



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

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, July 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 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. One citizen asked if the Council was aware of the erosion problem in Tabor Park. She showed pictures and explained that 39 trees were falling in on the east side of the creek.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 25, 2018
- Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held June 28, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report for June 2018
- Pass Ordinance 18-15 – Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property
- Approve 2019 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

It was requested that both sets of minutes and the claims report be pulled from the consent agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 25, 2018. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the minutes of the special meeting held June 28, 2018. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the claims report with the exception of the TIF I claims. 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.

6. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the TIF I claims. 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.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade to pass the remainder of 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.

8. Commissioner Kirk reported that work has started at Aspen Creek for moving the transformers and preparing for an expansion.

9. Commissioner Wade introduced Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers. He stated that a public hearing will need to be held in September to close out the sewer project. Work on the Burdick Subdivision sewer is beginning. There will be a big pile of dirt that will take quite a while to settle. A report on the Water Plant improvements will be coming soon at a future meeting.

Commissioner Kirk questioned if there should be anything budgeted for the Street Department for fixing Patterson Road once the Burdick Subdivision work has been

completed. Mr. Beckman explained that there will be eight crossings that will need to be backfilled and rototilled.

10. Mayor Short reported that each Commissioner should have received a copy of the working budget. She suggested Council members contact Treasurer Golden sooner than later for any questions regarding the budget.

11. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- An agreement has been made with Spring Haven to commence the pavilion project on the Square. Local contractors will complete the concrete work, and the Street Department will assist in preparing the site.
- Burdick Sewer easements have been executed. Work began this morning.
- Billing for masonry work at the City building came in well under the estimate. King Lar has provided written confirmation that they will begin roofing work no later than August 4th.
- Nancy Barker has inquired about the possibility of adding a swing apparatus for handicapped individuals at Wyman Park. Research is being done on that subject.
- It appears construction of the new Casey's will be delayed until next year.
- QNS has requested contribution from the City for sidewalk improvements on the north and west sides of their buildings. He requested documentation of actual costs of the concrete.
- Work on demolition of the Gypsy Soul building and building the new Metro structure will begin soon.
- Attended a deposition for the Meagher lawsuit. A trial has been tentatively scheduled for April of 2020.
- In light of the recent Supreme Court decision, some of our employees in the IBEW union are looking to get out. A new employee chose not to join, and another employee has formally withdrawn. Word is other employees will soon follow. Even though employees may withdrawal, they will still be covered by the union contract.

12. Bids were received for the sale of a 2012 John Deere tractor. One bid was received as follows:

Gordon R. Wood Jr. \$3250

A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to accept the bid of \$3250 by Gordon R. Wood Jr. for the 2012 John Deere tractor. 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. Bids were received for the sale of a 1995 International 4900 truck. One bid was received as follows:

City of Windsor	\$5000
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A motion as made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to accept the bid of \$5000 by the City of Windsor for the 1995 International 4900 truck. 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. Ordinance 18-16 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019, was presented for first reading. Mayor Short explained the appropriations ordinance process and that it is the City’s legal limit for spending for the fiscal year. She pointed out that the numbers in the appropriation ordinance do not match those of the working budget because of unforeseen issues that could arise throughout the year. Mayor Short read the submitted appropriations for each department and explained that a public hearing will be held for the issue prior to the next regular meeting.

15. Larissa Seward of the East Central Illinois Development Corporation (ECIDC) was present to give a presentation on housing development. She explained her background and the mission of the ECIDC. She explained low income tax credits and how the ECIDC works with developers to propose projects to the IHDA (Illinois Housing Development Association). She showed an example of a project in Havana, IL, and how they developed houses, gave an example of the cost of rent, and described how the process worked in that community.

She fielded questions from the audience including what type of guarantee there is for the quality of homes. She explained that many inspections are done once or twice a year for 15 years. They must remain in compliance to keep their tax credits. It was also asked how it works with developers, investors, and the roles of the ECIDC and the City of Sullivan. SCED Director Laurie Minor stated that she started looking at this opportunity because people working in Agri-Fab can’t afford to live here with the current housing situation in Sullivan. She explained that people in that income bracket give up working here because they have no place that they can afford to live.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman 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
Mayor Ann Short

- yea
- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short

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