's right of way, but the City will have 160 days in which to act on the permit application. Mr. Flannell suggested that the City needs an ordinance to help restrict the location that cell towers can be placed.

19. Mr. Flannell explained that according to State statutes, any project or purchase greater than \$20,000 must be done through bidding procedures. The City has a self-imposed limit of \$10,000. The smaller amount has given no consideration to increases in cost over the years. Mayor Short stated that the City set that limit years ago so that the Council would be advised of purchases or contracts going on in each department. The Council agreed that they can be advised of these without the need for a smaller limit. An ordinance will need to be drawn and passed to make the change.

20. Mr. Flannell reported that he has met with each department head individually. He plans to visit each department this week. He also has a tour scheduled with Hydro-Gear this coming Thursday.

21. Clerk Johnson explained that the City has been considering establishing a new TIF district. He showed an example of which properties might be included in the new TIF district. Commissioner Kirk explained that one property in the new proposed TIF district could cause issues due to a lawsuit, and wanted to make sure that situation is under control before moving too far forward.

22. The following Ordinance was presented:

ORDINANCE 17-1

Ordinance to Authorize the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing "Interested Parties Registry" and Adopting Registration Rules for Such Registries for the City of Sullivan Tax Increment Financing District IV

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and Seconded by Commissioner Mossman to waive the reading and accept the Ordinance as submitted. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the Ordinance adopted and the Mayor did sign the same in open meeting and did direct the Clerk to record the same in full in the records of the Council.

23. Mayor Short read the following announcement:

CITY OF SULLIVAN

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date Posted: January 24, 2017

Posted By: Monte Johnson, City Clerk

MEETING: Public Meeting for Proposed Sullivan TIF District IV.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 W. Water Street, Sullivan, IL.
PURPOSE: To enable the City to advise the public, taxing districts having real property in the redevelopment project area, taxpayers who own property in the redevelopment project area, and residents in the area as to the City's possible intent to prepare a TIF District Redevelopment Plan and designate a Redevelopment Project Area and to receive public comment.

24. Commissioner Mossman reported that he spoke with the City Attorney regarding liability issues with volunteers helping with Christmas light displays in the park. The City's insurance holder will need to check the liability coverage and see if it needs amended. Jeri Davis stated that work must be done immediately to get sponsors for the light displays, assuming that will be allowed. Albert Wyman's will is to be researched to make sure that nothing would violate the will or any bylaws.

25. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to waive all fees and approve the raffle license applications of the American Legion Post 68 and Sons of the American Legion. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

26. Mark Conlin and representatives of the American Legion and St. Judes were present to talk about the Dash & Bash fundraiser. They are requesting to extend beer tent hours until 11:00 p.m. The event has raised \$16,000 in the last two years. Chief of Police Jim Waggoner stated that he has no problems extending the length of the event. A motion as made by Mayor Short and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve extending the St. Judes Dash & Bash until 11:00 p.m. on June 3, 2017. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

27. Mayor Short explained that the City last did a strategic plan in 2008. She explained that many of the recommendations were followed and have been completed. SCED Director Laurie Minor has suggested that the City be involved with the SCED and the County to have everybody going in the same direction with a new strategic plan.

Commissioner Risley suggested that ideas should be gathered from the general public and that it should be communicated properly to the citizens. Ms. Minor will begin working on meetings with the other entities, and will keep Dan Flannell updated of their status. The City will not need to be involved until later in the process.

28. Commissioner Kirk questioned the status of the façade grants, and Ms. Minor explained that the Masonic Temple is still working on renderings. CEFS still has some work to do on their building, but those are the only applications that will have work left to finish.

29. Mayor Short asked the public if they had any comments. Cathie and Eric Kenney questioned the use of Standerfer Brothers for the repairs to the Electric Department shed. Dan Flannell stated that he would be happy to talk to other contractors and have them involved in future projects if they are looking for work. Nancy Barker had questions regarding prevailing wage and wages set in the union contracts.

30. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); and to discuss the appointment or employment of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).). Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

31. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

32. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley that the minutes of the meeting be engrossed by the Clerk. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Bill Hagen	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

33. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was reduced to writing and read to the Council. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea

Commissioner Bill Hagen
Commissioner Jerry Risley
Mayor Ann Short

- absent
- yea
- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short

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