



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Glazebrook. A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- present
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- present
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- absent
Commissioner Doug Booker	- present
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- present

2. Mayor Glazebrook asked if there were any comments from the public. Nancy Barker expressed her disappointment in the Council's lack of support for Commissioner Sherwood and Treasurer Golden during the discussion of wage increases at the last meeting. She asked why the Council wasn't in support of the raises given by Commissioner Sherwood when other Council members have given raises of \$13 and \$8 and others in the range of \$1-\$3. She would like to see more unity among the Council members and believes they should stand behind a Commissioner's decision to give a raise if it is justified.

3. Mayor Glazebrook read the items in the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 8, 2022
- Approval of claims
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for June 2022
- Approval of meal reimbursement for Commissioner Fowler

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to accept the consent agenda. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Doug Booker	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- abstain
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- absent
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

4. Commissioner Sherwood shared that the Civic Center will host an event to reopen the pool sun deck on Saturday, September 10th, from 1-4 p.m. The facility is now a provider for Silver Sneakers and Renew Active. Tryouts for the Sullivan Blue Dolphins will be held tomorrow, and the Elementary School will start their P. E. swim on August 29th. Anyone interested in swim lessons can sign up on the City's website. The Sullivan Blue Dolphins would like to have a

water bottle filling station installed at the Civic Center with funds they received from a memorial donation. Bubba Farris believes that the Distribution Crew can complete the installation. Commissioner Sherwood and Treasurer Golden attended a TIF review. Commissioner Sherwood anticipates future discussion regarding TIF III after the expiration of TIF IV. Treasurer Golden has been working with Commissioner Woodworth on moving funds for a better interest rate. Illinois funds are growing, so a large portion of the reserves will be moved into an account to yield a higher return. The City received the notice of state award funding for the OSLAD grant, so the project should be moving forward in the near future.

5. Commissioner Fowler received information regarding a candidate for the Distribution Foreman position, Chris Parsons. He was then approached by a Journeyman Wireman, Ryan Kneller, looking for a Lineman position. He has 11 years of experience as an Electrician and works for Bodine Electric. Ryan will go through the Lineman apprenticeship program and could finish a year early due to his experience. The Council will vote on an agreement to waive the first-year lineman scale for Ryan and to replace it with a Journeyman Wireman's scale. Commissioner Fowler believes Ryan will be a valuable asset to the Distribution Crew. He met with Chris Parsons on August 9th and showed him around town. Commissioner Fowler was also approached by two previous employees interested in the Foreman position. After reviewing the options, he decided to hire Chris Parsons. Chris started on August 18th at \$53.00. The Distribution Crew completed two pole change outs, changed out four trans closures, and completed work orders and JULIE locates.

6. Mayor Glazebrook reported that the notice of state award funding was released for the Main Street water main project. The contractors working on the Water Treatment plant project plan to begin erecting walls on November 1st.

7. Commissioner Booker reported that the Street Department completed storm clean-up, picked up trash on the square, swept streets, cleaned storm drains, mowed, sprayed, cleaned the dump lots, trimmed trees back, are working on alleys, painted stripes on the Civic Center parking lot, completed lawn bag pickup, are washing and working on equipment, helped IDOT with a ditch project on 1200n and fixed a sink hole.

8. Mayor Glazebrook encouraged the Council to start thinking about getting a grant writer. He would like to look at grants to improve the City's infrastructure and our community.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sullivan and IBEW Local #51 for Ryan Kneller to change his wage. Commissioner Fowler explained that Mr. Kneller is a Journeyman Wireman and instead of receiving the first year apprentice wage of \$31.10, his starting wage will be \$42.00. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Fowler	- yea
Commissioner Doug Booker	- yea

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - absent
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

10. A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Ordinance 22-15 – An Ordinance amending Schedule “D” streets having specific speed limits, to Section 24-4-2 (F) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois. Commissioner Booker explained the amendment was to set a speed limit of 25 mph on Chad Avenue. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Doug Booker - yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler - yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - absent
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Booker to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Doug Booker - yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler - yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - absent
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Mayor Richard Glazebrook.

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Carrie Creek, City Clerk

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