



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 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.

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| 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 the Minutes of the regular meeting held July 10, 2017
- Approval of Claims
- Adopt Ordinance 17-21, Ordinance 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
- Adopt Ordinance 17-22, An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Sullivan and Sullivan C.U.S.D. No. 300
- Approve the 2018 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor Short asked that Ordinance 17-22 be pulled from the consent agenda so a separate vote could be taken for that issue. A motion was made by Commissioner Risely and seconded by Commissioner Wade that the consent agenda be approved as presented with the exclusion of Ordinance 17-22. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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| 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. The following Ordinance was presented:

**Ordinance 17-22**

**An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Sullivan and Sullivan C.U.S.D. No. 300**

Mayor Short explained that the school district approved this agreement at their last meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by

Commissioner Risley to waive the reading and approve the ordinance as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 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.

4. Commissioner Mossman explained that he gets monthly participation reports from the Civic Center, and that over 5,000 people used the Civic Center this past June. He also thanked Ed Righter for putting together the tractor pull. He stated it was a success, a lot of people were present, and there were good comments about the park and the community.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that apprentice Kyle Myler will be gone the month of August for training. Work at the Toy Bar alley has been essentially completed. Only one project is left for Big D Electrical, and they have come in under budget and ahead of schedule. Estimates from BHMG were received to see what other work could be done for what was budgeted, and they could stay until August 3<sup>rd</sup> if there were projects that need completed. A list of projects was read that will be handled by Big D Electrical before they leave town. Commissioner Kirk also reported that he was pleased that the City has not had any electrical outages do to the recent storms, and it is believed that the recent electrical upgrades have contributed to that success.

6. Commissioner Kirk began discussion regarding the contract for net metering with Mike Fowler. It was explained that Mr. Fowler had approached the Council regarding a solar installation, and the City did not have a net metering or interconnection policy in place. The City asked the IMEA for help in putting these policies in place, and policies and ordinances were passed to allow for solar installations and net metering. A contract was signed last September with Mr. Fowler for net metering for his solar power, but the terms of the contract do not reflect the ordinance. Commissioner Kirk explained that a contract does not need to be in place to allow net metering, and that Mr. Fowler can still produce solar power and use net metering under the ordinance that was passed.

Mr. Fowler was allowed a chance to speak, and he explained that solar training is coming up this fall that is geared towards administration of solar power. He said that the training is for administration and people in billing, and he would like Commissioner Kirk to attend with him. He also invited Mayor Short and any other officials or administration to attend. He stated that he would like a six month extension on his contract to give everybody time to learn more about net metering and how it should be administered.

City Administrator Dan Flannell stated that the contract in place does not agree with the ordinance that was passed, and that it would not be prudent to continue a contract that does not correspond with the ordinance. He believes that it would be proper to terminate the contract at its ending date so that it would not conflict with the ordinance. The Council agreed that they would learn more about the net metering issue,

and that they were open to revisiting the issue and changing the ordinance if they felt a change was necessary. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to terminate the net metering contract with Mike Fowler at the end of the contract date. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 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.

7. Commissioner Wade turned the floor over to Mr. Flannell to explain the biggest pressing issue regarding the Water & Sewer Departments. Mr. Flannell reported that over the last few days somebody has been dumping a considerable amount of grease or oil into the City's sanitary sewer system. It was explained that the issue is coming from the north half of the City, but the exact source has not yet been found. A letter explaining the issue will be hand delivered to businesses to make them aware of the situation and to try and get the offending party to stop this practice. The dumping of grease takes a lot of manpower, is very costly to the City and its customers, is tough on the system, and kills the bacteria that exists to digest the sludge.

8. Commissioner Risley began discussion regarding the two drainage projects that have been proposed. Mr. Flannell left messages with the attorney of the two drainage districts, but has yet to have a discussion with him about the City's needs. Once cooperation has been guaranteed by the drainage districts, the City will have to decide which of the projects to move forward with and where the funds will come from.

