



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street in 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 November 13, 2017
- Approval of minutes of the special meeting held November 13, 2017
- Approval of claims report
- Pass Ordinance 17-32 – Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property
- Pass Ordinance 17-33 – Amending Chapter 40 – Zoning Code Sections 40-4-42 (B), (C), (F) and (H) A-Frame Signs, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman 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 have been put up, and he wished to thank all of the City departments that helped.

4. Commissioner Kirk reported that the Electric Department finished putting up their Christmas lights today. Brock Cook left today for 3 weeks of training in Belleville, so the line crew will be a man short.

5. Commissioner Wade reported on the pump issues at the Sewer Plant. More details of the problem and a picture of a failed pump were received. There is still some work to do to figure out if the pumps are communicating with each other on both ends.

6. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that there were several applicants for the sewer apprentice position. Both Mr. Flannell and Sewer Foreman

Bubba Farris interviewed several applicants, and Mr. Farris conducted a second round of interviews with four finalists. The job was offered to Jonathan Scott, and the position was accepted for a start date of December 11, 2017.

7. Mr. Flannell explained that questions and concerns regarding the Multi-Purpose Path grant will be discussed with the engineer and will be reported back to the public.

8. Mayor Short announced that there will be a Cemetery Board meeting on Monday, December 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the City Building. The board will talk about possible changes to grave opening fees, cremation walls/mausoleums, and will discuss updates to the Cemetery facilities.

9. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- A follow up interview for an apprentice lineman was conducted. The City will wait until March or April of 2018 to decide if it is necessary or appropriate to hire another employee.
- He met with Gordie Wood and Cincinnati Insurance's Loss Control Field Director for the annual safety and compliance review
- St. Mary's has requested a follow up meeting regarding the Fields Wright Medical Facility
- Mr. Flannell, Mayor Short, and Laurie Minor are scheduled to meet with the Decatur Economic Development group regarding regional development efforts
- More research is being done regarding video gaming and liquor licenses, and the Council will be presented with options at the next meeting

10. The following ordinance was presented for a second 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.

11. The following ordinance was presented for a second 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.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve a Christmas bonus of \$100 to all full time City employees. 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 began discussion of retiree health insurance. She explained that retirees over 65 (Medicare eligible) are now paying 15% of their dependent cost. Active employees now pay 30% of the dependent cost, but retirees under the age of 65 are still not contributing. It was also discussed how the payments should be handled for retirees. They can opt to have it deducted out of their IMRF retirement check on a monthly basis. If retirees opted to be billed instead of having the payment deducted, a policy should be in place for non-payment. It was suggested that retirees not paying within 45 days would have their coverage dropped. The issue of Medicare supplement rates changing throughout the year was also discussed due to the fact that rates increase on birthdays throughout the year. It was recommended that the rate be calculated on January 1st of each year, and not adjusted until the following calendar year.

Treasurer Golden explained that she would hold a meeting for the Medicare retirees on December 12th, and would mail letters with enrollment forms to those retirees under 65 years of age. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to set the contribution rate of dependents of retirees at 15% for all retirees, to implement a non-payment policy of 45 days for those opting not to have payments deducted from IMRF, and to calculate Medicare contribution amounts based on their age as of January 1st of each year. 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	- abstain

and the motion was declared carried.

14. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and it was asked if employees must sign a contract to work for a certain time due to the cost of education for the City for electric and sewer employees. Mr. Flannell explained that the electric apprentice employees must pay back their education if they leave within five years of finishing their training. It was asked if the City was involved in the ditch digging south of the Eastview subdivision, and it was answered that the City had

nothing to do with and didn't have any knowledge of who was performing that work. It was asked if there was a plan for another electronics recycling date, and Commissioner Kirk explained that those services are now hard to come by and so expensive that they are no longer affordable or feasible, although the City will continue to look for solutions. It was also explained that the special meeting to discuss the Civic Center will be rescheduled once the holidays are over and we are into the next calendar year.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley 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 7:40 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson

Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short