



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 W. Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Mossman. A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- present
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- present
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- present
Commissioner Doug Shook	- present
Mayor Mike Mossman	- present

2. Lee Beckman gave an update on the status of grants and City projects.
- The Main Street Water Main Project has been completed; all that remains is the clean-up. There were a few issues with valves failing to shut the lines and some additional lines were discovered. These items were added to the project through a change order, resulting in a current contract price of \$527,000. If C & S Companies returns to complete the seeding and mulching the project will exceed the grant award by \$7,000. If the City completes the work the total grant award would be expended without any additional cost to the City. Commissioner Woodworth would like to have the remaining tasks completed by the Park Department and the Water & Sewer Distribution. Mr. Beckman will meet with Commissioner Woodworth to discuss options for the remaining \$520 in grant funds.
 - The City received a \$650,000 grant for a Storm Sewer Project. It is likely that construction for this project will occur in 2025.
 - A meeting was held with John Paris from IDOT today for the EDP portion of the Water & Madison Improvements. Mr. Paris indicated that the project would be funded. The roadways for the project would be completed prior to the sidewalk project. The road improvements are anticipated for construction in the second or third quarter of 2025, with the ITEP sidewalk anticipated for construction in the third or fourth quarter of 2025. The ITEP grant ends in 2026 but the City could request an extension.
 - There is a small issue being address at the Water Treatment Plant.
 - The remaining funds from the State Legislative Grant and Rebuild Illinois will be moved to the 1200N project.
 - The NOFO for the Unsewered Grant will be released in July or August.
 - The Safe Routes to School Phase 1 has been completed and a walk through will be done on Thursday.
 - A kick off meeting was held with IDOT today for the \$250,000 the City received for the Safe Routes to School Phase 2 project. Mr. Beckman anticipates construction in 2025. He would like to hold the project off until school is out and the storm sewer in the school parking lot has been finished.

- The Eastview Lift Station is complete and the City is taking care of the cleanup items.
- Mr. Beckman stated that there is a one year guarantee on the Main Street Water Main, the Water Treatment Plant and the Eastview Lift Station.
- Milano & Grunloh is finishing up the topographic survey for the OSLAD Phase 2 project. Commissioner Shook would like to add another sidewalk to the project. Grading for the handicapped parking may need to be reviewed, as the ball diamonds need to be accessible from that location.
- Another business going in on 1200N would like to connect to the City sewer. The City is still waiting on the easement from IDOT for the Route 32 Sewer Extension. Mr. Beckman suggested moving forward with advertising the project if the other easements have been signed. Commissioner Woodworth asked to move ahead with the project. Milano & Grunloh will advertise next week.
- TARP funding has not been announced for the 1200N project. A preliminary 48 inch pipe was added to fill the north ditch from driveway to driveway. If there are remaining funds, IDOT will allow this to be added as part of the project.
- The City will apply for a RISE Grant for the Worth Street Extension. This grant provides 80/20 funding. A resolution committing funds for the grant will need to be passed in July.

Commissioner Sherwood asked if the City could apply for a PARC grant for the replacement of the HVAC system and duct work for the Civic Center. She estimates the project at around a million dollars. Mr. Beckman thought this would be eligible, but advised that the grant has a short turnaround time. He suggested having everything ready for an application in case a NOFO is released.

3. Mayor Mossman asked if there were any comments from the public.

Bob Ingram questioned a write-up from the New-Progress stating that the City budgeted \$21,000 for the Fourth of July. Mayor Mossman confirmed that the write up was incorrect and that the American Legion is running the Fourth of July Festivities. Commissioner Kirk added that that Council had agreed to make a donation towards the \$21,000 firework show. The Mayor asked Sharon Barricklow if a correction could be published in the paper. Ms. Barricklow thought a correction could be made.

4. Mayor Mossman read the items in the consent agenda:

- Approval of the Treasurer's report for May 2024
- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 6, 2024
- Approval of the minutes of the closed meeting held on June 6, 2024
- Approval of Resolution 24-RR – A Resolution regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes
- Approval of Resolution 24-SS – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Meeting Sessions
- Approval of Change Order #3 from C & S Companies for the Water Main Improvements on Main Street for an increase of \$42,559.25

- Approval of Pay Estimate #2 for \$158,921.55 to C & S Companies for the Water Main Improvements on Main Street

Commissioner Woodworth explained that the \$42,000 increase for the Main Street Water Main was due to the addition of eight inserta valves. The valves will replace the old shut off valves that were no longer working. The purpose of the inserta valves is to allow the installation of new valves without shutting the water main off.

