



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 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, and it was brought to the Council's attention that some of the lights are out at the park for Christmas decorations. It was noted that a recent outage occurred in that area, and that the issue will be looked into first thing in the morning.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held November 26, 2018
- Approval of claims report

It was requested that the claims list be pulled and voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the claims for TIF I. 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.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the remaining items on the claims list and the rest 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

6. Commissioner Mossman reported that the Christmas lights are up along with the new displays. He noted that the crews had colder temperatures to work in this year and thanked them for their hard work.

7. Commissioner Kirk explained that a new bucket truck needs to be purchased to replace a 2002 Ford with approximately 40,000 miles. The unit is close to not being able to pass tests to give it the ability to work near power lines. A State bid (joint purchasing agreement) has been found for an Altec bucket truck on a Dodge 5500 chassis. It could be a year or longer before the truck is received due to the lead time to build such a truck. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to waive the bidding requirement and authorize the purchase of a 2018 Altec/Dodge bucket truck for \$119,119.00 through a joint purchasing agreement. 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

8. Commissioner Kirk explained that he would like to see how much money the old bucket truck could bring if the City were to try to sell it. If a suitable offer is not received for the truck, it was suggested that the truck could be kept within the City for use by other departments. The possible sale of the asset will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Commissioner Kirk reported that there was a recent outage north of Wyman Lake that lasted only an hour or an hour and a half.

10. Commissioner Wade reported that there was a water main break in the late evening of November 29th. The break occurred at the City's connection to Rural Water. The leak was very deep and Crouse Concepts and Lawson's were present to help pump water. Several hours were spent repairing the 14 foot section of 8 inch pipe. There was a boil order for about 24 hours for the Rural Water customers. He thanked our employees for their hard work and for being responsive to the emergency.

11. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh was present to give an update on two projects. He explained that a plan for the sidewalk project on Jefferson Street will be introduced in January, and bids will hopefully be released in February. He also plans to give an update on the possible Water Plant project in February. It is taking extra time to come up with the plan because they want to make sure the City has the most up to date and proper procedures or equipment in place to handle the water. There are different types of media that could be used depending on the water chemistry, and it may even be possible to do away with an aerator.

12. Mayor Short gave a recap of the task force for the City's relationship with the SCED. The most recent meeting was held last Thursday, and they aligned many of Laurie Minor's actions to City projects through the four initiatives from the Spark group.

She reported that the County has promised a \$50,000 tourism grant to the SCED for 2019. It was suggested by the task force that the City could commit \$70,000 annually with a two year commitment with annual updates from Ms. Minor with the Spark initiatives. It was pointed out that the money would need to come from the general fund instead of the TIF funds. The general fund has limited resources, and the main revenue source of the general fund is from contributions from the utilities. That is a discussion the Council will need to have when preparing a contribution amount in next year's budget.

13. Mayor Short explained that the City received a refund from Cincinnati Insurance due to an outstanding record of Workers Compensation. It was pointed out by Gordie Wood that many entities share back a portion of the refund with the employees as an incentive to keep the safe record intact. The refund was \$34,800, and if the City were to share half of the refund back with employees, each full time employee would receive a share of \$304. The issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

14. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The testing for the new sewer line on Patterson Road has been rescheduled for later this week
- The Electric Plant mechanic position has been filled with a current resident of Sullivan, Mr. Jonathan Edwards
- The water distribution crew fixed a major leak on November 29th what occurred between the plant pump house and the connection with Rural Water
- Dollar General appears to be moving forward with plans for the former Jackson Chevrolet block. Inspections are being done and a demolition contractor has been contacted. No official start date has been announced, but we expect an early spring start date
- This Wednesday morning Mr. Flannell and Mayor Short will be interviewed on WTIM radio, and he assumes he will appear on a regularly scheduled program to provide listeners with updates on City government
- On January 3rd the Police Department and some City Departments will assist Sullivan schools with an evacuation drill, with the goal to fine tune the use of the Civic Center and establish bus pick up points

15. Ordinance 18-19 – An Ordinance for Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2019, for the City of Sullivan, was presented for passage. The net total amount of the tax levy for the fiscal year is to be \$735,321. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to pass Ordinance 18-19 – An Ordinance for Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018, and Ending April 30, 2018, for the City of Sullivan. 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.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to pass Ordinance 18-20 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 20189 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010 of the City of Sullivan. 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.

