



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 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 Grant Wade	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- present
Mayor Ann Short	- present

2. Mayor Short read the items on the consent agenda:

- Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting held June 26, 2017
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report for June 2017
- Approval of Claims
- Approve Pay Estimate 4 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project for \$111,347.10 to Followell Construction
- Resolution 17-I Public Funds Banking Resolution
- Ordinance 17-20 Ordinance Amending Section 1-2-22(A) and (D) Rules of the Council, of Article II – Commissioners of Chapter 1 – Administration of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois
- Approve Sullivan TIF District IV Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois and Sullivan C.U.S.D No. 300

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

3. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers was present to update the Council on the sewer main project and to explain that the DCEO grant application is being prepared for a water main. Mr. Beckman discussed the possible drainage projects, and the Council decided to wait and gather more information for funding of one or both of the projects. City Administrator Dan Flannell agreed to talk to the drainage district on the east side of town to see what type of easements exist or might be necessary.

4. Commissioner Mossman thanked the American Legion for their wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, as many good comments were received regarding the parade,

fireworks, and the carnival. Commissioner Mossman also thanked the City employees for preparing for the holiday and for their cleanup efforts afterwards.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that work continues on the Toy Bar alley. He also reported that a squirrel took out circuit 3 on Saturday morning. Poles have been set on Harrison Street, and lines are set to be transferred. An power outage is scheduled for Saturday at the Courthouse, as a new primary line will be installed. He also expressed condolences for Ron Jenkins and his family due to his brother's sudden passing.

6. Mayor Short read a thank you note that was received and signed by eight ladies for their appreciation of the resurfaced tennis courts.

7. Mayor Short reported that liquor licenses were renewed on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and she announced how many licenses were renewed from each class.

8. Mayor Short reminded the audience that City wide Clean Up Days are scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and that no electronics will be accepted. Commissioner Kirk announced that he has been working with the Farm Bureau to try and put together a joint electronics recycling event. Commissioner Risley questioned the opportunity for a hazardous waste clean up event, and it was explained that the IPEA handled that, but they no longer are able to schedule those due to apparent budgetary issues.

9. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- A meeting with St. Mary's new CEO is scheduled for Thursday
- The cemetery restroom project is completed, and steps are being taken to prevent tree growth along the creek banks. A birdhouse was accidentally destroyed.
- The water tower demolition was cancelled due to scheduling issues. No date set for rescheduling, but Sullivan Auto Center will be reimbursed for their loss due to the scheduling snafu
- Civic Center roof litigation is ongoing
- Architects for Civic Center alternatives have asked for more time, and a meeting will be scheduled for the future
- The Council needs to decide if they want an ordinance regulating fireworks sales
- Casey's General Store has given notice of intent to construct a new store/station, and issues were discussed
- The backup disaster warning equipment will need to be replaced
- Added comments about compliments on Wyman Park and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- The Roane Street property demolition has been completed, and the Fleener property will be demolished soon
- The sound from the air conditioner from the Frontier building has been fixed

10. SCED Director Laurie Minor reported that Julie Moore Wolfe from DMH wants to meet with her and the Mayor regarding what they can do to enhance Sullivan. She reported good news on a couple of possible development projects, and has again been in talks with hotels.

11. Mayor Short introduced Bill Burger, who requested to address the Council regarding concerns over Tabor Park. Mr. Burger furnished the Council with information

about Ruth Tabor, birds, bees, butterflies, and prairie establishment and landscaping. He expressed his beliefs about how Tabor Park should be maintained, and thanked the Council and City employees for taking the time to listen to his concerns.

The hosting of the tractor pull in Tabor Park was discussed, as was the condition of the walking/running trails. Commissioner Mossman promised that both of those issues are being taken under consideration.

12. The following Ordinance was presented for the first reading:

Ordinance 17-19

An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018

Clerk Johnson read the total appropriations for each department. The ordinance will be available for public inspection at the City building and on the City's website until the public hearing regarding the adoption of the ordinance, which is to be held at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017, at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library. Mayor Short also acknowledged the receipt of the working budget from Treasurer Sarah Golden, and the Council thanked her for her efforts in preparing the documents.

13. A proposed list of no parking zones was given to the Council. The no parking zone signs in town do not match those listed in the current code book, and an ordinance will be passed at the next meeting to correctly list what is believed to be a proper list of no parking zones for the City. Mr. Flannell also explained that he and Chief of Police Waggoner discussed the possibility of placing stop signs at each intersection of the square to slow traffic, but the idea does not seem to fit the physical layout in Sullivan. The idea of lowering the speed limit around the Square and on the roads leading to the Square was discussed and may be proposed in the future.

14. Mayor Short asked if there were comments from the public in attendance. One comment was regarding the property that seems to be an eyesore on West Jefferson Street. Another citizen spoke and explained that his property backs up to Tabor Park. He said he is not in favor of the prairie grass idea, and he likes the way Tabor Park looks when it is mowed and manicured. Commissioner Kirk explained that different people will have different ideas about what they believe is the proper thing for Tabor Park. He likes having the Tractor Pull in Tabor Park, and he wished to thank Ed Righter for his efforts in getting more people into the park. It was generally agreed by all that spoke that a compromise will have to be made regarding the maintenance of Tabor Park.

Another comment from the public was regarding the deterioration and maintenance of headstones in the cemetery. It was asked when Cemetery Board meetings are held. Mayor Short explained that there are not regularly scheduled Cemetery Board meetings, but a notice of the next meeting will be posted when that meeting is scheduled. Clerk Johnson will also ensure that a list of all of the City's boards and commissions will be easily accessible on the City's website.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to adjourn to closed session at 8:13 p.m. to review closed session

minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); and for the setting of a price or lease of property owned by the public (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).). Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

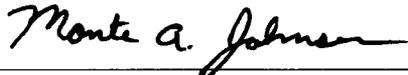
16. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley 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 Grant Wade	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Attest



Monte Johnson, City Clerk

  
Mayor Ann Short