



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- present

2. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. One citizen asked who was responsible for the ditch on Route 121 near the Eastview subdivision. There is a tree and weeds blocking the view coming onto the highway. It was explained that it is a State highway and they would need to handle the issue. Clerk Johnson will pass the request on to the State. Another attendee explained that there may have been some miscommunication regarding the tree issues in Tabor Park, and that the concern was for the trees with roots exposed in the creek. Commissioner Mossman stated that he has discussed the issue and tried to clear up the communication, and that the City is looking into the issue.

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

- Approval of minutes of the public hearing and previous regular meeting held July 23, 2018
- Approval of claims report

It was requested that the minutes and the claims report be voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the minutes of the public hearing and previous regular meeting held July 23, 2018. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve Pay Estimate 1 for the Burdick Estates Sanitary Sewer Project for \$37,578.60 to Tebbe Excavating. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the claims for TIF IV. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

6. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the remainder of the claims. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

7. Commissioner Mossman read figures from a membership report explaining the number of different memberships sold at the Civic Center. It appears that approximately 251 memberships have been sold recently. He stated that the support and usage of the Civic Center is outstanding, and the City should move forward with its commitment to the facility.

8. Commissioner Kirk reported that a storm came through town on Friday evening, and knocked down a light pole carrying a main load with a transformer and street light. The call for the outage came in at 4:30 p.m., and the electric crew worked until 12:45 a.m. the next morning. He thanked the entire crew of four that worked on restoring the services.

A temporary service is being installed for the new construction at Burdick Estates. A temporary pole is being installed near the former Hargis residence to take overhead power to the temporary service. All of that service will eventually be underground.

Commissioner Kirk reported that Light Plant employee Ed Righter has retired, and his last day of work was Friday the 10th. He will be missed, and hopefully the Council will get a chance to acknowledge his years of service. Applications are being accepted for the vacant position.

9. Commissioner Wade explained the change order for the sewer project. Instead of tearing up the road to install sewer connections, a company can bore under the road and lessen the inconvenience on Patterson Road. This work will actually save the City \$1,293.60. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve Change Order 1 for the Burdick Estates Sanitary Sewer project for a decrease of \$1,293.60. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

10. Commissioner Wade explained that the City increased water and sewer rates by 4% this year. The rate that the City charges Moultrie Rural Water District also was increased by 4%. It has been reported that an angry Rural Water District customer has complained that their bill was increased by over 50%, and they were blaming the City's increase for their fees. It appears that the Rural Water customer bills have been increased by an amount higher than those given to Rural Water by the City, yet the City is getting blamed for the whole increase.

11. Mayor Short read a Mayoral Proclamation that proclaims September 10 through September 14, 2018, as Chamber of Commerce Week in the City of Sullivan and calls its significance to the citizens of the City of Sullivan.

12. Mayor Short reported that Clerk Johnson recently attended an IMEA cyber security seminar, and an active shooter training will be held in September.

13. Mayor Short introduced SCED Director Laurrie Minor, who explained the Sullivan Spark project. Ms. Minor explained that Sullivan Spark is the name chosen for the Mapping committee. The committee is doing a fundraiser to help pay for the fees for the community planning process. Community members are being recruited to participate in the strategic visioning and planning process. It is hopeful that the citizen volunteers will create a long-range vision for the future of Sullivan as well as an action plan for achieving goals.

14. Mayor Short reported that a notice was received by the City that Mediacom will be raising rates beginning September 1st.

15. Ordinance 18-17 – Amending Chapter 24 – Motor Vehicle Code, Article VI – Parking Rules, Section 26-6-4 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, Schedule “F” – Limited or Special Parking Zones of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, was presented for passage. Mayor Short explained that a request was received from Ted Walk, the school superintendent, to change the parking on Main Street in front of the schools. There are safety issues with parking, busses, and pedestrians. It has been requested to change the west side of the

street to parking only for guests (no students or staff) during school hours. The east side of the street would be no parking during school hours. Officers from the Police Department were happy with the proposed changes, and no Council member objected to the request. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the reading and pass the ordinance as submitted. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann L. Short
Mayor Ann Short