



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY OCTOBER 8, 2018**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 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, and there were none.

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

- Approval of minutes of the previous regular meeting held September 24, 2018
- Approval of claims report

It was requested that the claims list be pulled and voted on separately. A motion was made by Commissioner Risley and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting and the remainder of the items on 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.

5. Commissioner Mossman reported that the irrigation project at the baseball diamond has been completed.

6. Commissioner Kirk explained that a transformer needs to be purchased for a backup for Hydro-Gear's service. A request for quotes was put out for the 2000 KVA transformer. One quote was received from Anixter. A motion as made by Commissioner Kirk and seconded by Commissioner Wade to waive the formal bidding process and approve the purchase of a 200 KVA transformer from Anixter for \$31,997.00. 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. Commissioner Wade reported that water lines are being installed underground for the Burdick Estates subdivision. He also asked Clerk Monte Johnson to explain an issue with the City's water meters. Clerk Johnson explained that the City is putting out an RFP for new water meter encoders and water meters. The water meters come in two pieces. There is the meter that the water flows through and an encoder that sits on top of the meter to give the reading. The plan has been to replace the encoders and keep the meters. However, it may be wise to consider replacing the entire meter if the cost difference is not that great. Once costs of each are received back, the City will evaluate the price differences and make a determination of the best route to take.

8. Commissioner Risley explained that the ongoing issue with the Jefferson Street sidewalk remains. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported that an engineering study would need to be done before we could get firm prices or estimates on the cost of construction. It is reported that design costs are estimated to run \$15,000. The item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to decide if the City should move forward with the design engineering.

9. City Administrator Dan Flannell reported the following:

- The extension of water service to Burdick Estates is well underway. Some seeding and reshaping still needs to be finished for the sewer portion of the project.
- A candidate was interviewed for the Electric Plant mechanic position. One obstacle for finding a qualified candidate is the 5 mile residency requirement
- Work at Wyman Park is finishing up for the baseball diamond irrigation project
- High School Service Day has been rescheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Engineering work to apply for a grant for a new Water Treatment Plant will run about \$10,000. The Council needs to decide if it wants to move forward with design/grant work, or will find another route or path for fixing issues at the plant
- An electrical outage on the south side of town was caused by a faulty underground primary line
- A computer loss has caused issues with work for the City Administrator

Commissioner Kirk requested that Mr. Flannell look into what could be done with children crossing the railroad tracks at Magill Street. Some kids cut across the tracks instead of walking to a road with an official crossing, which is a major safety concern.

10. No bids were received for the sale of 112 W Harrison Street. It was suggested that the City purchase a block ad and place a for sale sign in the yard.

It was also reported that work on the pavilion for the Square will begin soon and should not take long to install.

11. Mr. Flannell began discussion of the City's residency requirements for employees. He suggested a larger radius could be adopted or that a change in policy could allow each Commissioner to waive the requirement for a particular position. He does not expect to run into this problem often, but it may come up in critical positions. Mayor Short also added that one concern is the union contracts which list specific mileage limits.

Commissioner Kirk stated that he would like to hold off on a decision for this topic. He does not want to rush into a decision when there is still time to address this specific issue. It was also stated that no current employees are qualified to take over the electric mechanic position.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Wade 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 7:41 p.m.

Attest

Monte A. Johnson  
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann G. Short  
Mayor Ann Short

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