



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 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 an audience member requested that when guests are speaking in front of the Council, if they would stand and talk so members of the audience can hear the presentation as well.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held February 25, 2019
- Approval of claims except those in the TIF I fund
- Pass Resolution 19-B – Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT)
- Pass Ordinance 19-1 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 Water and Sewer Code Section 38-4-34 (C), Bulk Sales, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois
- Pass Ordinance 19-2 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 Offenses Code Section 27-2-18, Begging, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois

City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that bulk water sales have been set at \$7.00 per gallon, but this allows the City to negotiate a price for bulk sales over 10,000 gallons. He also explained that the begging ordinance is being stricken due to a Supreme Court case that has determined that it is unconstitutional to not allow begging on City streets or sidewalks. 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that last Saturday evening around 9:00, high winds affected a primary wire at a capacitor bank near the motel on South Hamilton Street. This caused the circuits to flicker, and circuit 4 on the highway was shut down for 30-45 minutes while the necessary repairs were being made.

6. Commissioner Wade introduced Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers. Mr. Beckman explained that the ITEP project development report has been started, and the environmental survey has been submitted. The LMI (Low to Moderate Income) percentage based on HUD usage is changed annually, and the LMI for the City of Sullivan has increased from 42% to 57%. This opens up an avenue for a project such as a new water plant. The City would be eligible to apply for a DCO grant without having to do a city wide income survey. If the City were to move forward with a water plant project, there is a potential \$500,000 grant that could be received. Applications for this grant would be due in August.

7. Commissioner Risley reported that with the weather warming up, the Street Department has started filling potholes. With the major rainfalls there was an incident with a lot of water on Patterson Road. Water ran from the farm fields onto the roads, and a ditch has been temporarily cut to help get the water off the road. This ditch work and seeding is part of the work needing to be done this spring from the sewer contract for Burdick Estates.

8. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police union are ongoing. Substantial progress has been made. It is hopeful that a tentative agreement may be available by the March 25th or April 8th meetings.
- Bad weather has delayed initial work at the Dollar General construction site
- Will have a meeting with four representative residents of the Eastview Subdivision regarding drainage issues
- Work on concession stands at Wyman Park continues and many improvements have been made
- Met with attorney for the Titus-Sentel Trustee regarding time table for final closure of Titus Manor. Process will proceed for several months
- City Attorney has prepared and filed four demolition complaints on various properties that have fallen into disrepair.
- City Attorney is in process of initiating a number of collections against persons who have received ordinance violations

- Cannabis legalization still lingers in State Senate. It appears the licensing and regulatory scheme will not be similar to gambling licenses, and hopefully the locality will not be forced to be a major player in the issue

9. Representatives from the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library were present to discuss a proposal for a sign. Mike McLaughlin spoke to the benefit of a sign, including informing people of what the library offers, getting more people in the door, and possible renting time for messages. The proposed sign comes at a cost of \$24,700. The Library has listed funds already available of \$8,000, and they are requesting \$16,700 from the City to complete the purchase. It was noted that the sign is TIF eligible, and that TIF funds could be used for the purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Risley to allow \$16,700 in TIF funds to be used for the proposed sign. 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.

10. Representatives from the Spark Parks & Rec Committee were present to discuss proposed projects. Austin Hunter and Nichole Mercer gave a presentation on their committee's goals. Their initiatives included updates to the concession stands, storage for the softball field, upgrades to the dugouts, upgrades to the fields, and covered bridges for Wyman Lake. Estimated costs for each of their ideas were given. A donation of \$3875 is currently being requested to help pay for concession stand updates, a PA system, menu boards, and a new storage shed.

Commissioner Mossman explained that money spent at the park would be a budgetary item, and they may be able to get that put into the next fiscal year's budget. He stated that normally when work for ball diamonds is being considered, they get the school and Youth Baseball organization involved to help with funding. Commissioner Mossman did state that their presentation contained all good ideas. He also explained that they will look for a grant from Water and Soil to help pay for costs of the island. He said he would discuss the issue with Sarah (Golden) and Herb (Bricker) to see what they could come up with. Commissioner Kirk asked if they had tried any other organizations for fundraising because the Rotary and Lions Clubs often donate to park projects. It was explained that a donation has already been received for shelving for the concession stands. Commissioner Mossman stated that he appreciated their effort and will look into funding for the projects.

11. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss employment matters (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.

12. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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 8:04 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

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