



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 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 March 11, 2019
- Approval of claims except those in the TIF I and TIF IV funds
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman 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 Kirk 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the claims for TIF IV. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

6. Commissioner Kirk introduced Electric Department employees Kim Harris, Braden Clark, and Brock Cook. Mr. Clark, an apprentice lineman, has been with the City since 2017. Mr. Harris, the journeyman lineman in charge, has been with the City for over 20 years. Mr. Cook recently graduated to become a journeyman lineman, which is a 3 ½ year course. He started as a City employee working in the park over 3 summers, and has turned into a good employee who is now capable to do work on his own. Commissioner Kirk acknowledged the employees for all of the work they do for the City.

7. Commissioner Wade reported that before the next regular meeting, there will be a special meeting for a proposed construction of a water treatment plant. Lee Beckman is to lead that public meeting. This is a chance to get input or feedback for the community. This public meeting does not commit the City to move forward with the project, but is a requirement for applying for grants and funding opportunities. The meeting is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on April 8th.

8. Mayor Short reported that the Chamber is having their monthly luncheon this Wednesday at Mason Point. Council members wishing to attend should notify Clerk Johnson so that he can make the reservations.

9. Mayor Short gave a review of the Cemetery Board meeting that was held on March 13th. They discussed the purchase of a mausoleum for cremations, but decided there was no real demand for the mausoleum, so it was put off until the next budget year.

The granite base for the statue going into the cemetery is badly deteriorating. Herb Bricker, Cemetery Foreman, has researched and talked to monument companies. A black granite base will cost approximately \$8,000, and the board voted to move forward with that purchase.

The board also discussed temporary markers, live planting, and landscaping. It was agreed that live planting and landscaping should be prohibited. No permanent structures but gravestones should be allowed. This interferes with mowing and maintenance. Mr. Bricker is checking with other cemeteries to see how they word those restrictions.

10. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police were concluded last week. A tentative contract will be discussed in closed session.
- Construction has begun at the new Dollar General site. No tentative opening date has been set

- Met with 6 residents of the Eastview subdivision on March 12th regarding drainage issues. Meeting was very positive, and each was given a copy of the most recent engineering report, and reviewed a report and plans from the 1990s which was never implemented. The issue will be kept on the front burner moving forward, and once a new Commissioner is seated
- No new developments on Titus estate
- Street Department employees have been addressing potholes. Research into a street sweeper continues. The City's is not fixable for reasonable costs, and new/used street sweepers are very expensive
- Interviews were conducted for the vacancy in the Sewer Department, and the position may be filled by the end of this week
- Complaints have been received regarding vehicles traveling at excessive speeds on South Worth St. Chief Waggoner has stepped up patrol at that location

11. Representatives of the Landlord's Association were present to discuss the City's practices for landlords/tenants, and changing over the services. Kent Frantz spoke about the issues landlords face when some tenants move out. The tenant may come to the City Building to have their utilities removed from their name. Landlords may be unaware that this is happening, and the utilities are put back into the landlord's name even though tenants may not have vacated the property. Discussions have occurred with Mr. Flannell about how the landlords might rectify the situation.

Mr. Flannell explained that currently the City will issue a notification letter to the landlord/property owner. Mr. Flannell has also agreed to have the City send an email to the landlords explaining the change in service. Mr. Flannell explained that the City cannot get involved in landlord/tenant disputes, because the City's contract for utilities is with the tenant. Mr. Flannell stated that the landlords may be able to help themselves by putting language into the lease or require some sort of utility deposit to handle these types of issues. The Council and the landlords agreed to see how this situation works and may revisit the issue in the future if problems persist.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to adjourn to closed session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). 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.

13. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

14. Mayor Short explained that the IFOP contract would not be voted on tonight, and the issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on April 8, 2019.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley 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 8:03 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Mike Mossman
Mayor Ann Short