



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Glazebrook. A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- present
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- present
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- present
Commissioner Peggy Hargis	- present
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- present

2. Mayor Glazebrook introduced Mike Keown from the American Legion to present on the Fourth of July festivities. Due to the recent restrictions, the Legion wasn't able to hold their normal festivities for Memorial Day, these restrictions will also affect the Fourth of July festivities. The Legion will be hosting the annual parade, to include the Legion Color Guard and fire trucks. They are unsure how the restrictions will affect patron attendance and parade entries. The meal after the parade, the afternoon activities in the park, and the carnival will not be held this year. They are planning to have food vendors and seating set up in the Legion parking lot. They are requesting that everyone abide by the guidelines that are in place on July 4th.

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

- Approval of minutes of the special meeting held June 4, 2020 and the regular meeting held June 8, 2020
- Approval of claims
- Approval of Treasurer's report for May 2020
- Approval of Banking Resolution 20-I – Opening an account for the Downstate Small Business Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Woodworth and seconded by Commissioner Hargis that the consent agenda be approved. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

4. Commissioner Sherwood reported that the parks have reopened according to phase 3 guidelines. The pool at the Civic Center was reopened today for swim lessons and individual lane usage. Commissioner Sherwood thanked the Civic Center staff for all their hard work through this process. She reminded the other Commissioners that

supervisor evaluations need to be completed over the next few weeks and that they need to meet with their superintendents about the budget. Mold testing was completed at the City Building. Some results have been received, which revealed some hazardous issues. Commissioner Sherwood will meet with Treasurer Golden to discuss the findings sometime this week and hopes for some ideas to keep the employees safe.

5. Commissioner Fowler toured the Green Gardens Alzheimer's unit on West Street. He reported that the Distribution Crew installed 150 feet of underground piping on South Worth Street. The cost of underground service installation is approximately three times the amount of overhead service. He went on to explain that the Electric Department is like a coop owned by the ratepayers and managed by the City of Sullivan. The department doesn't operate to produce a profit. He believes that if the City needs to increase revenue that this should be done through an increase in taxes or bond issuance. He is concerned that there is no accountability or transparency when transfers are made from the electric budget to the general fund. He stated that in 2012 the City was able to operate on a \$2,000 gift from the Electric Department and is concerned that this amount has now surpassed that by three or four times the amount. The Electric Department has been operating at a deficit for the past several years, while the City keeps withdrawing funds almost monthly to transfer to the general fund. He is feeling pressured to raise rates, increase meter charges, or both. The Distribution Crew replaced a leaky transformer on Scott Street, worked on the underground on South Madison Street, completed a project on South VanBuren, finished the alleyway behind the office building east of the square, put up flags and removed an electric pole. The crew will be working 10 hour days all summer to complete the upgrade on the southside of town and to finish several unfinished projects.

6. Commissioner Woodworth reported that the distribution crew has continued installing water meters. He also confirmed that the railings around the clarifier at the sewer plant were installed and painted.

7. Commissioner Hargis reported that the Street Department has been oiling roads, cut down a tree in the park, assisted the Water Department in installing meters, and have started repainting road markings.

8. Mayor Glazebrook visited Elevate Innovation Center in Mattoon in hopes of starting something like this in Sullivan. He thanked the Park Department for their efforts in assisting local restaurants set up areas for outdoor dining. The Gas Department recently found and repaired a few leaks and encouraged anyone that smells gas to report this to the Gas Department or the City Building. The Gas Department has also been installing meters and turning valves. He confirmed that the town-wide cleanup for the northside of town is July 11th, and the south side will take place on July 18th. Mayor Glazebrook encouraged residents to put flags out for the 4th of July.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Hargis and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to waive formal reading and extend the effective date of Ordinance 20-3, which implemented the Mayor's March 18, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to the date of the next City Council meeting on Monday July 13, 2020. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler - yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

10. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Hargis to approve a new agreement with Sullivan School Unit District 300 for provision of a School Resource Officer during the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Upon a roll call being taken the results were as follows:

Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis - yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler - yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

11. A motion was made by Commissioner Woodworth and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood that all items tabled during the previous regular meeting of the Council on June 8, 2020 be removed from the table for consideration by the Council. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler - yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis - yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to establish a Revolving Loan Fund to assist local business development. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood - yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler - yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis - yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Mayor Glazebrook to approve a funding agreement with the Sullivan Chamber & Economic Development Board for its current fiscal year for \$75,000 within the City's 2020-2021 budget. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. A motion was made by Commissioner Hargis and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to extend the current moratorium on allowance of cannabis sales within the City to January 15, 2021. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Peggy Hargis	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

15. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to extend the current moratorium on the issuance of liquor licenses to January 15, 2021. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

16. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to adopt Ordinance 20-5 approving a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Tabela Development Company including the sale of approximately 17.5 acres of City owned real estate located on the southern edge of the City limits along State Route 32. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea
Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- abstain
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

17. Mayor Glazebrook asked that the approval of an employment termination settlement agreement with Philip Kim Harris be tabled.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	-yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	-yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	-yea
Commissioner Peggy Hargis	-yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	-yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest Carrie Creek
Carrie Creek, City Clerk

Richard K. Glazebrook
Mayor Richard Glazebrook

