



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in a special session on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 2:00 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 explained that the meeting was being held to discuss budgeting for fiscal year 2018-2019, 5 year capital outlay plans, and economic development. She asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance, and there were none.

3. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that there were many technology updates that need to be done in the upcoming fiscal year. A new server needs to be purchased, and other servers and networking equipment need to be updated. Extending the City's fiber network to each department can open the door to newer technologies and cost savings. One example would be the implementation of IP phones to provide better service and smaller phone bills. Remote meter reading and remote electrical shutoff capabilities are also being researched.

4. The Council discussed the opportunity to start a Revolving Loan Fund, which would tie into economic development. Mr. Flannell will do more research into this option. Treasurer Sarah Golden also asked the Council's interest into starting a Capital Equipment/Vehicle Equipment Purchase Fund. Commissioner Risley stated that he would have interest in seeing more information about this opportunity.

5. The Council discussed how to go about promoting TIF 4, the possibility of extending TIF 1, and how the City should go about marketing the recently acquired property for development. There is a good chance some development may happen south of town on Patterson road, and the City would need to expand its utilities to accommodate that growth.

6. Possible budgeting items for the Street Department were discussed, including how to handle fixing sidewalks, purchasing street signs, the possible purchase of a jet/vacuum truck, the Eastview ditch regrade, and the Hagerman/Market Street storm sewer issue.

7. Commissioner Kirk discussed budgeting for electric department upgrades, and explained the upgrades that have already been made. Many upgrades are being planned for this next year through the next five years.

8. Water and Sewer budgeting issues were discussed, including how to update old water and sewer lines, hydrant replacement, fire protection, extension of the

water mains to Windsor, security at the Water Plant, and an annual cleaning of lime pits going forward.

9. Commissioner Mossman explained that many of the possible budgeting items for the Civic Center revolve around the roof lawsuit and if or when repairs to the Civic Center might take place. Many of the Park Department budgeting items do not have the immediate need and don't appear as urgent as those with the utility departments.

10. Budgeting and planning items to consider for the Police Department included the possible purchase or use of body cameras moving forward. Research is being done to weight the benefits of body cameras against what would be an ongoing expense for the cost of storage of the footage. Mayor Short also pointed out that the Cemetery Department is considering the installation of a mausoleum for cremations, as well as a tamper, sod cutter, and new flooring for the office.

11. Following the discussion of possible budgeting items, the Council expressed that some items had a definite priority that should be researched and addressed immediately for possible inclusion in the next fiscal year's budget. The upgrading of server technology, the expansion of the City's fiber network, foundation and structural issues at the City Building, economic development in regards to TIF 4, and the marketing and hopeful development of property on Route 32 should all be major considerations.

12. Mr. Flannell asked if the Council was ready to discuss how the City plans to move forward with economic development in regards to his role and the contributions to the SCED going forward. It was debated if the Council should have a special meeting with the SCED board to get their thoughts on their future plans and their vision for the future. Mayor Short explained that a demonstration will be held during the Council meeting on Monday to show what type of community planning is available that the City could invest in. At the next SCED board meeting, Mayor Short will discuss with them if they would like to have a special meeting with the City Council to discuss planning for the future.

13. 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 4:44 p.m.

Attest Monte a. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

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Mayor Ann Short