



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. As Mayor Short was absent, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mike Mossman, serving as Mayor Pro Tem. A roll call was taken.

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

2. Commissioner Mossman read the items on the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held December 11, 2017
- Approval of claims report
- Pass Ordinance 17-35 – Amending Chapter 9 Cemetery Section 9-3-5 Fees, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois
- Appointment of Karen Cody as City Planner and Zoning Administrator

A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

3. Commissioner Kirk reported that the two younger Electric Department employees will soon begin or continue their training. Another traffic accident caused the electric pole to be hit on the corner of Mattox and Hamilton Streets.

4. Commissioner Risley reported that it has been recommended by his department to add Worth Street to the emergency snow route. This would give emergency crews another route to the nursing home and preschool on Hawthorne Lane. Officer Andy Pistorious agreed that this would be a good idea. An ordinance will be prepared for passage at the next meeting.

5. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- A planning meeting has been scheduled for the Fields Wright Medical Center by St. Mary's for early February.
- He is looking into attorneys to form a 501 C (3) for the regional economic development efforts to allow fundraising efforts to begin

- The sludge removal project went off last week without a hitch
- The valuation of our Water, Sewer, and Electric plants are being researched to give the City proper insurance coverage
- A new dark fiber contract is being finalized with Shawnee Communications (formerly One-Eleven)
- The closing of the former water tower property was completed
- The Civic Center meeting set for January 10th will not take place, and potential future dates will be considered

6. Mr. Flannell explained in greater detail the contract change with Shawnee Communications. The company rents two of the City's fiber strands that run from the Masonic Home. The City had a long term contract with them which called for a small amount of money to be paid. The new contract will now give Shawnee the use of those fiber strands in exchange for a 100 megabit upload/download internet service to the departments of the City of Sullivan.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the travel expense reimbursement for Mayor Short for \$149.80 for the IPEA and IMEA meetings in Springfield. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

8. Mr. Flannell explained that proposals and quotes have been received for the Civic Center lighting upgrade project. All proposals received were to change out the metal halide lamps in the pool area and to convert them to energy efficient LED. An initial proposal from Anderson Electric was received for \$24,900. Atchison Electric submitted a different solution that did not include the two towers for \$28,958.60. A second proposal was received by Atchison Electric using Anderson's solution for \$17,876.52. A final Anderson Electric proposal was received for \$16,960. It was also noted that the City would receive an IMEA grant award of \$15,690 to help pay for the conversion. The Council decided to wait for the next meeting to approve a proposal due to two members of the Council being absent.

9. It was explained that McDonald's (JPD Enterprises) is planning an upgrade of their existing facilities. McDonald's is requesting a change in their TIF reimbursements to help cover some of the costs. It is unclear if or how much the new renovations would increase the property taxes, and determining a fair amount of reimbursement could be difficult. The City will request assistance from the County Assessment office to see what type of property tax increase might be expected. The Council will discuss the issue further at the next meeting when the entire Council is expected to be in attendance.

10. City Clerk Monte Johnson gave a brief explanation of how the City is using technology for gathering the City's asset inventory. Employees from other departments are helping gather data, and it was pointed out that the City is becoming more efficient with their technology and employee sharing.

11. Commissioner Mossman explained that a resolution for the release of executive session minutes will be passed, but not until the Council reconvenes from closed session.

12. Commissioner Mossman asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. Questions from the public included the following: details about the proposed ITEP grant for the footpath near Cottontail Lane; what tonight's closed session is being used for; if there is any chance that the City can work on making the crossings around the Square safer; and a warning about a dog in the Eastview subdivision during snow plowing season.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 7:41 p.m. to review closed minutes (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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- absent

and the motion was declared carried.

14. Commissioner Mossman reconvened the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to pass Resolution 17-Q, A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley 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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea

Mayor Ann Short

- absent

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short