17. Treasurer Golden explained that a memo was given to the Council with numbers and calculations with 40% contributions for the insurance renewal for retirees ages 65 and older. Rick Rhodes and Linda Huber were present to talk about the renewal and options for the City. It was recommended that the City keep Plan F for the Medicare Retirees but switch to AmWINS as the provider. They explained that the plan and coverage would have no change at all, and the retirees could still see the same doctors, because Medicare still controls all claims and determines the coverage. There would be new insurance cards issued but it would be for the exact same coverage that the retirees currently have.

It was also noted that next year, for 2020, Plan F is to go away, but it is hopeful that the City of Sullivan could be grandfathered in. There is no guarantee that it would happen or what the costs could be. There could be a Plan G that the retirees might have to move towards. After discussion, it was agreed upon that AmWINS is a reputable company and that the City should go with this company to keep the coverage the same but to save money for the City. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to switch to AmWINS for Plan F and to keep Health Alliance for drug coverage for the retirees ages 65 and older. 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	- abstain

and the motion was declared carried.

18. Mayor Short began discussion regarding spousal contributions for health insurance benefits for retired employees ages 65 and older. It was explained that all current employees and retirees under the age of 65 are currently paying 40% of their spousal contribution. Retirees ages 65 and older are currently paying 15% for their spouses. It was discussed at the meeting last year that the goal was to get all employees and retirees at the same level. Treasurer Golden explained that the contribution could be taken out of the IMRF checks each month. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to have the spousal contribution for retirees ages 65 and older to be set at 40%. 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	- abstain

and the motion was declared carried.

19. Mr. Flannell explained that the property at 112 West Harrison Street, the former Chamber of Commerce building, is up for sale. The City did not get any bids for the property at the initial opening, when the City was seeking \$45,000. Since that time there has only been one bid received for \$36,000. This amount exceeds the legal minimum required for the City to sell the property. The prospective buyers have signed the contract and put down \$1,000 in earnest money, and now the bank just awaits Council action to move forward with a closing date of January 10th. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the sale of 112 W Harrison Street for \$36,000. 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.

20. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to give a \$100 Christmas bonus for all full time City employees. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

21. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the travel expense reimbursement for Mayor Short for \$76.30 for an IPEA meeting in Springfield. 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.

22. Mayor Short explained that Rob Young was on the agenda to discuss his certified letter concerning his ditch. She explained that she was sorry he paid \$6.70 for a certified letter because she would have been happy to put him on the agenda for free. Mr. Young said he understood but wanted to make sure she got the letter. He stated that he has been fighting his ditch issue for 4-5 years and that it has taken a while to get it done. Mayor Short said that a receipt was submitted from Kory Wiley for \$158.50 for tile, \$344 for rock, and \$240 for labor.

Mr. Young stated that he was going to have to fix the ditch anyways to put up a two car garage, and that it hasn't been draining properly. Six years ago Monty LeCrone dug the ditch deeper and it wouldn't drain, and everything drained towards the neighbor's yard. Now that the pitch is corrected, it is flowing good and draining properly. He said he has been to two different Commissioners and to Dan Flannell and was told that if he paid for the tile, that the City would supply the labor and the Street Department would do the job. When he brought this back up he was told the City wouldn't do it. Since he is a taxpayer and it only took a few hours to do the job, he would like the cost of the labor back. He explained that this is on City property and that the City should have taken care of the job.

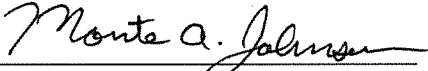
Mr. Flannell explained that he has talked about this issue with Mr. Young. It was explained that if the City were to do this, then there would be 800 of these lined up to do, which the City can't handle. It was also explained that the issue was handed over to Mr. Flannell to handle because he is the City Administrator and deals with the day to day activities. Mr. Flannell stated that he was clear with Mr. Young that the City's viewpoint was that they City would not pay for the work as it was for aesthetic reasons. Mr. Flannell also stated that when there was a sinkhole issue near Mr. Young's property the City addressed it promptly. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Short explained that it was time to move on.

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

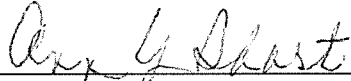
Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Attest



Monte Johnson, City Clerk



Mayor Ann Short

