



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 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 and public hearing held July 24, 2017
- Approval of minutes of the special meeting held August 1, 2017
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for July 2017
- Approve Change Order 3 for the Sanitary Sewer Main Project for a decrease of \$55,171.75
- Approve Pay Estimate 5 for the Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement for \$23,219.78 to Followell Construction
- Approve Project Authorization for Milano & Grunloh for BG6 – Sludge Permit
- Pass Resolution 17-J, Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Meeting Sessions
- Pass Resolution 17-K, Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Amended Preannexation Agreement
- Approve Ordinance 17-23 – Amending Chapter 24 – Motor Vehicle Code, Article VI – Parking Rules, Section 26-6-4 Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, Schedule "E" – No Parking Zones of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Illinois

Mayor Short announced that Ordinance 17-23 would be pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on at the next meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that the consent agenda be approved as presented with the exclusion of Ordinance 17-23. 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. Commissioner Mossman explained that turkey grit has been applied to the trails at Tabor Park, and drainage issues will be addressed to keep the trails from washing out. He also announced plans to clean out debris from the trails this fall. Herb Bricker attended a conference regarding wildflower and prairie grasses, and a design and plan has been made for planting at Tabor Park. Commissioner Mossman also pointed out that a letter was received from the Christian County Tractor Pull Association regarding the event at Tabor Park.

4. Commissioner Kirk reported one small outage occurred last night in the Parkway Drive area due to a squirrel. He explained that the line crew has been installing squirrel guards along all of the project areas. Employee Kyle Myler is in his 2nd week of training and is close to finishing his training to become a journeyman. Big D has finished their electric projects for the City. A new employee from Altamont has been hired as an apprentice lineman, and he comes to Sullivan with the experience equivalent of a 2nd year apprentice.

5. Commissioner Wade explained that the dumping of grease into the sanitary sewer system has ceased. Test results showed that the grease that caused the issue a couple of weeks ago was cooking oil. He also explained that the water tower demolition went well and the tower came down safely and quickly.

6. Commissioner Risley began discussion regarding the two drainage projects that have been proposed. Mr. Flannell met with legal counsel of both drainage districts and reported that they would probably not be able to help with funding. It is possible, however, that they could undertake the project themselves and the City could fund it, leaving out any need for easement work. Mr. Flannell will look into the sensibility and legality of that arrangement. Commissioner Risley reported that the oil and chipping of streets in Sullivan should begin within the next two or three weeks, and the Civic Center parking lot is also scheduled to be completed.

7. Mr. Flannell asked that the awarding of bids for the Gas Department garage be tabled until the next meeting.

8. Mayor Short reported that the Police Department is planning to replace the sign at the department. Speed Graffix quoted \$1,000 for an 8x4 aluminum composite sign with vinyl decals.

9. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers was present to discuss current and proposed projects. He reported that the sewer contractors have some work left on some manhole lids, and their work should then be done until next spring. He is working with Clerk Johnson for a water main replacement grant, and a public hearing will be held in October with grants applications due in December. He reported that the City did not receive the Highway Safety Improvement grant, but he hopes the City has better luck when reapplying next year. The swimming pool certification for chemical feeding change should be completed next week.

10. Commissioner Kirk asked Mr. Beckman if it would be wise to start purchasing small portions of property at the intersections for the Highway Safety grant, and Mr. Beckman agreed that this would be a good idea. The City will eventually need triangles of property from each side of the intersections to increase the size of the right of

ways. It was also discussed if the City should widen the right of way areas near the grain storage area on Market Street, and Mr. Beckman and Commissioner Risley will discuss this opportunity further.

11. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- St. Mary's is requesting another meeting regarding Fields Wright Medical Center
- No further communication with DMH, but reports that their doctor has purchased a home in Sullivan
- Water tower demolition updates
- Civic Center site visit occurred August 1st. Mr. Flannell hopes to schedule a settlement conference soon
- Casey's corporate appears to be proceeding with their project
- Fleener property demolition went well, and trees have been removed
- Sewer grease dumping updates were discussed
- Road oiling will begin in 2-3 weeks
- Gas Department garage bids on hold, and hopes to meet with contractor soon
- Tabor Park and Asa Creek project updates were discussed
- Drainage projects were discussed

12. Commissioner Kirk reported that he appreciates the efforts of the painting crew for their work on light poles in the Louis, Sunrise, and Sunset areas. More painting work on light poles should occur on Pifers Lane this fall.