9. Mayor Short announced that the bids for the construction work for the Gas Department garage have been received and are due to be opened. The Clerk announced that two bids were received, and reported them as follows:

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| Standerfer Brothers Gen. Contractors | \$43,411 |
| Apex Builders                        | \$24,100 |

Mr. Flannell will look the bids over to make sure they both meet specifications and that the prevailing wage ordinance is followed. The Council will award a bid at the next meeting.

10. Mayor Short read a thank you note received from Bill Burger.

11. Treasurer Sarah Golden gave an update on PSN, the City's new billing option for customers. She reported that the system started running last Monday, and by Friday there were 130 customers registered. Half of those customers opted out of paper bills, which offset the fees for the system. The City has already received 88 payments through the system, and the process is running seamlessly. So far the system has worked great for the office, and Treasurer Golden hopes that it continues to work great for the customers as well. Thus far feedback from the public has been extremely positive.

12. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Met with Shane Kitchens of St. Mary's Hospital regarding the Fields Wright facility
- Met with the CEO and Public Information Director of DMH, and learned they will add a full time physician to the local facility
- The Cemetery will have a new public computer system running soon
- Water tower demolition will be rescheduled sometime in August
- Site inspection to be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Civic Center litigation. Architects will present a proposal in August or September
- The Roane Street property demolition is completed, and the Patterson Road property demolition began today
- The MFT audit is complete and the City is in good standing

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

- The online auction for the Shopko building is set for August 9<sup>th</sup>
- The Terzo property is up for auction in August, and it is in TIF 4 and not TIF 1 as advertised
- putting together a packet of areas that could be sites for food establishments based on strategic planning
- facilitated the meeting with DMH
- spoke to Hydro-Gear and Agri-Fab, and got reaffirmation of their commitment to Sullivan
- working with school districts to bring entrepreneurship class to Sullivan
- Met with Sullivan's new superintendent, and wants to be involved in the community, and wants students involved as well
- Met with a chef about a pop up restaurant
- Met with the DCEO and the Little Theatre about funding opportunities to help keep the Theatre afloat
- Local churches brought a group to the New Life Tabernacle for service project ideas
- Met with Hydro-Gear, and they reported they have been happy with their power service as they haven't had any recent outages

14. Representatives of the Sullivan Blue Dolphins were present to discuss the City's recent budgeting change that affects their organization. Jason and Kim Drury submitted detailed information and data about the swim team, and explained numerous examples of how the swim team contributes to the community. Ms. Drury explained that the City used to help support the swim team by providing funds for expenses. She was informed by Mr. Flannell that they may no longer be receiving the monetary support due to the fact that the City must be careful in making donations to charitable organizations that do not offer justification of payment through tourism or economic development.

Mr. Flannell stated that the Council would need to make a determination if they would be willing to support the organization with a financial contribution. Some members of the Council agreed that the swim team is a worthy and worthwhile

organization, and that they would like to research the legalities of a contribution from the City. The issue will be placed on the agenda for the meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

15. The following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance 17-19

An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018

Mayor Short explained that a public hearing was held regarding the ordinance at 6:45 p.m. today before the regular meeting, and no questions were brought up at the hearing. The ordinance has been on file for inspection since the last meeting, and the City has now met all legal requirements to pass the ordinance. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the reading and approve the ordinance as submitted. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 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. Mayor Short brought forth discussion regarding the possibility of work being done for the SCED building. It was estimated that the building has been owned by the City for the last 13 or 14 years. It has been painted once and the wooden siding on the front was replaced, but the windows are all original. SCED Director Laurrie Minor asked previously if there was a possibility of updating the building with new siding and windows. The Council debated if it would be wise to spend money on a building that may not be owned by the City in the future, or if it would be able to get the money back out of the repairs if it were to sell the property. No decision was made and the Council may revisit the topic in the future.

17. Mayor Short asked if there were comments from the public in attendance and there were none.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to adjourn to closed session at 8:18 p.m. to review closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); and for the setting of a price 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:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 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.


19. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

20. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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| 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 8:52 p.m.

Attest

  
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Monte Johnson, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Ann Short