



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 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 September 11, 2017; and the special meeting held September 20, 2017
- Approval of Claims
- Pass Resolution 17-M – Amended Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

Mayor Short noted that the claims would need to be pulled out of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that the consent agenda be approved with the exception of the claims. 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the claims report as submitted. 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. Commissioner Kirk reported that there were two electrical cycles that affected the factories. A bird caused an issue near VanHorn, and a squirrel got into a new

transformer that was supposed to be squirrel proof. More animal guards are being installed to prevent future outages. Fiber has been run to two of the six reclosers.

5. Commissioner Wade explained that a quote has been received for a hydraulic hammer. The old one was 39 years old and is unrepairable. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the purchase of the Okada Hydraulic Hammer for \$9200 from Birkey's. 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. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Work continues on the alley behind the former Dickens Studio
- Nothing has been received from the fiber audit
- An advertisement for a job opening will be published for an apprentice for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator position
- Nothing new to report regarding the pending donation of a pavilion
- A special meeting will need to be scheduled for architects for the Civic Center

7. SCED Director Laurie Minor reported the following:

- Work is underway on the Chamber's website. Links need to be revamped to match the City's new website.
- Work is still underway for Oktoberfest
- The Chamber luncheon is this Wednesday at 11:30 at Mason Point

8. The following ordinance was submitted:

#### Ordinance 17-26

Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement By and Between the City of Sullivan and Re-Born Properties, LLC (Bragg Addition Rental House)

Mayor Short explained that \$15,000 in eligible project costs have been estimated, and the City is willing to do a 75% TIF arrangement due to the limited time left in TIF I. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the ordinance as submitted. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

9. Treasurer Sarah Golden explained that the Street Improvement Bond payment is due October 14<sup>th</sup>, and the City normally issues a new bond at that time. There is \$100,00 budgeted for a bond issuance this year, and the City has recently taken a bond of \$50,000 on a consistent basis. She reported that there should not be a huge demand for Street Improvement funds in the next 12 months, and gave the Council four options that could be used for handling the Street Improvement fund cash flow. The Council agreed that it would be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers to not borrow money when there are cash balances available. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to not issue street improvement fund bonds for the current fiscal 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	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

10. Treasurer Golden explained that six options have been received from CF&H Insurance for the Medicare Supplement Renewal. Options include going with HMO or POS options, and combining the two separate plans into one (a medical supplement coverage and prescription coverage have been separated in the past). The current plan has an increased cost to the City as the age of the covered individual increases. Treasurer Golden asked the Council what types of options they would like to see and compare to a renewal rate. Commissioner Mossman requested more information for going to an HMO for those employees over 65 years of age. Treasurer Golden will prepare those options for discussion and action at the next meeting.

11. Treasurer Golden reported that she has done some preliminary work on what this year's Levy and Assessment of Taxes could look like. The Council agreed that they do not want to increase the levy more than 5%, and Ms. Golden will have options prepared for the next meeting.

12. Mayor Short asked if there were comments from the public, and one attendee asked why the Council would go into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of property by the City. It was explained that the Council needs to discuss the strategy in closed session so that the buyers or sellers would not be aware of what the City is willing to offer. It was noted that any decision and final action on selling or purchasing of property would always be done in open session.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 7:26 p.m. to review closed session

minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); to discuss the purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).); and to discuss the sale or lease of property owned by the public (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).). 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.

14. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

15. 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 7:35 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short  
Mayor Ann Short