A motion was made by Commissioner Woodworth and seconded by Commissioner Shook to approve the consent agenda. Upon a roll call being taken the results were as follows:

Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion was declared failed by omnibus vote.

5. Commissioner Sherwood reported that the arch entrance at Wyman Park was taken down so equipment could be brought in for the sewer project. The Park Department replaced the bearings on the merry-go-round, mulched and cleaned up the welcome signs; bush hogged in Tabor Park, trimmed bushes and trees, leveled the dirt on Main Street, and installed three new drinking fountains. Commissioner Sherwood plans to have the dirt work from the Main Street Water Main Project cleaned up by the Fourth of July.

The concrete has been poured for the splash pad and the parking lot will start tomorrow. The fence around the tennis courts has been installed. Next week the sports equipment will be installed and the courts will be painted. Quotes are being sought for the lighting that will be installed by the Electric Distribution.

The ball diamonds will be irrigated soon due to the dry weather.

Commissioner Shook talked with Lee Beckman about the broken sidewalk from the basketball and tennis courts. The sidewalk ties into a street at a termination point of the SRTS project. IDOT stated that if there is an intersection with ADA access that those approaches have to be replaced. The sidewalk repairs will be tied in with the OSLAD Phase 2. Next week concrete will be poured for a handicap parking space that will meet up with the ADA access into the sports courts.

The heater went out at the Civic Center and has been ordered. Booker Brothers will handle the installation at a cost of \$10,000-\$12,000. The facility will be shutting down for the Fourth of July. During that time they will strip the floors and repaint the locker rooms. Swim lessons are steadily booking through the month of June and Park Rec is averaging seventy kids per day. Burdick serviced the air handler, cleaned the coils and replaced the fan belts. They are hopeful that this will help with the humidity in the building.

The staff at the City Building started working on the audit paperwork and the budgets are being wrapped up.

Commissioner Sherwood stated that the City received \$31,050.31 in May from the Titus investments. The total of all accounts if \$28,689,062.70.

6. Commissioner Kirk reported that the Distribution Crew set up and removed temporary power for the St. Jude Dash & Bash, completed thirty-nine JULIE locates and worked on the splash pad. He asked why the linemen are mowing the right-of-way at Eastview.

The work on the two engines at the power plant will probably be completed in 2025 or 2026. The Colt-Pielstick will be completely overhauled. The upper half of the engine will be torn down and the cylinder heads, pistons and connecting rods will be shipped to Houston. Once those parts are returned the same process will be repeated on the bottom part of the engine. The upper and lower portions of the Opposed Piston (OP) Engine #9 will be torn down to replace the pistons, crank shaft, piston rings, pistons, and liners, check the cylinder liners and test and/or replace all of the injectors. A tear down provides a better way to access the engine if it has to be rebuilt or overhauled in the future. The engine repairs will need to be completed around the two peak seasons: June through September and February through May 1st. Commissioner Kirk plans to talk with the IMEA to find out if there is an option to lower the City's maximum load so the overhauls can be completed. It is estimated that the engine work will take six to eight weeks to complete. Commissioner Woodworth offered to run the generators at the Water and Sewer Plants if it would help. Both generators can pull a load and have been exercised weekly.

7. Commissioner Woodworth reported that well #8 at the Water Plant isn't working correctly. The Electric Department found some shorts in the wiring from the plant to the well. The wiring already has multiple splices and should be replaced. Commissioner Woodworth got quotes totaling \$62,000 from Nadler Electric and Seabaugh Underground for the boring and installation of the new wire and conduit to the well. He would like to install additional conduit for wells 9 and 10 in case they need replaced in the future. The remaining funds from Rural Development could be used to pay for the project. The Water Plant is coming up on their busy season and will need to run all the wells to produce the demand needed. Commissioner Woodworth told the contractors to move forward with the project.

The Distribution Crew completed the sewer work for the splash pad and will be working on the completion of the sewer at the Cedar Dale Subdivision.

The meter at the Water Plant is the only outstanding item that needs to be completed before the Water Treatment Project is finished.

8. Commissioner Shook reported that the Street Department has been hauling rock and dirt for the splash pad, mowing and spraying the lot and loading regrid for the Bruder expansion.

Walker Company is working on milling, tilling, leveling and rolling the Eastview subdivision. The address of 300 Industrial Way was assigned to Bruder Tank. Commissioner Shook talked with IDOT about having the engine braking signs put up at the edge of town and attended a meeting with Lee Beckman regarding the roads for the Water and Madison Street Improvements.

