



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chuck Woodworth, serving as Mayor Pro Tem. A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- absent
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- present
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- present
Commissioner Doug Booker	- present
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- absent

2. Commissioner Woodworth asked if there were any comments from the public. Bill Burger asked Commissioner Booker if the post office was ADA compliant, stating that he witnessed an individual fall at this location. He thanked Commissioner Fowler for correcting the record regarding the grant funding through the IMEA. He stated that he wanted to thank Commissioner Sherwood for comments she made at the previous meeting regarding Ordinance 21-15, which establishes the position of Chief of Staff. Mr. Burger asked if the Council would be discussing compensation packages or the hiring of an individual for this position. He asked for clarification on the difference between a City Manager and a Chief of Staff. Then moved on to state that the Council passed motions on September 27th and November 8<sup>th</sup> regarding a matching grant with the Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society and asked if the group was inadvertently given \$400,000. He then voiced concerns of how TIF expenses are being paid out. Mr. Burger presented an application for senior citizens offering them a 10% discount on their utility bills.

3. Commissioner Woodworth read the items on the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 13, 2021
- Approval of claims
- Approval of Treasurer's report for November 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to accept the consent agenda. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

4. Commissioner Fowler stated that Ameren was authorized by the Illinois

Commerce Commission to increase electric and gas rates beginning January 1, 2022. He then explained that the purpose of the IMEA is to furnish gas and electricity for its' members as cheaply as possible. Adding that the City's electricity is delivered by Ameren and there is nothing that the City can do about increases. Commissioner Fowler stated that it is up to the Commissioner overseeing the Electric Department to decide if they wish to increase electric rates, which also requires a 3 of 5 vote of the Council. He received an email from HR Director Nakayla Swisher that contained a job description for the Chief of Staff position. Tasks completed by the Line Crew include: setting new poles, transferring feeders, replacing transformers, JULIE locates, work orders, and replacing a broken pole.

5. Commissioner Woodworth stated that the waiving of the bidding for the purchase of a spare cell for the Water Plant MIOX unit would be postponed to the next meeting. He reported that the EPA permit for the Water Plant was received after being under review for 330 days. Some of the eight inch fittings for the Tabeling project were delivered. Construction will not begin until all fittings have been received.

6. Commissioner Booker reported that the Street Department completed storm clean up, swept streets, loaded rock for sale, helped the park with a snapped tree, cleaned up the burn lot and performed equipment maintenance.

7. Commissioner Woodworth recognized Richard Barnes for his 28 years of service with the City. Mr. Barnes was hired in March of 1993 and has served as the Gas Foreman since July of 2007. He was thanked for his years of service.

8. Commissioner Woodworth recognized Janet Dirks for her 23 years of service with the City. Mrs. Dirks was hired in April of 1998 and served as the Police Department Clerk. She was thanked for her years of service.

9. Commissioner Woodworth announced that due to the absence of two Council members, all items under new and unfinished business is postponed to the January 10, 2021 meeting.

10. Commissioner Booker stated that Ron Burges is in the ICU and not doing well and asked everyone to pray for him.

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

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

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Richard N. Glazebrook  
Mayor Richard Glazebrook

Attest Carrie Croen  
Carrie Creek, City Clerk