



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in a special session on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 3:00 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 asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and there were none.

3. City Administrator Dan Flannell distributed a handout regarding the meeting and explained the thought process in regards to the meeting today and towards plans for moving forward with the future of the Civic Center.

4. IGW Architecture gave a slide show presentation on various topics. They first explained their qualifications as a firm, gave examples of projects they have completed, and detailed why they would be a good fit for this project.

Pictures of the existing Civic Center facility and issues were shown, along with examples of numerous repairs and renovations that have taken place over the years. A list of mechanical and electrical issues and observations were discussed.

Five different options were presented at the meeting. Option 1 showed how the existing building could be renovated. This would include a replace/rebuild of the existing structure over the pool, with a ceiling designed to control the environment. Pros of this option included that it could contain the harsh pool environment, no additional land would be required, and a relocation of the American Legion would not be required. Cons of the option included a complicated renovation, a facility closure during the renovation, and a possible negative cost/benefit factor.

Options 2a and 2b showed how a new pool could be built while keeping the existing building occupied. Once the new pool was completed, the existing pool area could be filled and used for other activities. Pros of these options included getting a new pool, potential reuse of the existing pool space, continued occupancy with phased construction, and no relocation of the American Legion would be required. Cons of these options include the need to acquire additional property, a complicated phased renovation, and impacts on parking capacity.

Option 3a showed how a new facility could be built adjacent to the existing facility. This would allow the existing facility to be opened during construction, but would require additional land to be acquired. This would also require a multi-story facility and would lack initial adequate parking.

Option 3b showed how the existing American Legion would need to be relocated for the construction of a new Civic Center at that location. A new Civic Center could be built with continued occupancy, there would be adequate parking, it could be single story, and there would be flexibility of the site and building planning. The negative aspect to this option would be that it would require the relocation of the American Legion.

5. Questions and comments were fielded, and there was plenty of support for the Civic Center by both the audience members and the Council. The main issue with any option will be how to fund it and getting enough people to support such an investment.

6. The next step taken would be for the Council to gather ideas, suggestions, and support from the community before engaging with IGW Architecture to do a feasibility study and come up with costs for different options. Once a study were to be completed, it could take a year for planning and another year or more for construction, depending on which type of construction or renovation would be selected. IGW Architecture also would suggest a steering committee be formed if the City were to move forward with a solution. Citizens in attendance were asked to leave an email address and to communicate with the City Council, the City Administrator, or the City Clerk for feedback.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was reduced to writing and read to the Council. 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 4:05 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann L. Short  
Mayor Ann Short