



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

1.

The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 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 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 read the items on the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held December 26, 2017
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for December 2017
- Approval of claims report
- Pass Ordinance 18-1 – Amending Chapter 24 Motor Vehicle Code Section 24-11-1 Routes Established and 24-11-5 Public Announcement, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois

Mayor Short asked that the approval of the minutes be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately due to the previous absences of Mayor Short and Commissioner Wade. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held December 26, 2017. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that the remainder of 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	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

3. Commissioner Mossman reported that with Christmas season over, departments have been busy taking down lights. He thanked the City employees and departments that helped make a successful season of holiday lights.

4. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained the process of receiving quotes 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.

A discussion was had regarding the fact that Atchison Electric is a local company, and that the Council could chose to accept their higher quote to give the project to the taxpaying business in Sullivan. Commissioners Mossman, Kirk, and Wade all stated that for the price difference, they would like to give the project to the local business. There were no objections from the remainder of the Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to award the Civic Center lighting upgrade project to Atchison Electric for the amount of \$17,876.52. 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.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that the Christmas decorations are off of the poles, and the only decorations left to take down are the ones frozen to the ground. He also reported that the average cost of electricity in Illinois for October 2017 was 12.88 cents per kWh. The cost to Sullivan's residents for that period was 11.958 cents per kWh. A transformer on East Park Street went out and was replaced, and almost immediately after an underground wire blew. Upgrading the electrical at that area was on a project list for next year, but the work will now be done this year.

6. Commissioner Wade introduced Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers to give updates on the City's water and sewer projects. It was explained that the sewer sludge application project went great. It was budgeted at \$200,000, but the winning bid came in at \$89,000. The work was completed in three days.

The pump replacement at the Sewer plant has been in operation for about a month, and it is assumed that things are running smoothly since Mr. Beckman has not heard anything since. It has been determined that the SBR on top of the hill and the pump station at the bottom of the hill are not set up to communicate with each other. A cost estimate will be received to find out what it would take to get those to communicate.

A full replacement cost of the Water and Sewer Plants is being researched by Mr. Beckman so that the City can make sure it is covered by insurance in the event of a catastrophe. There should not be a big cost increase for insurance.

Two major water main breaks have occurred in the last ten days due to the cold weather. One leak occurred on Jackson Street near Subway, and that leak was fixed without the need for a boil order. Another break happened in the alley behind the City building. McDonalds, the old jail property, and the properties on the block with the City building were issued boil orders for the evening, and a huge thanks was given to all departments and Rural Water for their cooperation.

7. Commissioner Risley reported that Street Foreman Doug Daily is finalizing the list of roads that will be tilled and/or resurfaced next year. Once completed, the City will be able to set up the bidding process for MFT funds through IDOT.

8. Mayor Short announced that the next CIMOA meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> in Villa Grove. The SCED Annual Luncheon for the SCED will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church.

9. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Will attend a meeting at St. Mary's regarding plans for Fields Wright Medical Center
- Made arrangements with local attorney regarding the regional economic development group for forming a 501 C (3)
- The fiber contract with Shawnee Communications has been executed, and the City departments now have high speed internet service
- The City's fiber audit was billed at only \$5200 after an original estimate was given at \$12,000

10. Commissioner Kirk reported that the Electric Department has been running fiber to the reclosers. With this project, along with self-reading meters, possible IP telephone systems, and the City's dependency on fiber and internet connections, it would be prudent to research costs and make plans for connecting all City departments with a fiber connection.

11. JPD Enterprises (McDonald's) has contacted the City to see if anything could be done with TIF funds to help their upcoming proposed renovations. They currently have a TIF 1 agreement in place with a 50% developer share, but there is a limited amount of time they have to get reimbursed. They are planning on spending \$724,000 on renovations, but it is not known how much, if any, of that will raise the property taxes for TIF reimbursement. The Council agreed that they would like to help with all they have done for the community, providing employment, and what they have invested. Mr. Flannell will contact the TIF consultants to see if an amendment to their TIF agreement can be drawn up that would be of any benefit.

12. Mr. Flannell reported that he has contacted three different contractors regarding proposals for the Square pavilion. A donation has already been received to help pay for the shelter. It may be necessary to scale down the proposed work due to one large estimate already received.

13. Mayor Short reported that a thank you letter was received from the American Legion regarding the City's contributions to the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities in 2017. The same fireworks company and carnival company will be used from last year.

14. A report from Treasurer Sarah Golden showed that there are 588 registered PSN accounts for the City's utility billing. She also noted that budget worksheets will be distributed next month, and she will be asking for a five year capital outlay plan from each department. Clerk Johnson announced that Mrs. Golden has been invited to give a presentation and share her knowledge at a regional treasurer's conference.

15. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and there were none.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade to adjourn to closed session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). 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.

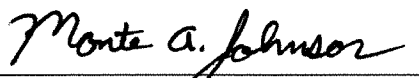
17. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

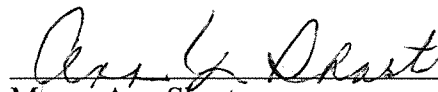
18. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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 8:54 p.m.

Attest

  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

  
Mayor Ann Short