



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY AUGUST 27, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 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 the Council would consider having a public comment period at the end of the meeting. When questions come up at a meeting, and the public comment period is at the beginning, there is no opportunity to ask them. Mayor Short said the Council members could consider that if they choose to do so.

Another citizen asked if anything has been decided about the structure on the corner of the Square. City Administrator Dan Flannell replied that the design was approved and the project is moving forward. The builder and concrete contractor are supposed to be discussing the timing of the pouring of the pad. Hopefully that will begin soon and could start any day.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held August 13, 2018
- Approval of minutes of the special meeting held August 20, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report for July 2018

It was requested that the TIF IV claims and the regular meeting minutes be pulled and voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman 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 Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 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	- abstain
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the remainder of the items on 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.

6. Commissioner Mossman reported that there has been some recent vandalism at the park. There has been graffiti in the restrooms by the baseball diamond and at the pavilion by the kiddie corral. He also reported that some people stopped by to give positive input about the meeting on Economic Development this past Monday night. Commissioner Mossman was pleased with the discussions and ideas that were had.

7. Mayor Short announced that after the special meeting last Monday night, she met with the SCED Board and they are devising a committee of three people from the City government, three people from the SCED, and a citizen at large to come up with goals and guidelines for the SCED and how those could be met. Mayor Short and Mr. Flannell will serve for the City on the committee. Mayor Short asked Commissioner Kirk if he would consider being on the committee as well, as he had good ideas. Commissioner Kirk agreed to serve. Laurie Minor, Ted Walk, and Linda Huber will represent the SCED, and Zak Horn will serve as the citizen at large. Once meetings are held and goals are discussed, funding will also be a consideration to look at.

8. Mayor Short announced that SCED Laurie Minor has received her certification as a Professional Community and Economic Developer.

9. Marketing plans for the City's property south of town were shared by Ms. Minor. A quote for a sign, along with an option of what the sign could look like, were also included.

10. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The sewer project for Burdick Estates is progressing
- The appraisal of the former Chamber building has been completed. The Council will discuss how to move forward

- Eight applicants have been interviewed for the Light Plant position. Mr. Flannell plans to narrow that down to 2-4 finalists to be interviewed by Mr. Flannell and Commissioner Kirk
- All foot bridges in Tabor Park have been painted. Mowing and trimming has been hard to keep up with at the park and cemetery due to the summer help returning to school
- Scoreboards for baseball and softball diamonds have been installed. Irrigation project on the middle diamond will begin soon. New mulch has been added to the kiddie corral
- Work on the pavilion for the Square should begin soon
- The roof of the City Building has been installed, along with new guttering. The awning should be reinstalled tomorrow, and an inspection of the crawl space will also be done. Holland Masonry will undertake some brick repair work at the Lincoln Monument
- The Capital Development Board contacted Mr. Flannell about the possibility of extending the sewer to the IDOT Highway Shed on South Route 32.
- An intergovernmental agreement with the school district has been drawn up for a resource officer. The school district may pay \$30,000 for an officer during school hours, and the City could move an officer from the telecommunicator position to do that duty, and hire a new telecommunicator

11. Rick Montague and Kent Spencer were present to represent the Sullivan Street Machine Association. Mr. Montague explained that the cruise night is held on the Square, and they have grown to over 100 cars. They hire a band, have inflatables, and a free derby with electric power wheels for kids. They also hire Boy Scouts to give away popcorn. The event costs more than they make, and the City has traditionally donated money to the event. Mayor Short explained that it was a good event, it brings people to downtown, and the restaurants love the business. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to donate \$500 to the Sullivan Street Machine Association for their annual car show. 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.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the Travel Expense Reimbursement for Mayor Short for \$152.60 for the IMEA/IPEA Meetings held August 22 and 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	- yea

Mayor Ann Short

- abstain

and the motion was declared carried.

13. Police Officer Andy Pistorious handed out information about his request for a gun range for the Police Department in the City. He stated that it would be built with minimum costs, as the Street Department has the dirt and equipment to build it. He said the officers are required to train by the State, and that they must qualify twice a year. He explained that they have received good cooperation from the current gun range, but there are issues with that situation that can be resolved by having their own range. He would like to put the range by the lime pits. They can legally put the range there, and there are no EPA restrictions. The Sheriff has offered to help buy supplies to install a roofed structure. Commissioner Risley requested that something portable be built so that it could be moved if needed. Officer Pistorious explained that there are natural barriers to help with the noise for the neighbors, and a fence surrounds the property. There is also a gate that can be locked. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to move forward with the construction of the gun range as proposed for the Sullivan Police Department. 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.

14. Treasurer Golden began discussion about the Build America Bond options of refinancing or a payoff. She stated that refinancing alone could save about \$50,000. When she started looking at cash balances and appropriations, it made sense to consider a total payoff as opposed to refinancing. By paying off the bonds, the City could save anywhere between \$350,000 and \$500,000. The Gas and Electric funds have enough of a cash balance that they could contribute to the payoff.

Commissioner Kirk suggested that the Electric and Gas funds be paid back, just as a payment would have been made to pay for the bonds. He would not want to saddle the next Commissioner by not having a big enough cash balance if something were to happen in the future. The Council could also decide in the future to not make those payments if a TIF project came up that needed those funds. Treasurer Golden cautioned the Council that each year there will only be about \$180,000 in TIF funds for projects going forward. A total payment of about \$4.5 million will be made to pay off the bonds, and a resolution will be prepared for the next meeting to show the terms of the transaction. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to move forward with the payoff of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds. 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.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to adjourn to closed session at 7:49 p.m. for the setting of a price for sale of property owned by the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).); and to discuss the minutes of meetings lawfully closed (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).). 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.

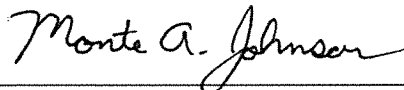
16. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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 8:01 p.m.

Attest



Monte Johnson, City Clerk



Mayor Ann Short

