



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 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. The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2017, were submitted by the City Clerk. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk that the foregoing minutes be approved as printed. 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.

3. The claims were read by Mayor Short. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk 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.

4. Commissioner Mossman reported that there are a lot of preparations happening at the park for the 4th of July celebration. He credited the employees and the part time help for getting things repainted and ready for the holiday.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that employee Brock Cook completed three more weeks of schooling for his apprentice training. Local crews are working on the Toy Bar alley, a pole on North Seymour St is being set, Mediacom lines are being transferred, and West Harrison St has a big upgrade with Big D Electric.

6. Commissioner Risley explained that the decision on the Route 121 ditch cleaning project (Eastview Subdivision) and the West Hagerman tile outlet work will be tabled until the next meeting when Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh is present.

7. Mayor Short reported that the old concrete block building at the Gas Department is in need of insulation, siding, and a new roof. She is asking permission to bid the project. Commissioner Kirk suggested that the project be split so that different bids could be received for the roof and the siding/insulation. A motion was made by Mayor Short and seconded by Commissioner Risley to advertise for bids for repairs to the Gas Department garage. 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.

8. Mayor Short introduced Kevin McReynolds from the Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission. Mr. McReynolds explained that the City of Sullivan was awarded a \$445,980 Community Development Block Grant from the DCEO for housing rehabilitation. Information and applications for those houses eligible will probably be sent out in September. The rehabilitation grant will help bring houses up to code at no cost to the homeowner and at no cost to the City. The Council thanked Mr. McReynolds for his efforts in securing this grant for the City.

9. Mayor Short reported that the Council received a letter regarding the CIMOA conference on July 20th in Monticello.

10. Mayor Short reported that the City Clean Up Days will be held on July 15th for all houses north of Harrison Street and on July 22nd for all houses south of Harrison Street. Several items are not allowed, and an advertisement will be placed in the newspaper.

11. Mayor Short reported that Resolution 17-H would not be passed until the Council reconvened from closed session.

12. The following ordinance was presented:

ORDINANCE 17-17

An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the 2017 Amendment to the Sullivan Tax Increment Financing District I Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the reading and accept 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 Riskey	- abstain
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

13. The following ordinance was presented:

ORDINANCE 17-18

An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the 2017 Amendment to the Sullivan Tax Increment Financing District II Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the reading and accept the ordinance 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- No updates on a meeting with St. Mary's regarding the medical center
- Exploring tennis court security and gave updates on the restrooms at the Cemetery
- Updated the Council on the water tower demolition, to be held on June 28th
- Gave an update on the Civic Center roof litigation
- Architects will attend the July 10th meeting to discuss future possibilities for the Civic Center
- Explained temporary fireworks sales stands and local ordinances
- Bill Burger will attend the July 10th meeting to discuss Tabor Park concerns
- Explained lawn grass & weed ordinances and problems with foreclosures
- Awning has been installed and paid for at the City Building

15. SCED Director Laurie Minor reported that the festival was successful for WCIA, and they reported it was the biggest turnout they have ever had. She thanked all of the City departments for their help. She is still working on leads of the Shopko building and for restaurants. Tickets are being sold for the 4th of July jackpot. Warrensburg and Clinton do not have fireworks this year, and she invited their communities to join Sullivan's celebration.

16. Mr. Flannell explained that Chip Christensen of Chip's Marine has requested that the City join the Friends of Reservoirs organization to aid in their effort to build fish habitats. The membership costs \$25, and would help in their grant application

process to show that they are getting community support. The habitats being built are concentrated in the north part of the lake towards Sullivan, and Commissioner Mossman explained that these efforts are bringing business into our community. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to become members of the Friends of Reservoirs organization by paying the appropriate membership dues. 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.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the demolition bids by Greg Yoder for \$9965 for the property at 702 S Patterson Road, and for \$7885 for the property at 819 W Roane Street. 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.

18. Commissioner Kirk explained that the proposal for the City's fiber system audit would bring the City's records up to date and would find the weaknesses in the system. The City's fiber network is becoming increasingly relied upon for each of the departments, and it is necessary that the system is reliable. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to approve the Ervin Cable Construction proposal of \$12,688.50 for the fiber audit of the City's fiber system. 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.

19. Mayor Short reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance at 322 North West Street.

20. Clerk Johnson explained that he had been approached by members of the Council to consider moving to a consent agenda format for meetings. The details and procedures of the consent agenda format were explained by the Clerk. A motion was

made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the use of the consent agenda format for City Council meetings moving forward. 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.

21. Mayor Short explained that the issue of dependent contributions for health insurance for retired City employees under the age of 65 was still unresolved. Former employee Joe Thompson was given a chance to speak on behalf of the retired employees. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that the City's labor council has researched the issue and the claims that are brought up from the former employees. A State of Illinois Supreme Court case has been cited by an attorney for Mr. Thompson, but it has been explained to the Council that the facts of the case are different than the City's situation. The City's labor council believes that the City is in a good legal position if they move forward with requiring retired employees to help pay for the health insurance of their dependents.

It had been the recommendation of an insurance committee to the Council that retired employees should be required to contribute to their dependent health insurance the same as current employees. Commissioner Mossman, who was on the committee, stated that he now believes that it would be wise to table the issue for a year, although he does believe at some point in the future the retirees would need to start contributing. He recommended tabling the issue. Commissioner Kirk stated that it was not fair to the Council or to the retirees to wait and to have to discuss the issue and go through the process again. Treasurer Sarah Golden asked the Council if she could be offered the opportunity to speak. She was granted the opportunity, and she stated that she wanted to step out of the role of Treasurer and speak on behalf of the current employees. Amongst her points is the fact that although retirees aren't required to contribute, the health insurance benefits keep getting watered down. She cautions that if retirees aren't required to help pay for insurance, the only savings left to the City is to raise the deductible and change or get rid of the HRA, which would be extremely costly to employees and retirees. It was pointed out that changes to the HRA could prove to be more costly to retirees than the amount of contributions they are being asked to pay.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to table the issue of dependent contributions for health insurance for retired City employees under the age of 65 for six months. 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	- abstain

and the motion was declared carried.

22. Mayor Short asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. One citizen stated that she supported the retirees getting their health insurance, but she believes that they should have to pay a portion for their dependents. Another member of the public interrupted and argued against her comment. Mr. Flannell issued a stern warning to the public that they were attending a meeting of the Council, and before anybody were to speak, they should ask for permission and get approval from the Mayor. The offending attendee apologized for his behavior.

23. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley to adjourn to closed session at 8:31 p.m. to review closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)). 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.

24. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

25. The following Resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION 17-H

Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to waive the reading and accept the Resolution as submitted. 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.

26. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade that the minutes of the meeting be engrossed by the Clerk. 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.

27. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was reduced to writing and read to the Council. 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 8:40 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

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