



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019, 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 there were none.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held January 14, 2019
- Approval of claims report

A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve 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.

4. Commissioner Mossman reported that 2368 people signed in to use the Civic Center in December.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that lighting for the flag and in front of the library has been completed by the Electric Department. Big D Electrical will be in town to fix rotten poles on Washington Street. Brock Cook will earn his Journeyman Lineman designation in the next three weeks.

6. Commissioner Wade reported that there was a water main leak on Van Buren Street last Tuesday. The leak occurred in a 10" pipe and only affected 7 or 8 residences, of which three were unoccupied.

7. Mayor Short reported that a letter was received from the Coles County Regional Planning & Development Commission (CCRPDC) regarding household hazardous waste programs. The CCRPDC is trying to get counties and municipalities together to get support for a State funded hazardous waste program for citizens in the

area. City Administrator Dan Flannell and Mayor Short will work together to draft a letter and contact elected State officials to show the support from the City.

8. Kim Drury was present to discuss the Sullivan Blue Dolphin Swim Team and why they are requesting \$3400 in funding from the City. She explained that there are currently 75 members on the swim team and many of them come from out of town. She listed the economic benefit the swim team gives to the community and what types of fundraising and community service the swim team does to give back. Years ago the City gave the swim team \$5,000 annually to help pay for expenses, but that number had been cut back to \$3400.

Mayor Short agreed that the swim team is a big asset to the community. Commissioner Mossman stated that he and his wife do water walking while the swim team is in the pool, and that the team members are good mannered and well coached. He sees no reason that they should not receive the funding as they are a boost for the community. Commissioner Risley commended Ms. Drury for giving the Council a wish list, and noted that maybe other members of the community could help with donations to help fill out that wish list.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to donate \$4,000 to the Sullivan Blue Dolphins Swim Team for the current fiscal year. 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.

9. Jo Beth Risley was present representing the Park & Rec Committee from the Sullivan Spark group. She gave a presentation on a possible splash pad park that could be constructed in Sullivan. She explained that a group of committee members traveled to Paris to visit their splash park and get ideas for what could happen in Sullivan. They started raising money in November, built the splash park in the spring, and opened on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The splash park in Paris has very little maintenance and is a great boost to their community.

Pictures of the splash park in Paris were shown along with the benefits of having the attraction. If a splash park were to be built in Sullivan, it would be proposed that it is free to everybody. It should also be a benefit to the Park Recreation program. It would be handicapped/ADA accessible, with all abilities welcome. There should be minimal maintenance and operating costs, and capital costs could be supported through donations and gifts rather than City funding.

The splash park in Paris cost \$200,000. There is no cost estimate yet for one in Sullivan as the committee is hoping to get support for the project before moving forward with design and location ideas. Commissioner Mossman stated that this is a great idea, and has talked about this opportunity with other park superintendents in the past. At the

time the cost would have been too much for the City to handle. It would be a great asset for the park and the community. He discussed the idea with the current park superintendent and he is on board with the project and believes that maintenance of the park would not be a big issue. The Council was all on board with the committee moving forward with planning the project, and requested that the committee report back when more details had been gathered.

10. Mayor Short stated that it was discussed last meeting that sidewalk improvements needed to be made on Jefferson Street. With another ITEP program giving awards, it may be possible to put that Jefferson Street project into the ITEP program. This could be done along with Madison, Jefferson, Harrison, and Jackson Streets. If approved, the project could be funded with 80% state funds and 20% from the City.

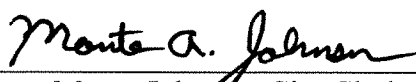
It was discussed that the project could be incorporated into the area near Hardees along with the new Dollar General and Casey's stores. Commissioner Kirk explained that those blocks did not get finished with the last project because not enough funds were available at the time. With two new businesses being built, the continuity of the streetscaping could tie the downtown together and give the City ADA compliance. Mr. Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers will be present at the next meeting to discuss the grant application process in detail, and the Council can vote to move forward at that time.

11. 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	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Attest

  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

  
Mayor Ann Short

