



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 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 remarked about the drainage problems in the Eastview subdivision. She asked if there was still a plan for the City to get that issue fixed. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that the issue lies with IDOT because it is their highway and right of way that is causing the problem. The corn stalks from the field have also caused major issues in creating a dam that does not allow the water to drain from that subdivision. Commissioner Kirk suggested that pictures and complaints be sent to Senator Chapin Rose to see if somebody from the State could get the issue resolved.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held May 29, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report for May 2018
- Pass Ordinance 18-11 – Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages as Defined in Said Act for Laborers, Mechanics, and Other Workers in the Locality of Said City of Sullivan
- Pass Ordinance 18-12 – Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property
- Pass Ordinance 18-13 – Providing for the Regulation of and Application for Small Wireless Facilities
- Pass Resolution 18-I – Municipal Banking Resolution

Commissioner Wade requested that the minutes be pulled from the consent agenda. Commissioner Kirk requested that the claims be pulled from the consent agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held May 29, 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 Mossman 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.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve all remaining claims (all claims except for 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 consent agenda excluding the minutes and the claims report. 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.

7. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Road oiling in the NW quadrant of the City has been completed. There are still areas near the bus garage that our employees will handle
- Some tree removal work has begun at Wyman Park and the cemetery
- Ruben Yoder will provide a bid for a concrete pad for the Square pavilion project to go along with the pavilion proposal
- A preconstruction conference was held today for the Burdick sewer project. Easements will need to be signed before the construction can begin
- A new employee has been hired at the Sewer Department to replace a recently resigned employee.

- Holland Masonry examined the parapet wall around the City Building. Have received two estimates and still waiting on estimates from two more roofing contractors to fix the roofing problem

Commissioner Mossman questioned if the road oiling has actually been completed. It is believed that only the tilling portion of work has been finished.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve the travel expense reimbursement for Mayor Short for the IMEA-IMUA Annual Conference. 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.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to adjourn to closed session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). 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. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:34 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to return back into open session. 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.

11. Mayor Short began discussion on contributions for retirees for health insurance. It was explained that full time employees will pay 40% of the cost for dependent coverage beginning July 1st. Employees have been paying 30% this past year. All retirees currently pay 15% of the dependent cost. Commissioner Kirk stated that he

thought it was best to have retirees follow with our current employees and those in our union contracts. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk to have retirees pay 40% of the cost for dependent coverage. There was no second for the motion and discussion ensued. Commissioner Kirk stated that retirees would still get 100% of their insurance paid for. They would only be paying 40% for their spouses or dependents. He stressed that the original goal was to get rid of dependent coverage entirely for employees and retirees. That was something the Council had to start considering when insurance costs started to get out of control.

Mayor Short explained that current employees get an annual increase in salary, which this year is 2.25 or 2.5%. Retirees would not receive that same increase. It was asked if retirees actually got 3%, and Mayor Short stated that it is 3% of their original pension and does not compound. Mayor Short asked if the Council should invite retirees back to another meeting before making a decision. Treasurer Golden stated that this decision must be made today because meetings are being held with retirees next week. Mr. Flannell stated that retirees should know an increase should be coming because a similar discussion was held last year. He believes that without addressing the issue the Council will be boxed in and will never have them caught up to employees. Commissioner Kirk stated that this is the time to catch them up to employees and that they still have a great deal as the City still pays 100% of dental and vision and 100% of the retiree's costs. He also stated that not having percentages equal could put the Council in an odd situation for union contract negotiations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to set the dependent cost of insurance for retirees under the age of 65 at 40% beginning July 1, 2018. 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	- no

and the motion was declared carried.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Risley to allow for an unpaid leave of absence for up to six months for City employee Don Clements. 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. City Clerk Monte Johnson explained that proposals for the fiber build out project were received. NWN Cable Construction submitted a proposal of \$209,500. Ervin Cable Construction submitted a proposal of \$142,004.37. Metro Communications

submitted a proposal of \$78,000 with a 20 year lease of \$1780 per year. It was explained that Metro's proposal was for them to build out fiber and have the company still own that fiber, but lease it to the City for its exclusive use for 20 years.

It was also explained that five proposals for the AMI system (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) were received. Clerk Johnson is in the process of reading through those proposals and should have a breakdown and explanation of each at the next meeting.

14. 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	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Attest

Monte a. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short