13. SCED Director Laurrie Minor reported on a number of issues, including:

- Went to a meeting in Moline for community development work
- The Chamber committee has plans to be more active in the community, and plans a chamber luncheon on September 27th at Mason Point, with a speaker and activities planned
- Met with economic development directors from Arcola, Tuscola, Arthur, and Decatur. Tuscola reports that the Cronus project is back on track, with hopes that Sullivan might benefit from some of the traffic
- Working with Decatur on a regional partnership, focusing on the Central Illinois region
- Plans for Oktoberfest are in full swing. Bands have been booked, working on inflatables, and sponsor forms and invites will go out tomorrow
- Met with the Vineyard Church about the Shopko building. They report that they do not plan to open a school or shelter. They want to do something for the community, but have no set plan at this point.

14. Mayor Short pointed out the change of the look of the claims report. Treasurer Sarah Golden explained the benefits of the change, and how the report is now produced by the software and how it gives more detail. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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.

15. Mayor Short began discussion regarding a possible payment to the Sullivan Blue Dolphins swim team. She thanked the organization for their informative presentation at the last meeting, and she stated that she feels that it is an appropriate donation due to the economic benefit they bring in. Mr. Flannell also stated that it is his opinion that what was presented was sufficient to support a vote from a legal standpoint, but that it was ultimately up to the Council to decide if they want to make a contribution. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to donate \$3400 to the Sullivan Blue Dolphins swim team. 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.

16. City Clerk Monte Johnson gave an update on plans as the ADA Coordinator. He explained that the City is in the process of updating its self-evaluation and transition plan. As part of the self-evaluation, the City is looking at potential barriers to access from an ADA perspective. He announced that the public has a chance to participate by reporting possible barriers through an online form that is available to the public on the City's website. Once the self-evaluation is completed, a transition plan will be written to describe how the City plans to handle and eliminate any barriers.

17. Mayor Short explained that a civic minded individual called her and proposed to donate a 20x40 shelter to be erected at the City's lot at 1 E Jefferson Street. Many questions and concerns were discussed, including the impact the shelter might have on a future sale of the lot, and how it might impact Oktoberfest. The Council stated their appreciation of the donation request. The individual will be contacted for more information regarding the possible donation before a decision is made.

18. Mr. Flannell explained to the Council that he would like them to put some thought into a possible policy for memorials at Wyman Park. One opinion might be to have Tabor Park be an appropriate setting for memorials. Others might feel that the cemetery's purpose is for that exact reason. Although no requests have been made for inappropriate memorials at Wyman Park, it could happen in the future. Without a policy in place, it may be hard for the City to reject a request for an inappropriate memorial.

Commissioner Mossman explained that past practice has been for a family to contact Mr. Mossman (the Commissioner of Accounts and Finance that oversees the park). Mr. Mossman would then talk to the foreman of the parks. If the foreman feels that it would be appropriate and enhance the park, then the City would allow it. Mr.

Flannell asked the Council to put some thought into this practice before the next meeting. Mr. Flannell also reminded the Council that they did not act on or further discuss the possibility of limiting fireworks sales in the City. The Clerk will place both items on the agenda for the next meeting.

19. Mayor Short announced that Monte Johnson was asked to be a presenter at the upcoming annual ILGISA (Illinois GIS Association) conference. Mr. Johnson will give a presentation on the projects that the City of Sullivan has undergone and how a small municipality has been able to make efficient use of GIS. The Council lauded Mr. Johnson's efforts and showed their appreciation for him representing Sullivan at the conference.

20. Mayor Short announced that Kevin Gaden, the President and CEO of the IMEA, will be in Sullivan to visit this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. She also explained that the IMEA will give a tour of the Prairie State Energy Campus on September 28th. A report was received from Treasurer Golden regarding the PSN payment service, and Ms. Golden stated she is pleased with the way things have been going for the first month of service. Mayor Short also announced that Mr. Johnson will soon be rolling out a new work order process.

21. Mayor Short asked if there were comments from the public in attendance. One attendee asked if the new online payment process would affect any employment at the City Building. Ms. Golden explained that at some point in the future, when an employee resigns or retires, it might be possible to fill that position with a part time employee. It was also asked about the status of fireworks sales in Sullivan. Mr. Flannell explained that there is no current City regulation prohibiting the sales of fireworks specifically, but the Fire District has a policy in place that prohibits certain sales.

22. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 7:56 p.m. to review closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); for the setting of a price or lease of property owned by the public (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).); and to discuss probable or imminent litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).). 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.

23. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

24. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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
Commissioner Jerry Risley
Mayor Ann Short

- yea
- yea
- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

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