



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ann Short. A roll call was taken.

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

2. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. One citizen asked if there has been a feasibility study done on the 20 acres of land purchased by the City. There has been no public talk from the Council about what is happening or what the plans are for that land. Mayor Short explained that there are no fixed plans, and that if somebody wanted to come in and develop that land, the City would consider that.

City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that it has taken him too long to get information out about that land. He is working on signage to market the land. There are many possibilities, and the future of that land could depend on what happens with the farmland and development of the land to the east. Commissioner Kirk explained that all utilities are present at that location, but the City doesn't want to put a street through the land in case a developer wants to do something different.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held July 9, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approve amended 2019 Council Meeting Schedule

It was requested that the claims report be removed and voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the TIF IV claims. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the remainder of the items on the claim report and the remainder of the consent agenda. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

5. Mayor Short announced that the Annual Treasurer's Report for FY 2018 has been submitted by Treasurer Sarah Golden, and that it should be published in the newspaper this week.

6. Commissioner Mossman explained that the Council got a list of changes to the appropriation ordinance. He also stated that a budgetary update was received showing what has been spent the first two months of the fiscal year.

7. Commissioner Kirk reported that bids have been received for the sale of the 1985 bucket truck. Clerk Johnson announced that four bids were received and they were as follows:

Graven PH&E	\$4,000
Atchison Electric	\$2,526
Bowman Hydraulics	\$2,000
Dick Emel	\$1,500

Commissioner Kirk suggested that the City earmark the money to go towards the purchase of a new truck for other departments to use. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to accept the high bid of \$4,000 by Graven PH&E for sale of the 1985 bucket truck. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

8. Commissioner Kirk explained that quotes have been received for materials for the electric distribution system and for the work extending Patterson Road. Three quotes were received and were read by the Clerk as follows:

Brownstown Electric	\$82,513.28
Anixter	\$75,812.40
Fletcher Reinhardt	\$83,915.77

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade to waive the formal bidding process and accept the low quote of \$75,812.40 by

Anixter for electric distribution system materials. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

9. Commissioner Wade reported that a large pile of dirt can be seen as the sewer main extension project progresses down Patterson Road.

10. Mayor Short reported that a luncheon will be held on Wednesday at the VFW. A workforce development person will be there, and the Council is invited to attend.

11. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The sewer project for Burdick Estates is progressing. Weather permitting, the work should be completed well before the contractual deadline of October 9th
- The Chamber office has been relocated to 101 E Jefferson, which opens up their former location that is owned by the City
- After many months of zero electrical outages, several problems have occurred from July 9-14th. The outages were not related and were out of the control of the City.
- Performed an inspection with Herb Bricker of the erosion issue in relation to the trees in Tabor Park/Asa Creek. Will continue to monitor the issue though little can be done without tremendous expense and damage to the natural course of the creek
- Foot bridges at Tabor Park will be repainted, and wood planking will be replaced next year
- Bids are being sought for replacement of three steel doors at Tabor Park restrooms
- New scoreboard is being installed today at North Diamond. Irrigation on that diamond is now complete and operational. Work on the Middle and South Diamonds is expected to begin following the Middle School baseball season.
- Interior work on the new Mexican restaurant has resumed. They could open within the next two weeks
- Demolition work continues on the Metro office on the Square
- No word on when City Building roof project will commence
- Moultrie County Redi-Mix has agreed to donate \$1100 worth of concrete towards the installation of the concrete pad for the pavilion on the Square

12. Ordinance 18-16 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019, was presented for passage. Mayor Short explained that a hearing was held prior to this meeting for comments on the ordinance. Mayor Short read the totals for the appropriations. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the reading and pass the ordinance as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

13. City Clerk Monte Johnson began discussion of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. He asked the Council how he should proceed with getting a recommendation made to the Council. Would the Council want to form a committee to review the recommendation? Would the Council want a representative from each of the finalists to come and give their demonstration? Is the Council fine with the recommendations that have been submitted thus far? Clerk Johnson suggested he put together a survey for the Council asking which things they think would be most important to the City and their citizens. The Council agreed that this would be the best step to take at this point, and the Clerk will continue visits to other municipalities to gather research about the different types of systems.

14. Commissioner Kirk stated that he heard that a group of citizens got together that want to make Sullivan better. He heard that Mr. Kenney made a comment that Commissioner Kirk wants to privatize our Electric Department. Commissioner Kirk thinks it is ridiculous that somebody would think that because the reason the City of Sullivan ran so well is because of the utilities. It would be ridiculous to sell something that has been profitable for so many years. Mr. Kenney stated that he wasn't talking about selling our system off, but that a system of government can't be run without employees, and that we are hiring work out to third parties. Mayor Short stated that it is unfortunate that people tend to get together and talk about things that they may not understand. When a citizen asked who called and organized the meeting, Mayor Short said the Council didn't know anything about it, that they weren't invited, and nobody asked for their input.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 p.m. for the setting of a price for sale of property owned by the public body (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	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short

