



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018, 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. City Clerk Monte Johnson was absent, and Carrie Creek was present to perform his duties in his absence. 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 October 8, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report for September 2018

It was requested that the claims list be pulled and voted on separately. 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.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the remaining items on the claims list and the rest of the items on 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.

6. Commissioner Mossman reported that it will soon be time to put up Christmas lights at the park, and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

7. Commissioner Kirk wished to thank Kim Harris for having the foresight to make improvements to the electric distribution system so that it can better withstand the storms and other events that would otherwise cause blinks or outages. He also thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in cutting down a tree during the recent storm.

8. Commissioner Wade explained that the current water plant is old, and the City is set to spend multiples of millions of dollars every few years to keep it going. There has been discussion of the opportunity to build a new water plant that would not require as much maintenance and the annual spending for updates. Some recent improvements such as the Miox system and the ground storage tank could be kept and incorporated into a new plant. There is possible grant money and a loan that could be applied for, but the City would need to move forward with an engineering plan to see exactly what it would take to build a new plant. A motion as made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to move forward with the initial engineering plans for a possible new water 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.

It was explained that this action does not call for a new water plant to be built. This action only directs an engineer to move forward with potential plans so that the City would be able to see proposed costs and possible grant and funding options.

9. A motion was made by ~~Mayor~~^{Commissioner} Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to move forward with engineering plans for a possible Jefferson Street Sidewalk 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.

10. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Ditch shaping and water line installation on Patterson Road continues
- Search for Electric Plant mechanic position continues, and a formal vote may be requested at the next meeting to waive the residency requirement
- Baseball diamond irrigation project is completed, and relocation of scoreboards should take place this fall
- Tabor Park restroom doors have been installed
- Nine new Christmas light displays have been purchased, and the Council will be approached during the next budget planning period about having a plan to replace all of the lights over the next few years
- The City's electrical system held up extremely well from the high winds this past Saturday with only two minor outages on secondary lines caused by falling trees. The extensive work over the past couple of years and particularly the last several months in replacing poles around the City is paying great dividends in reducing outages associated with high winds
- The former Chamber property owned by the City is being re-advertised and has a price set at \$45,000
- The issue of small children crossing the railroad tracks at Magill Street has been followed up on by Chief Waggoner and Mr. Flannell. A representative from Union Pacific is scheduled to visit to review the crossing area and a possible solution
- Plans for the Green Garden Estates facility arrived this week and are being reviewed. The project will also include an extension of West Street to the north, hopefully enhancing further development in that area
- Casey's General Store submitted a revised site plan for their new facility, with significant changes to the surface drainage plans

Commissioner Kirk asked Mr. Flannell if he would look into the boulevard just west of Hardee's, as there are railroad ties and a telephone pedestal that makes the area look like a mess. That boulevard has basically turned into extra parking for Hardee's.

Commissioner Risley asked if the length of the West Street extension was known. Mr. Flannell explained that the street length will depend on the future development of the new project. If a second unit of the new facility would be built, it is assumed that West Street would continue all the way to the north to the existing street.

11. Christian Hopper was present to discuss his plans for his Eagle Scout project. He explained that he wanted to make improvements at the Sullivan Gun Club because there is a lack of table, seating, and family space on the range. He would like to install a concrete pad, grills, and benches for additional seating. He has raised \$2,000 from the members of the gun club and is asking the Council if they would be willing to contribute towards the project as well. It is estimated that the entire project would cost \$8,000 total to complete.

It was asked if the City has sponsored Eagle Scout projects in the past. Commissioner Mossman explained that the City has helped fund Eagle Scout projects but those had all been done within the City limits. Mr. Flannell explained that the Council could be on shaky legal ground by contributing to such a project because it is so far from the City. He suggested to Mr. Hopper that he might approach the township or the County for funding since that area would be within their jurisdiction.

12. Resolution 18-M – A Resolution Supplementing and Amending the Personnel Policy for the City of Sullivan Employees was presented for passage. Mr. Flannell explained that it was a minor modification to the personnel handbook. The purpose is to get the employees to take a sensible approach towards social media and to not use social media during working hours unless under the order of their supervisor for City purposes. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to pass Resolution 18-M 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

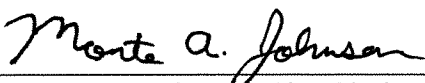
and the motion was declared carried.


13. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk 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 7:42 p.m.

Attest


Monte Johnson, City Clerk


Mayor Ann Short