



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2017, 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 October 23, 2017
- Approval of minutes of the special meeting held November 9, 2017
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2017
- Approval of claims report
- Pass Ordinance 17-30 – Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Property
- Pass Ordinance 17-31 – An Ordinance Modifying Real Estate Tax Abatement Agreement Contained in Ordinance 05-17
- Approve Change Order 4 for the Sewer Main Project for an increase of \$8,256.50
- Approve Pay Estimate 7 for the Sewer Main Project for \$11,010 to Followell Construction
- Approve project authorization for Milano & Grunloh to coordinate sewer pump replacement

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that 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 Christmas lights are going up in the park as leaves are still coming down off the trees.

4. Commissioner Kirk reported that Big D Electrical will soon replace a switch in Bethany. While they are in town, there are six tasks that the City would like them to complete. This work has an estimated cost of \$122,200 and will probably be completed in December or January. Although this work was not originally budgeted for,

the City can save about 10% of the cost to have them complete the work while they are already in town. This will be paid for out of the electrical maintenance fund.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that Kim Harris has now been appointed Line Foreman. He is now a foreman out of the bargaining unit, and his pay has been bumped to match that of Shannon Risley when he left his position.

Four of the six reclosers have fiber ran to them and are ready to be spliced. Work on Christmas decorations will begin next week. There was an outage on Seth Dunscomb Drive due to an animal, and animal protection is being added to those areas as outages occur.

6. Commissioner Wade introduced Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers. He reported the following:

- The CMOM report at the Sewer Plant must be updated and will be submitted to the EPA
- Asphalt will be used to make the streets over the sewer main project more permanent
- A mandrel test was performed on the new sewer lines, and there was a small collapse in one spot that will be fixed
- The grant for the water project will be submitted December 15th, and the ITEP grant will be submitted December 1st
- The baby pool certification for pool chemicals should now be completed
- Work is being completed to update the sludge permit

7. Mr. Beckman reported that bids were opened for the Sludge Removal Project at 6:15 this afternoon. Six companies took out plans and one bid was received. The one bid received was from Metro Ag for \$89,000. Mr. Beckman reported that this is a reputable company, and that the bid was very favorable as there was \$200,000 budgeted for the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Risley to accept the bid of \$89,000 from Metro Ag for the Sludge Removal Project. 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.

8. Mr. Beckman explained that pumps at the Sewer Plant have been failing and are under constant replacement. All of the pumps were down at the same time a week ago. It appears that the new pumps that were installed from the recent upgrade were not the best pumps for the application. A quote from Vandevanter was received for \$30,000 to replace the pumps. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the bidding requirements and approve the purchase of the replacement pumps from Vandevanter for the Sewer Plant. 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to pass Resolution 17-P – Support for a CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant Application for Constructing Targeted Water Distribution System Improvements. 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to pass Resolution 17-O – Funding Support for 2018 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Project. 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.

11. Commissioner Risley reported that the Street Department employees have been busy keeping leaves out of storm sewers. Commissioner Risley asked residents to please not blow leaves into ditches or gutters, and to not burn leaves on the roads. He also reported that the Washington Street Plaza is being taken down and will free up parking spots on the Square.

12. Mayor Short notified the Council that they should have received a memo from Treasurer Golden regarding the retiree dependent insurance coverage. Issues regarding that contribution will be discussed at the next meeting, and the Council is urged to think about the solutions and her proposals.

13. Mary Hughes of Dove was present and discussed the Santa's Workshop that she conducts each year. She reported that last year she had about 300 attendees. She gave detailed explanations of the costs involved and the planning done for the event. Mr. Flannell explained that this is a tourism event, and Commissioner Kirk stated that the

City should fund this event for the community. A motion was made by Commissioner Riskey and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to fund \$500 to DOVE for the Santa's Workshop. 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Riskey to approve the travel expense reimbursement for Mayor Short for the IPEA meeting on October 18, 2017. 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- abstain

and the motion was declared carried.

15. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Interviews have been conducted for the Sewer Plant apprentice position. Follow up interviews will be conducted and a candidate may be chosen by next week.
- A new apprentice lineman has been hired for the Electric Department. Another apprentice might be hired in 2018
- Civic Center pool lights may soon be converted to LED. A recommendation will be brought to the Council once quotes and proposals have been reviewed.
- The Casey's project is back on schedule
- A bidding process will probably need to take place for pavilions for the Square. Proposals have come in higher than expected
- Research is being done regarding video gaming parlors and liquor licenses for future discussion for the Council

16. The following ordinance was presented for first reading:

Ordinance 17-28

An Ordinance for Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018 for the City of Sullivan, County of Moultrie and State of Illinois

It was explained that the City has appropriated \$28,713,500, and the amount to be levied upon property taxes is \$757,794. The ordinance will be made available to the

public until the meeting on December 11, 2017. The ordinance has been posted to the City's website and will be posted at the City Building for public viewing.

17. The following ordinance was presented for first reading:

Ordinance 17-29

An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2017 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2010 of the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois

The ordinance has been posted to the City's website and will be posted at the City Building for public viewing.

18. Mayor Short read a letter from the Christian County Tractor Pulling Association thanking the City for their support.

19. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and comments included the following: possibilities of a walk in clinic at Fields Wright, thanks for cleaning the streets with the street sweeper, thanks for cleaning up cigarette butts and trash on the Square, the City's property purchase south of town, and hopes of future development. Mayor Short also noted that a special meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. to talk about issues at the Civic Center.

20. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley to adjourn to closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, or discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)). 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.

21. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

22. 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 8:22 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short

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