



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Wednesday, December 26, 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 Ann 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 there were none.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held December 10, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of December Treasurer's Report
- Pass Ordinance 18-22 – Disposal of Property

It was requested that the claims list be pulled and voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the claims for TIF I. 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. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the remaining items on the claims list and the rest of the items on the consent agenda. 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.

5. Commissioner Kirk reported that the Electric Department is working on getting the reclosers hooked up to fiber so that the operators in the plant can see where the shorts and faults are for a quicker response time. He also noted that Big D Electrical was in the area and helped fix rotten poles that our crew was unable to handle. Some poles have too much transmission on them for our apprentice linemen to legally and safely work on. They will also help with a couple of other small projects in the near future.

6. Commissioner Risley explained that there is some hazardous waste materials at the Street Department that need disposed of. He brought forth discussion regarding a hazardous waste clean-up day. Mayor Short explained that the EPA is in charge of those events, and City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that there is a process for getting them to conduct such an event. There is a \$175,000 cost to each community for the processing, and it is believed that many businesses help fund the events to help take care of their own waste. It was suggested that we check with businesses that may recycle our waste for a fee. The topic will be researched further to help find a solution to the City's hazardous waste issue.

7. Mayor Short explained that there was about \$17,000 left on the IMEA lighting incentive grant that can be given out. It was discussed that some businesses may want to file to get part of the incentive grant, and it was decided that the City will wait to submit its own grant application for LED street lights until it can be determined who else may want a grant and how much they may be eligible for.

8. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that he has no official written report for the meeting. He did explain that the testing for the sewer line was completed today, and that the demand testing passed. He also stated that the new mechanic employee at the Light Plant has been doing good and learning as much as he can on his own. It is hopeful that he might be able to go to a Fairbanks Morse school in January in Beloit, Wisconsin. There is a second schooling in March that would be for training on the older generators.

9. Mayor Short explained that it was discussed at the last meeting that the City may want to consider sharing a portion of the Workers Comp refund with the employees, which is a common practice among municipalities and businesses. The City will receive a refund of \$34,914 for its excellent Workers Comp record. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to share back one half of the refund equally amongst current full time City employees. The amount per employee will total \$306. 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.

10. Dan Flannell explained that he requested a discussion of Civic Center fees for Moultrie County Beacon clients. There is a \$5 daily fee for non-health club members

to use the Civic Center facility. After discussing the issue with Susan Rauch and David Cole, it has been explained that the Beacon has posted a loss and has no funds to help its clients with the required fee. Most of the clients have no means and generally won't have the ability to use the facility without a waiver. They are also unable to use the gym area during the free public gym time because those times are after the Beacon facilities are closed. The Council agreed that it would be best to waive the fees for clients of the Beacon. No vote was taken, and the item will be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

11. Treasurer Sarah Golden explained that she believes it would be good practice that all employees should be randomly tested for drugs and alcohol. This is a good time to make a change if any were to be made, because the current DOT contract is up for renewal. It is estimated that about 25 of the City's full time employees are currently tested due to DOT or FCC requirements.

Mr. Flannell explained that the biggest hurdle will be to get the proper language in place and determine what types of discipline will be enforced for positive tests. Commissioner Mossman also noted that thought needs to go into the testing if and when marijuana becomes legalized. Treasurer Golden explained that the City can determine how many and how often employees would be tested in the new "non-regulated" group. Mr. Flannell will research language that will need to be placed in the employee handbook, and the City will move forward to get a policy in place.

12. It was explained that Resolution 18-N, the resolution to release closed session minutes, would be passed once the Council reconvened from closed session to talk about those minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed (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.

13. Mayor short reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

14. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to pass Resolution 18-N – Release of Executive Session Minutes. 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.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Kirk 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 7:35 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short  
Mayor Ann Short