



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

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, April 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 Jerry Risley	- present
Mayor Ann Short	- present

2. The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 27, 2017, were submitted by the City Clerk. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman 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 Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

3. The Treasurer's Report by City Treasurer Sarah Golden for the period of March 2017 was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley that the foregoing report be approved as read and placed on file in the records of the Council. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

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

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

5. Commissioner Mossman reported that new Park Foreman Herb Bricker has been doing well with his job, and the park is getting into the busy season.

6. Commissioner Kirk reported that a storm exposed a couple of rotten poles, and employees worked from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. A street light has been installed at the corner of Chad Ave & Worth Street to help alleviate a dark spot. There is an issue with a pole on the west end of the Roley subdivision. Plans are being made to bore under the road so that an overhead line will no longer be an issue with the pole.

7. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh was present to discuss issues and projects with the Water & Sewer Department. He gave updated information to the possible construction of a new water tower. After talking with the Fire Department, he learned that the fire department usually leaves the station with enough water to fight a residential fire. This means that the flows in a residential area are not as important as a commercial or industrial area. He also explained that he ran a hydraulic model with a 12 inch loop, and that increased the fire flows in the system better than a new tower would.

After talking with Agri-Fab and Hydro-Gear, he learned that Agri-Fab has no fire protection issues that need addressed. Hydro-Gear explained that fire flows are not an issue outside of the building, but they have internal water flow issues that must be addressed. Because there is enough pressure to fight a fire in both residential and commercial areas, the only issue the City must consider is the amount of available water on hand. The existing water tower and the new million gallon tank at the Water Plant provide enough water to handle the City's needs. It appears the biggest issue will be when the tower is down for maintenance and water must be pumped to town. A risk exists if a fire occurs during maintenance or if the pumps at the plant fail when needed. Mr. Beckman stated that the Council must now decide what is in the best interests of Sullivan.

8. Mr. Beckman explained that a hydraulic model was run to study the drainage issue at the Eastview subdivision. A triple barrel box currently exists under the highway at an elevation of 643 feet. The elevation at Eastlawn subdivision is 647 feet. IDOT claims that water has not gone over the highway at the box location, so it appears to be able to handle the current water flow. The issue the City has is getting the water to that point. The City could construct a storm sewer in the subdivision to carry the water away faster. Another option would be to add a fourth box under the highway and lower the 100 year flood elevation by a foot. The fourth box option requires coordination with IDOT, studies of the area below the highway, and ditch elevation work. More thought and discussion will be needed prior to moving forward with a plan.

9. Mr. Beckman explained that a CMOM (Capacity Management, Operation, and Maintenance) application for the EPA has not been submitted by the City and is late. He expects to be able to finish the application within two weeks. He also explained that this will be an actual plan that the City can use and work off of. A motion as made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the Project Authorization for the CMOM application with Milano & Grunloh Engineering. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

10. Mayor Short explained that Lexipol is a risk management company that can help rewrite the Police Department's policies and procedures. Police Chief Jim Waggoner also explained that each day his officers will be required to take a 5 minute text to answer questions regarding the policies. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the Lexipol agreement for the Police Department. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Herb Bricker has filled the vacancy created by a retirement at the Cemetery.
- Fiber bid costs are higher than expected. He will talk to outside experts about the bids before making a recommendation.
- Architects visited the Civic Center to discuss possibilities of a repair or a major redesign of the roof structure or the entire facility. Ron Jenkins passed his pool water certifications.
- Financial documents for the Fields Wright Medical Center have not yet been received. The County has officially stated that they would not be interested in moving any offices into the facility.
- Negotiations continue for a resolution to the Fleener property. Demolition possibilities are being researched.
- A GIS agreement with the County is awaiting final approval from the vendor
- The City Building awning was damaged by recent winds. Bids are being received to repair the damaged fabric, to replace the entire fabric, or to replace the entire structure with something that better holds up to the wind.
- He met with Senator Rose and Representative Halbrook regarding the future of Eagle Creek Resort.
- The City gained final approval of a residential housing rehabilitation grant.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the Woods Basement Systems proposal for the City Building in the amount of \$11,724.30. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

13. SCED Director Laurrie Minor reported the following:

- She is working with a group to start a restaurant during the Theatre season.
- The Masonic Lodge is not closing, but they would reportedly like a one story building. They may be entertaining an offer for the building.
- She has scheduled a tourism push through the Herald & Review, a Bloomington newspaper, and online.
- Six people attended the community planning meeting, and there was a good discussion with good ideas.
- Community survey results are being tallied.
- She attended a developer's conference in Dekalb. Those developers raved about the TIF façade program. Ms. Minor is requesting that the façade program continue in Sullivan on a case by case basis. Mayor Short and Commissioner Kirk suggested that a façade program start again if and when TIF 4 generates income, but that the TIF 1 façade program should be finished.
- A citizen in attendance asked about the status of the Shopko building. Ms. Minor explained that it is currently being leased, so there is no rush for the owner to sell the building.