Commissioner Woodworth thanked the Street Department for their help with the sewer line for the splash pad. Commissioner Shook thinks that the crews have been working really well together.

9. Mayor Mossman reported that all the employees at the Gas Department have

finished their training modules for the installation of plastic gas line and will start the hands on training next week. The crew will also be recertified on the installation of steel lines as well. Mayor Mossman is in favor of the switch from steel to plastic as there is a significant savings between the two options. Moving forward all newly installed lines will be plastic and wrapped with at trace wire so they can be located.

The Utility Clerks at the City Building are looking into gas meters that haven't been working for a couple of years. They have also been reviewing the billing system and have found some things that haven't been billed. The departments are then looking into those and getting them taken care of. Commissioner Kirk added that the errors are from blanks in the software that can't be explained and some meters have readings but don't move. Once a clerk makes a correction that is entered by hand they sign off to agree that the billing is correct. It is then reviewed by another clerk that signs off agreeing to the correction. Commissioner Sherwood stated that Nexgrid has failed to meet their guarantee that the City would receive notifications for water leaks. She suggested looking into the issue because the City paid over a million dollars for the program and it is not living up to the City's expectations. Mayor Mossman agreed that it would be worth looking into because it is causing extra work for the Utility Clerks.

10. A motion was made by Commissioner Shook and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to approve the claims. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. Commissioner Shook would like to impose language restricting the use of the City's rubbish dump. Only residents and rate payers will be allowed to use the dump per the proposed ordinance. The ordinance also imposes a fine for unauthorized dumping and allows the City to charge a fee for unauthorized disposal of materials.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shook and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve Ordinance 24-13 amending the Code of Ordinances relating to prohibited use of the City rubbish dump. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

12. Seneca Companies completed the installation of the new diesel fuel tank at the

Electric Plant. The City hasn't yet been billed for the \$800,000 project, but received a change order to reduce the overall cost by \$50,000. This amount was included in the original bid to cover any items on page 2 of the Change Order that could have occurred. Since these items weren't necessary the cost is being deducted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Shook to approve Change Order #1 from Seneca Companies for the Fuel Tank Replacement Project. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

- Commissioner Mike Kirk - yea
- Commissioner Doug Shook - yea
- Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
- Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea
- Mayor Mike Mossman - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

13. Commissioner Kirk explained that Fairbanks-Morse is the only company in the United States that works on the engines at the Electric Plant. The expenses for the project include travel time, materials and labor. If Fairbanks completes both overhauls at the same time the City would save on travel expenses. Fairbanks is currently booked out 18 months and the City will need to get on their schedule for the overhauls. The project is 100% TIF eligible and Commissioner Kirk would like to earmark TIF IV funds for the project. Commissioner Shook would possibly agree to paying thirty or forty percent of the cost from TIF and is not in favor of TIF funding the whole project. Mayor Mossman noted that the Plant wasn't included in TIF IV, but has requested that it be added. Treasurer Waggoner stated that the two overhauls will total \$803,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Shook to waive bidding and approve an overhaul of the Colt-Pielstick with Fairbanks-Morse. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

- Commissioner Mike Kirk - yea
- Commissioner Doug Shook - yea
- Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
- Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea
- Mayor Mike Mossman - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. Commissioner Kirk explained that the City would save money by having both overhauls completed at the same time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to waive bidding and approve the overhaul of OP#9 with Fairbanks-Morse. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

- Commissioner Mike Kirk - yea
- Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea
- Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
- Commissioner Doug Shook - yea

Mayor Mike Mossman - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Woodworth and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the fee for the carnival for the American Legion. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. Mayor Mossman stated that the Council agreed at the last meeting to have an 80/20 agreement with Booker Realty.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shook and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to approve Ordinance 24-14 approving and authorizing the execution of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Predevelopment Agreement with Booker Realty, LLC and Benjamin E. Booker. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Shook to adjourn into closed session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss the operation by a municipality of a municipal utility or the operation of a municipal power agency or municipal natural gas agency when the discussion involves (i) contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity or natural gas or (ii) the results or conclusion of load forecast studies (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23)). Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion carried.

18. The meeting was reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

19. Commissioner Kirk shared that sixty percent of the 31 member towns have signed the new contracts with the IMEA.

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

Commissioner Doug Shook	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Mayor Mike Mossman	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Mike Mossman
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Attest Carrie Creek
Carrie Creek, City Clerk