



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MAY 29, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 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, and there were none.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held May 14, 2018

Mayor Short noted one error on the submitted minutes. Item 19 had improperly stated Chief Love when Chief Waggoner should have been listed. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held May 14, 2018, with the correction made. 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 by omnibus vote.

4. Commissioner Kirk reported that the line crew has finished up projects related to the storm damage. He also stated that last week a tractor hit a power pole on Market and Eden Streets which took out power to both factories.

5. Commissioner Risley explained that he has been researching options of purchasing, renting, or leasing a mini excavator. The City currently owns one mini excavator, but frequently there are multiple departments trying to use it at the same time. City Administrator Dan Flannell will talk with all of the departments together to see if it makes sense to purchase or rent another one going forward.

6. Mayor Short announced that there is a Chamber of Commerce member luncheon tomorrow at the American Legion.

7. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- Response from City Employees following the May 15th storm was commendable
- The storm cleanup process has set back some projects at the Street Department. Road milling has begun on the NW portion of town where streets were torn up for the sewer project. Oil & chipping of those roads is expected to take place this week. Some trees need to be professionally removed due to the storm, and one cost estimate is near \$5,000.
- A meeting took place with department foremen regarding the storm cleanups and ways to improve in the future. That meeting was interrupted by an electric emergency.
- Prior to Ms. Drury's appearance at the Council meeting, met with Civic Center staff regarding those concerns, and they are being reviewed and costs and information is being gathered
- New City Attorney Mr. Bequette is scheduled to appear at the June 25th meeting
- The roof of the City Building has major issues. Proposals are being received from multiple roofing contractors. Structural and brick work will also need to be considered during the roofing repair. The Council will be requested to waive the bidding process at the next meeting so that repairs can be made in a timely manner.

8. Mayor Short explained that due to TIF I and TIF IV claims on the claims list to approve, and with Commissioner Wade being absent, the approval of claims would need to be broken out. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the TIF I claims as submitted. 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	- abstain
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the TIF IV claims as submitted. 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.

10. Commissioner Kirk asked for clarification on the claims to Bolen Robinson & Ellis. Mr. Flannell explained that those were for ordinance enforcements that were left over before the City changed law firms. He also explained that there still may be another claim to pay regarding legal work done for the Brust easement. Commissioner Kirk also asked for clarification on the claim for GPS antennas for the

iPads for each department. Clerk Monte Johnson explained that two new pieces of GIS equipment needed to be purchased to replace outdated equipment. Each iPad and department will not get an antenna, but will share two that can be synched up via Bluetooth. The claims list shows a charge to each department because traditionally the utility departments split the cost of GIS equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the remainder of all claims on the claims list as submitted. 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. Ordinance 18-10 – Revising Designated Portions of Chapter 38 Article IV, Division 1 – Sewer Rates and Division 2 – Water Rates of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, was presented for passage. Mayor Short explained that this ordinance calls for a 4% increase in Water & Sewer rates. Commissioner Risley asked why the 4% amount was chosen. Clerk Johnson responded that each year that he has been the Clerk, the Commissioner over that department has decided to keep the 4% increase due to the lower balance and increased costs for those departments. A motion as made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to waive the reading and pass the ordinance as submitted. 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. Mr. Flannell began discussion of the Square pavilion project. He reported that the City has received \$25,000 in donations so far, and he proposes that the City match up to that amount so that the timber construction plan can be installed. Commissioner Mossman stated that he wants to move forward with the timber construction because the City can afford \$25,000. Commissioner Kirk expressed his opinion that this started as a smaller donation to give shade on that location for 60 days, and now the City is getting more donations and paying extra. He also noted that the City has over \$100,000 in that lot from the storm damage and the walls, and it sticks in his craw wrong that the City is doing this. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to match up to \$25,000 in donations and to move forward with the timber construction proposal for the Square pavilion. Upon a 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

13. Treasurer Sarah Golden began discussion regarding employee health insurance renewal options. She explained that an email was sent to Council members with updates on two plans. No new information has been received since that time. It was explained that employees will no longer be able to use Sarah Bush if the City sticks with Health Alliance. If we were to switch to Blue Cross Blue Shield, employees will be able to stay with their current doctors and go to Sarah Bush and Carle. It has also been learned that CVS is not a network pharmacy with Blue Cross, but the other two pharmacies in town are, and employees would have lower prescription copays.

The City is fortunate that both plans have come at a cost savings to the City this year with a zero increase in premiums. It is assumed that Health Alliance and Blue Cross are both fighting for our business, so both may have big increases next year. Treasurer Golden also explained that by switching to Blue Cross, the City would be able to drop the HRA option, which saves our staff considerable time. It was noted that the HRA is the biggest complaint and problem employees have when trying to figure out their health insurance bills. The Council reviewed the figures of how many employees have been using Sarah Bush, and the cost differences to employees if we were to switch to Blue Cross. It was also asked of Treasurer Golden if the Council should get employee input on the decision. Commissioner Kirk stated that with such a tight decision, perhaps the Council should go with the plan that does not limit employees to certain doctors or hospitals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to switch to the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO for the upcoming health insurance year. 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 Riskey	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. Treasurer Golden asked the Council if they had a plan of action for the contribution amount for health insurance for the retirees. She explained that all retirees are now paying 15% of dependent cost of insurance. Current employees will be going to 40%. She asked if the Council intended to move all retirees to 40% like the employees. If they are not moved at this time, the retirees under 65 will have a price change beginning in July, and then they could see another price change at the end of the year when the Medicare retirees are renewed. Clerk Johnson will provide documentation from the retiree discussion this past year, and the issue will be brought to the Council at the next meeting.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley 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	- absent
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short
Mayor Ann Short

