



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 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	- absent
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 water rate increase of 4% also applied to the sewer rates. It was explained that it did. It was asked if that meant that there was an 8% increase, and it was explained that they each were increased by 4%. It was also asked if there was mention of a new water plant. Mayor Short explained that engineers are researching if it would be more cost effective to build a new plant instead of continually fixing and upgrading the old plant. No decision has been made yet, as the Council is still looking at figures.

Another citizen thanked the City for putting up the flags on the roadways. City Administrator Dan Flannell explained that the Electric Department is gradually purchasing new poles that would let the flags spin instead of getting caught and tangled in the wind. It was also mentioned by a different citizen that a concrete path on the east end of town may make things worse for flooding in the Eastview subdivision.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 11, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Pass Ordinance 18-14 – Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property

Mayor Short requested that the claims report be pulled from the consent agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve all claims except the TIF 4 claim. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the TIF 4 claims. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- abstain
Commissioner Grant Wade	- absent
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 Kirk to approve the remaining 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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

6. Commissioner Kirk has asked for several weeks to have a discussion of Economic Development put on the agenda. He suggests that a special meeting could be called to talk about the subject.

7. Commissioner Risley explained that he distributed a handout to Council members regarding a mini excavator. An additional machine is necessary because one machine is being used by three departments, and the Sewer Department will soon use it exclusively for the next few months for the new extension on Patterson Road. The Cat machine has a tilting blade and a dual pin coupler that guarantees the bucket won't fall off. The Cat quote included a full 5 year warranty. A quote from Birkey's for a Case machine was also received. Herb Bricker and Doug Daily both stated they preferred the Cat.

Altorfer's proposal for a Cat excavator was \$54,027, which includes a 12" tooth bucket, a 36" grave bucket, and a 5 year warranty. Birkey's proposal for a Case excavator was \$54,457, which includes an angle blade and an 18" bucket. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to waive the formal bidding process and accept the proposal by Altorfer for \$54,027 for a Cat excavator. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

8. Mayor Short introduced Andrew Bequette as the City Attorney. Mr. Bequette gave a brief introduction of himself. He was born in Danville and grew up in Mt. Zion. He swam in our pool as a child and attended shows at The Little Theatre On The Square. His seven years of schooling were at the U of I. He currently represents Tuscola and Arcola and looks forward to working with the City of Sullivan.

9. 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
- Tree removal work associated with last month's storm has been completed at Wyman and Tabor as well as the Cemetery
- Continues to haggle with Springhaven Enterprises regarding pricing on the pavilion. If an agreement is not reached, he will present a proposal for issuance of an RFP
- New Sewer/Water employee began work this morning
- Masonry work on City Building parapet wall is complete with final caulking and clean-up completed mid-afternoon. A 20 inch wide limestone cap was installed to improve water run-off away from the wall surfaces
- At least two of the roofing contractors that were contacted declined to bid due to prevailing wage requirements. He is waiting on a bid from a Mattoon firm, which is expected tomorrow. He can move forward with the lowest bid or the Council can hold a special meeting to discuss the final bids.

It was decided that a special meeting will be held this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. do discuss the bids for the roof. The meeting will be held at the City Building.

10. A discussion was had regarding phone proposals for the City's department buildings. A proposal was received from Metro Communications that has a monthly cost of \$1350 with a one-time cost of \$3750 due for purchasing the phones. A proposal was received from Mediacom for monthly costs of \$1619.30 with an upfront cost of \$11745.45 due for installation costs. Both solutions would use the same phone. Frontier did not end up giving a final cost proposal. Two other companies were contacted but they did not submit costs, which were expected to be a lot more expensive than those proposed by Metro and Mediacom.

Bids for the fiber buildout project were also discussed. Proposals were received from NWN Cable (\$209,500), Ervin Cable (\$142,004.37), and Metro Communications (\$78,000 with a 20 year lease of \$1780 per year). It was discussed that not only does Metro have the cheapest proposal, but they also would be able to tie in their phone system into the switches all at once. They would work with QNS (the City's IT company) to get both phones and internet service supplied to each department. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to accept the proposal by Metro Communications for a new phone system for the City's department buildings. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea

Commissioner Grant Wade	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to accept the proposal by Metro Communications for the fiber system buildout project. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

12. Proposals have been received for an AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) system. Five were received as follows:

**Nighthawk**

Based out of Coppel, TX, with sales rep from Charleston, IL

Upfront Cost	\$601,814.45
Annual Costs	\$22,560.00

**Tantalus**

Based out of Raleigh, NC, represented by Anixter (Mattoon IL)

Upfront Cost	\$749,779.50 - \$995,293.00
Annual Costs	\$11,078 - \$19,718

**Nexgrid**

Based out of Fredericksburg, VA

Upfront Cost	\$975,069.38 - \$993,219.38
Annual Costs	\$18,982.50 - \$28,075.50

**Eaton**

Based out of Minneapolis, MN, with reps in Dahlgren, IL

Upfront Cost	\$982,455.68
Annual Costs	\$7,200

**Landis + Gyr**

Based out of Alpharetta, GA, with partnership with Fletcher-Reinhardt (Bridgeton, MO)

Upfront Cost	\$1,034,691.80
Annual Costs	\$13,564.80 + \$7107.20? * More research needed for this

The Council discussed some of the features of an AMI system. Just a few of the features include: all meters would be read at the City Building, meters would be read and data stored multiple times a day, move-ins and move-outs could be handled in the office, elimination of mis-readings and re-readings, monitoring and notification via text messaging and email, leak detection for water, stop theft of utilities, residents would be caught turning on disconnected services, meter tapering alerts, outage management, load control/limiting/cycling, remote disconnects, voltage monitoring, transformer monitoring, automation control of electric assets, pay as you go options, customer portal, option for advanced rate structures, smart device interfaces, street light controls/outages, EV charging, IP camera integration, Wi-Fi hot spot integration.

Clerk Johnson is ready to do more research, visit sites, and set up meetings with representatives, but did not want to do so if the Council wanted to reject a proposal in a certain price range. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have the Clerk move forward with gathering more information on each proposal.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to adjourn to closed session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).); and to discuss the purchase of real property for the use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).). Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- absent
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 Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to pass Ordinance 18-J – The 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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. 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
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Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Attest Monte A. Johnson  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann Short  
Mayor Ann Short