14. The following ordinance was presented:

#### ORDINANCE 17-9

#### An Ordinance Approving a Letter of Engagement for Engaging an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor

The City's TIF consultants, The Economic Development Group, are the firm that the City would like to engage as an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor. Mr. Flannell explained that the position is of no cost to the City, that the City would not be tied to a certain group, and that there is no downside to the ordinance. 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 Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

15. Mayor Short gave a history of the ADA Coordinator position. She explained that it would be wiser to have the position at the City Building to make it easier on citizens making complaints or for research to be done there. Commissioner Risley said that the issue of an employee losing pay for losing the position was brought to him. A current employee relies on that pay as part of his income. Mayor Short explained that they were getting paid for performing those duties, but they will no longer have that responsibility. Mr. Flannell said he wasn't intending to change the position to take away money from anybody, but simply to make sense of how it is handled. After discussion the Council agreed that the ADA Coordinator should no longer be a paid position. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to name Monte Johnson the ADA Coordinator for the City of Sullivan. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. Ed Righter was present to discuss the Sullivan Tractor/Pedal Pull. The event will take place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Tabor Park. Last year there were about 35 kids participating in the pedal pull, and about 50 pullers for the tractor pull. The fee for the sled for the pedal pull is \$290. There are five classes of awards, and three trophies awarded for each class. The trophies will cost \$150. The sled rental for the garden tractor pull is \$350. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve a \$790 donation to the Sullivan Tractor/Pedal Pull event to cover the sled and trophy costs. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

17. A motion was made by Mayor Short and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to appoint the following people to the following boards with the following terms:

Don Young	Cemetery Board	Term Expiring 4/30/19
Connie Dunscomb	Cemetery Board	Term Expiring 4/30/19
Bob Hagen	Planning Commission	Term Expiring 4/30/21
Lynn Reed	Planning Commission	Term Expiring 4/30/21
Howard Sanders	Planning Commission	Term Expiring 4/30/21
Jan Haegen	City Planner	Term Expiring 4/30/19
Jan Haegen	Zoning Administrator	Term Expiring 4/30/19

Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

18. The Council debated the Clerk's request for the City to budget education expenses for obtaining a Master of Public Administration degree. Mayor Short applauded Clerk Johnson for wanting to do this, but stated that the City is not requiring this be done. Commissioner Kirk asked where the money would come from to pay for this, and stated that this would have to be done for more than one employee. For example, Treasurer Golden might want to earn her CPA

or take accounting classes, or employees at the Water Department might want to further their education.

Commissioner Risley stated that he supports this, but wants to require that classes are related to the job, that a certain GPA be obtained, and that he agrees to stay employed with the City. Commissioner Risley suggests that this is a way to attract and keep good employees, and that Clerk Johnson could replace Dan Flannell when the time is appropriate. Commissioner Mossman also said that he does not want to discourage his educational opportunity. Commissioner Risley stated that he would do more research into this and report back to the Council with his findings.

19. Treasurer Sarah Golden explained that the employee health insurance renewal would have a 19.5% increase to stay with the same plan, which equals a \$140,000 increase. There have been two meetings with the brokers, and they went to market to get other options besides Health Alliance. Those other options from other companies were not competitive. Changes to the current plan could bring the increase down to 13%. She suggests looking at other things to do to save money, such as changes to the HRA, forcing employees to pay for dental and vision, having retirees pay a portion of their insurance, or dropping spouses if they have access to other insurance. Mr. Flannell suggested a committee of the Council meet with Ms. Golden to discuss the options, and Commissioner Mossman and Mayor Short agreed to be on that committee.

20. Treasurer Golden stated that she needs the Council to think about non-union employee wages for budgeting purposes. The Council will not discuss wage increases until the health insurance issue is settled.

21. Treasurer Golden gave the Council an update on TIF budgeting. Currently there is about \$200,000 each year to spend if nothing changes in the TIF projections. She met with department heads and has a list of 5 year projections with possible projects that could use TIF funds. She suggested another committee meet to figure out which projects should be earmarked for TIF funds.

22. Mayor Shor asked if anybody in attendance had any comments, and one attendee asked if the Eastview drainage issue was still a possibility to get fixed. Mayor Short stated that this was still possible and it was being looked at further.

23. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to adjourn to closed session at 8:55 p.m. to review closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); for collective negotiation matters (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).); and for the selection of a person to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).). Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

24. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

25. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION 17-B

To Fill by Appointment a Vacancy to the Office of Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Due to the Resignation of Bill Hagen

Mayor Short announced that Grant Wade has been selected by the Council to serve as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety until the next election. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the reading and accept the resolution as submitted. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

26. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk 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 Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

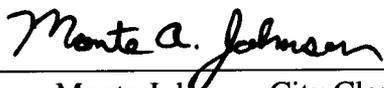
and the motion was declared carried.

27. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley 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 Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Attest

  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

  
Mayor Ann Short