



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- present

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held October 9, 2017
- Approval of Claims Report
- Approve Advertisement for Bids for Sewer Sludge Removal and Application
- Adopt Ordinance 17-27, An Ordinance Providing for and Approving an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreements by and between the City of Sullivan and Jacob & Klein, Ltd. and The Economic Development Group, Ltd. for Sullivan TIF Districts I, II and III

Commissioner Wade asked that the approval of the minutes be pulled from the consent agenda. A motion as made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held October 9, 2017. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman that the consent agenda be approved with the exception of the minutes. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

4. Commissioner Mossman reported that the Park Department has been working getting the sprinkler system installed on the north softball diamond. Pollination work at Tabor Park has been delayed due to the heavy rains.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported recent electrical outages due to the strong storm. He stated that wire work in the alley north of Harrison Street is almost completed. To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting is the approval of possible projects for Big D Electrical to complete while they are in town to replace the main switch near Bethany.

6. Mayor Short read a letter from the SCED thanking the City for their support and commitment to Oktoberfest.

7. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The fiber audit was received and will be reviewed by local fiber experts
- Interviews have begun for the Sewer Plant Operator Apprentice
- Interviews have begun for Apprentice Lineman positions
- The cash rent lease on the former Terzo property has been executed
- Bids are being received and reviewed for lighting upgrades at the Civic Center
- Casey's as submitted permit applications to IDOT for their new construction
- If requested, will provide an oral report regarding legality of modification or elimination of the City's payment of retiree dependent health insurance premiums
- Proceeds for the donation of the pavilion have been received. Proposals for constructing the pavilion are being received and reviewed

8. Mayor Short began discussion of the City's animal ordinance regarding chickens. Mr. Flannell gave a recap of the research he has done regarding chicken ordinances in other municipalities. He stated that some municipalities are now allowing chickens and setting up restrictions that once did not allow chickens at all. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade to move forward with allowing chickens and to set up restrictions to be placed in an ordinance for consideration. There was not a second to the motion and therefore the motion died.

9. Planning and Zoning Administrator Jan Haegen was present to explain the proposed rezoning of 313 N Hamilton Street. He showed a map of the area and explained that the Planning Commission met on the issue. The Commission voted unanimously to change the zoning of the property from R-3 (Residential 3) to B-1 (Business 1). A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow the rezoning of 313 N Hamilton Street from R-3 to B-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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

10. Mr. Hagen explained the proposed rezoning of 412 S Polk Street. He showed a map of the area and explained that the Planning Commission met on the issue. The recommendation of the Planning Commission was to allow the rezoning from R-3 to I-1 by a vote of 3-2. Mr. Jeff Hutchcraft was present at the meeting and requested to speak on the matter. He explained that he lives across the street from the property and was worried about the safety of the property and that the property values in the neighborhood would be decreased. Larry Edwards was present and spoke on the matter as well. He explained that he is the property owner and stated that the rock pile on the site would be moved within the next year. He believes he has increased property values by the work he has done.

The Council debated the fact that many letters have been received speaking out against the rezoning and noted that most were received after the meeting by the Planning Commission. The Council discussed sending the issue back to the Planning Commission due to the fact that they may not have been given the opportunity to see the opposition. Mr. Haegen explained that proper notice was given by letter and in the newspapers of the possible rezoning. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to make an intervening recommendation and to send the issue back to the Planning Commission with the letters of complaints. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- no
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- no

and the motion did not carry.

After further discussion on the issue, a motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow the rezoning of 412 S. Polk Street from R-3 to I-1. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- no
Commissioner Grant Wade	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. Mr. Haegen explained that the City has an ordinance against moving advertising devices and signs. He asked the Council if they thought advertising flags were considered moving advertising devices, or if they were even considered signs. He stated that he needs some direction from the Council on how he should handle these situations. Many businesses are now using flags for advertising, and if they were considered moving devices or signs, most of those businesses would be in violation of the ordinance. The Council discussed the issue and they were in general agreement that they did not want to

enforce or stop the use of those advertising flags, and that they wanted to do what they could to support local businesses.

12. Treasurer Sarah Golden reported that she did not yet have the renewal rates for the Medicare Supplement insurance. She did state that rates for Blue Cross/Blue Shield have been received, and that could be an option the Council may want to pursue if Sarah Bush does not end up taking Health Alliance insurance. She reported that 9 of the 27 Medicare members used Sarah Bush, and 16 of the 27 members have never used Sarah Bush. The renewal is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the final renewal numbers come in, a special meeting will be held to discuss and decide on the issue.

13. Treasurer Golden reviewed the options that were submitted to the Council for the tax levy. She explained that she is recommending Option 1, which would have an 8% decrease to the tax levy. This would have the utilities use their income to pay for the utility employees' social security and retirement instead of coming from property taxes. Commissioner Mossman stated that Ms. Golden has done a lot of work on this topic and he is comfortable with her recommendation. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to have Treasurer Golden prepare the Ordinance for the Levy & Assessment of Taxes based on Option 1 of the 2017 Levy Options. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to hold a public meeting on November 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. for the ITEP grant. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to hold a public hearing on November 13, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. for the water main replacement grant. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to hold a special meeting on November 16, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss options for the Sullivan Civic Center. 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

17. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and Gerald Wood stated that two scouts were present because they were working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge, and one requirement was to attend a local meeting.

Cathie Kenney asked if the letters received for the rezoning were for or against the rezoning, and why the Council voted for the rezoning if so many were opposed. It was explained that the letters came after the fact, and that the proper way for those citizens to disagree with the rezoning was to state those issues to the Planning Commission. The Council simply followed the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

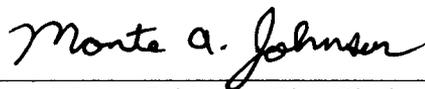
18. Treasurer Sarah Golden explained the memo she gave to the Council regarding the Local Debt Recovery Program. She is hopeful that the program will allow the City to collect a substantial amount of money owed, and she thanked Carrie Creek for her help in getting the data into the system.

19. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk 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	- absent
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Attest

  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

  
Mayor Ann Short