



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 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	- absent
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 September 25, 2017
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for September 2017
- Approval of Claims Report
- Adopt Resolution 17-N, Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate at the Corner of Fuller and Scott Streets, PIN 08-08-02-129-001
- Approve Pay Estimate 6 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project for \$53,462.52 to Followell Construction

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley 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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote with at least a two-thirds vote.

3. Commissioner Mossman reported that a letter was received from Eric Kenney explaining that the City will once again receive a \$1,000 community grant from the VFW for the Wyman Park summer recreation program. Commissioner Mossman read the letter and thanked Mr. Kenney for his help and hard work in securing the grant.

4. Commissioner Kirk reported that the light pole near the fire station has been replaced. He also recognized the passing of Barb Waddell, who was a City employee for 36 years.

5. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineering was a present to discuss ongoing projects with the City. He explained that a public meeting should be held on November 13th at 6:30 p.m. for the ITEP grant. He also said a public hearing should take place that same day at 6:45 p.m. for the water main replacement grant. The work for the sludge permit should be ready for bid openings in November. A discussion took place of

a possible sanitary sewer main that could be installed if the land south of Sullivan were to develop.

6. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The fiber audit should be received by this Friday, October 13th
- An ad for the apprentice sanitary sewer operator has been published for two weeks. Details of that position were discussed
- The closing on the Terzo property was completed September 29th. A lease for that land is being worked on
- An LED conversion is being considered for the overhead lights in the Civic Center pool area
- An update was given of the pending Casey's construction

7. Mayor Short began discussion of the City's animal ordinance regarding chickens. Enos Yoder had submitted information to the Council regarding ordinances in other municipalities. He explained that he would like to have no roosters, limits on the number of hens, and restrictions on where the coops should be located. Amongst the issues discussed were the penalties if a chicken were to get loose. Mr. Flannell suggested tabling this issue until he can do some research on ordinances from other municipalities similar to Sullivan.

8. Treasurer Sarah Golden explained that the new rates for the Medicare Supplement Renewal are not yet available. The Council was given information and options that assumed a 5% increase in that rate. She explained that this must be decided by November 1st. Another issue to consider is that Sarah Bush hospital has reported that they will no longer accept Health Alliance insurance beginning June 30, 2018. It was agreed that a special meeting will be called to discuss the issue once the new rates for the renewal are available.

9. Treasurer Golden submitted three possible options to promote discussion regarding the levy & assessment of taxes for next year. Commissioner Kirk and Mayor Short discussed the pros and cons of levying certain amounts for social security and retirement, and if those should be paid out of utility funds instead of property taxes. The issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so that a first reading of the tax levy ordinance can take place at the first meeting in November.

10. A discussion of the pending donation for a shelter at the lot of 1 East Jefferson Street continued. Mr. Flannell explained that the City might want to consider spending more money to get a more attractive facility. Commissioner Mossman suggested that the City should first decide where the extra money would come from. Mr. Flannell will reach out to other service groups to see if they would be interested in donating. The issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Mayor Short recognized the acknowledgement that Commissioner Kirk was and has been given the authority to act on behalf of the City regarding the purchase and/or sale of real property.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to allow the leasing of the farmland that was recently purchased at the Terzo auction. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

13. Mayor Short reported that the annual premiums for the City's liability insurance have decreased by 9.6%. This reduction was mostly due to the minimal claims for workers compensation.

14. Commissioner Kirk reported that Electric Department employee Kyle Myler has recently resigned.

15. Treasurer Golden reported the updated statistics for the PSN method of utility billing. So far there are 463 registered accounts, and the original goal was to have 750 accounts within the first 6 months. Ms. Golden and Clerk Monte Johnson are working on a plan to advocate for the PSN enrollment, usage of the City's new website, and the use of online forms for the public.

16. 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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short