



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 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. City Clerk Monte Johnson was absent, and Carrie Creek was present to perform his duties in his absence. 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, and there were none.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held October 22, 2018
- Approval of claims report
- Approval of Treasurers Report for October 2018
- Pass Ordinance 18-21 – Amending a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Sullivan

It was requested that the claims list be pulled and voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to approve the claims for TIF I. 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.

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

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

and the motion was declared carried.

5. It was noted that there was an error in the submitted minutes. Item 9 incorrectly referred to Commissioner Risley as “Mayor Risley”. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the remaining items on the claims list and the rest of the items on the consent agenda with the correction in the submitted minutes. 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. Commissioner Mossman reported that it will soon be time to put up Christmas lights at the park, and nine new displays were purchased this year.

7. Commissioner Kirk reported that the City has repaired a stop light at the corner of Water Street and Route 32. He wants to make sure Amy follows up and gets reimbursed from IDOT.

8. Commissioner Wade explained that proposals were received for purchasing new residential water meters. An RFP was sent out and five proposals were received as follows:

Supplier	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
Schulte Supply	Neptune MACH 10 Ultrasonic Meter	\$119.95	\$275,885.00
Midwest Meter	Badger E-Series Ultrasonic EP	\$101.00	\$232,300.00
Irby	Kamstrup flowIQ 2100	\$99.88	\$229,729.73
Elster AMCO Water	Honeywell SM700	\$103.00	\$236,900.00
Nexgrid	Kamstrup FlowIQ 2100	\$102.00	\$234,600.00

It makes sense to purchase an entire new unit as opposed to retrofitting older meters that will need upgraded in the near future. Bubba Farris has worked with Midwest Meter in the past and requests to continue that relationship moving forward. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Mossman to waive the formal bidding process and accept the proposal by Midwest Meter for the Badger E-Series Ultrasonic EP for \$101.00 each and a total cost of \$232,300. 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.

9. Commissioner Risley reported that there are mechanical issues with the street sweeper, so the Street Department is behind on the curb cleanups.

10. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The water line at Burdick Estates is now complete and is scheduled for initial quality testing today.
- The contractor on the sewer project along Patterson Road will begin initial testing on the sewer lines sometime in the next couple of weeks. Seeding of that area will be done early in the spring
- New primary and secondary pumps for the Pielstick generator at the power plant have now been ordered. It will take 12-15 weeks for those to be built. This is a major project and is needed to protect the capacity credits on the engine. A water cooling tank project is being completed on the east side of the plant.
- Design work continues on the Green Garden Estates at the north end of West Street. The project could be slated for an early spring construction start.
- No recent updates have been received regarding Casey's or Dollar General
- The decision to pay the outstanding balance on the bond gave the City significant savings over the remaining term of the bonds. One benefit to paying off the bonds was that zero expenses would be incurred if paid in full. A surprise invoice of \$18,000 was recently received for legal services rendered in reference to the process. After a blunt exchange of correspondence, the invoice has now been withdrawn and the fee waived in full.

11. Michelle Hauser and Laurie Minor were present to discuss issues with properties located in the Central Business District being used as residences. There is a push to drive businesses and tourists to the downtown area for shopping, but some of those locations are being used as residences. There is currently nothing in the zoning code to stop anybody from turning a building that was intended to be a business into a residence. The Council debated how a zoning ordinance could affect current residences, current land owners wanting to sell property, and if a restriction would be fair to all concerned. Research will be done to see what types of restrictions are in place in other municipalities.

12. Ordinance 18-19 – An Ordinance for Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2019, for the City of Sullivan, was presented for the first reading. Treasurer Golden had previously given the Council some information on what the tax levy could look like and gave them options for how certain amounts could be handled. She was comfortable with a tax levy that would have an overall decrease of 2.97%. The Council agreed that this showed good stewardship of taxpayer money. The net total amount of the tax levy for the fiscal year is to be \$735,321. Mayor Short also read each fund and the total amount levied for each fund. The ordinance will be passed at the meeting on December 10, 2018.

13. Ordinance 18-20 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 20189 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate

Revenue Source), Series 2010 of the City of Sullivan, was presented for the first reading. This ordinance will also be passed at the meeting on December 10, 2018.

14. The City of Sullivan has two repeaters that are used for radio communication. There have been issues with the Electric Department and communication through these repeaters. The Police Department also has issues with communication in certain areas of town. They are both older and need upgraded to get an increase in quality. A quote has been received by Barbeck for \$12,870 to replace both repeaters. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to accept the proposal from Barbeck for \$12,870 pending funding. 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.

15. Mr. Flannell explained that his intention with residency requirements was to get a vote from the Council to see if they would approve the concept of giving the Council members the authority to waive the residency requirement for critical positions in their departments. The agenda was written to waive the residency requirement for a specific Electric Plant Mechanic position. Because the agenda does not reflect what is being intended, it was thought that the Council should wait until the next meeting when the agenda could clearly state the issue being discussed and voted on.

16. Mayor Short began discussion of random employee drug testing and possible changes to the employee handbook. This issue has been discussed in the past but still seeks clarity. She explained that the Gas Department employees, employees with a CDL license, and some of the office staff are currently subject to random drug testing. It had been debated if all City employees should be subject to random drug testing. If this were to happen, the Council needs to think about what type of penalties should be enforced for a positive test.

Mr. Flannell explained an issue on the table with the possible legalization of marijuana and how to discipline employees that come up with a positive test. Would any positive test be subject to immediate dismissal? Would the Council want some sort of progressive discipline? He explained that it does no good to have a random drug testing of all employees without a firm idea of what you would do with a violation. Mr. Flannell suggests that the Council give serious consideration to having a firm policy in place that outlines what happens with positive tests. After a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed that more information would be necessary before moving forward.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 p.m. to for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).); and to discuss litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).). 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.

18. Mayor Short reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

19. 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
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 8:08 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson

Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short

Mayor Ann Short

