



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018, 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 asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and one citizen asked if there was any feedback or movement on a new Civic Center facility. City Administrator Dan Flannell replied that there has not been much follow up regarding that possible project. That could happen within the next month or so. There will probably be a citizen survey of some sort go out to get opinions from the public.

3. Mayor Short read the items on the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held March 26, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2018
- Approve advertising for bids by an RFP for electric transformers

A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman that the consent agenda be approved as presented. 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.

4. Commissioner Kirk reported that the 69 kV switch near Bethany should get changed out tomorrow providing there is good weather. The City will be generating power starting at 7:00 or 8:00 a.m., and will continue to do so until the switch change is completed. The electronics recycling event will take place this Saturday in Wyman Park. The Park Street electric project is nearing completion. The underground primary is energized.

5. Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers (M&G) was present and explained that the CMOM application is being updated and should be completed within 30 days. There is a small amount of cleanup work left to do for the sewer project. No

announcement has been made regarding the ITEP grant application. The Burdick subdivision plans & permits will be completed tomorrow, and M&G will work with the City for any bidding work that may need to be done. M&G is working with the City to review the water plant to see what improvements will need to be done.

6. Mayor Short announced that the 2018 IMUA/IMEA annual conference will take place in Springfield on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no charge for Council members to attend.

7. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Next meeting with Shopko is Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Woods Basement was present on April 5<sup>th</sup> to service the water collection system. Very little damage was done due to the water main break. An extra dehumidifier may be purchased in the future to help with the humidity problem
- Commissioner Risley and two park employees completed the floor support project in the City building, which saved a substantial amount of money
- The TIF consultant is working on TIF 4 agreements with Darin Burdick and Main Street Capital partners for their projects. Agreements may be ready at the next meeting
- Chief Waggoner and Mr. Flannell will attend a follow up meeting regarding the bomb scare incident at the high school
- Two water plant facilities will be toured by Mr. Flannell, Clerk Johnson, and Commissioner Wade. A water softening system needs to be installed for the City's system, and a plan will be discussed and made for the long term
- Visited Highland, Illinois, to see their AMI meter reading system
- Assisted in responding to interrogatories for a police litigation
- First deposition of defendants for the Civic Center litigation will be this Friday, and will be attending along with the City's attorney
- An additional \$10,000 donation has been committed to for the pavilion project. Will visit with Lions Club about a possible donation from that organization

8. Treasurer Golden gave the Council information regarding possible bond refinancing options. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the soonest that the City could refinance. The City is currently set to repay until 2023. She explained that the Council could pass an ordinance setting parameters to agree on a solution so that a designated person could complete the transaction. Three scenarios were given to show how much money could be saved depending on the amount of money that could be put in towards refinancing. TIF would be a consideration, and the City's TIF consultants would work closely with the bond specialists. Commissioner Kirk suggests that each Council member sit down with Treasurer Golden to discuss in greater detail the options available.

9. Treasurer Golden explained how she would like to revise the City's current capitalization policy. It was originally passed in 2006 and needs to be updated to be more efficient tracking items. A resolution to set this policy should be ready at the next meeting.

10. Mr. Flannell explained that work has been finalized for the final plat for Burdick Estates. A TIF agreement may be ready for the next meeting at a 50% share.

This amount is lower than has been done in the past, but it was pointed out that it is reflective of the fact that the City is contributing a lot of money on expanding utilities, and the new TIF district gives the developer plenty of time to recover expenses. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the final plat for Burdick Estates. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- abstain
Commissioner Grant Wade	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. The Council discussed moving forward with the pavilion for the Square. A spec sheet for trusses was given to the Council by Commissioner Kirk, and a local contractor could be hired to guide City employees during the construction process. It is estimated that construction materials would cost around \$11,000. Concrete is not included in that cost. The design should be completely maintenance free, as the columns would be aluminum slipped over the timber. The fascia and soffit would be vinyl. Once figures from local contractors have been received, they will be shared with the Council. The Council will then need to decide which style the City should move forward with.

12. It was explained that membership rates at the Civic Center have not been raised in many years. A new pricing structure has been prepared, and the status of non-residents needs to be discussed. Currently anybody not living in the city limits is considered a non-resident, and must pay extra for a health club membership. Prior to 1998, a non-resident was considered somebody who did not pay City utilities. The Council discussed the pros and cons for the different ways non-residents could be handled. In the end, it was generally agreed upon that the City would charge one rate regardless of their residency status. This policy is open to review in the future.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to adjourn to closed session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).); and to discuss 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.

14. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Risley 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	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

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~~Mayor Ann Short~~  
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