



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:01 p.m. at The Little Theatre On The Square, 16 E. Harrison Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Glazebrook. A roll call was taken.

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

2. Lee Beckman of Milano and Grünloh reported that DCEO will make announcements for the Main Street Water Grant by the end of the month. Announcements for the sidewalk updates that were applied for through an ITEP grant should be announced some time during the first quarter. The plans for the water plant have been sent to the IEPA, permits should be issued in approximately two months. The City submitted an application for a Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant for the water plant, which was one of 360 applications received. It is assumed that only 5-10 of those applications will be funded, these should be graded in April and will hopefully be announced in June. The demolition of the Titus Home is underway and should be finalized soon. A bid opening for the Corey Avenue gutters and storm sewer project has been set for March 17th.

3. Mayor Glazebrook asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. There was a request from a citizen for an update on the status of the City Building. Another citizen addressed the possible utility rate increase due to the issues gas producers experienced in Texas. He stated that he and another resident have talked with Commissioner Fowler about starting a committee to research utility rate issues. Laurrie Minor was contacted by Rural Affairs, they asked if the City would be interested in hosting a Peace Corp Fellows for eleven months. The cost of hosting the fellow is \$40,000, if a grant is received it would cover \$35,000, leaving a total expense of \$5,000. She explained that last time the cost was split between the City and the Chamber. If a Fellow was to be placed in Sullivan they would concentrate on rejuvenating the Spark Committees. She inquired if the City would be interested in this venture.

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Fowler joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 22, 2021
- Approval of claims except those in TIF funds
- Pass Resolution 21-D – Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Meeting Sessions
- Approval of Banking Resolution 21-F – Establishing a Water Plant Construction checking account per USDA requirement

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

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

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Woodworth and seconded by Mayor Glazebrook to approve TIF claims. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

6. Commissioner Sherwood reported that the park staff recently burned off the natural grass areas to promote new growth. An employment offer was extended to an individual for the aquatics and programming director at the Civic Center. The offer was accepted and that individual will start tomorrow. Blake Eggleston has been finalizing the plans for the disc golf course and has been putting together the schedule for ball diamond reservations. Commissioner Sherwood has met with Commissioner Fowler several times regarding city expenses and would like to see a decrease in the budget. She encouraged all Commissioners to meet with their departments heads and to review their budgets. She also reminded Commissioners that Mayor Glazebrook is wanting employee evaluations completed within the next month.

7. Commissioner Fowler reported that the Distribution Crew has been transferring services to new poles, upgrading transformer cables, fixing and installing new wiring for street lights, performing JULIE locates, tree trimming, and installed a secondary service. He met with Mayor Glazebrook and Mr. Flannell to discuss a citizen utility board and would like to have a town hall meeting to discuss utilities. Commissioner Fowler has been working with the school and Hydro-Gear on new led projects.

8. Commissioner Woodworth reported that the Distribution Crew replaced some curb stops, repaired leaks and completed JULIE locates. They were notified by the Water Plant staff that a large amount of water was being lost. The Distribution Crew found a leak located at Sunrise/Sunset and a water main break at a car wash. A complaint regarding sewer issues on Jackson and Pifers Lane was inspected with a camera. No issues were found in the sewer lines or with the tap. Plans for the new water plant have been submitted to the IEPA.

9. Commissioner Booker reported that the Street Department assisted the Sewer Department with a small leak, have been patching potholes, completed brush and yard waste pickup, are working on snow plow maintenance and have been cleaning up the burn lot. They continue to look for the tile on the north side of the Eastview subdivision and are still waiting on permits to be issued.

10. Mayor Glazebrook attended meetings with the IMEA. He has been in contact with the Master Gardeners and they have offered to help with some projects at Tabor Park and possibly a project at the pavilion lot on the square. The Cemetery and Gas Departments are gearing up for spring. The Cemetery will be completing annual clean up and are requesting that items are removed from headstones.

11. City Administrator Dan Flannell had nothing to report.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth 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 Council meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021. Upon a roll call being taken the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to adjourn into closed session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)). Upon a roll call being taken the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

14. The meeting was reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Woodworth and seconded by Commissioner Booker for the adoption of Resolution 21-E thereby authorizing the release of certain executive session minutes. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- yea
Commissioner Doug Booker	- yea

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

and the motion was declared carried.

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

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

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

Attest Carrie Croen
Carrie Creek, City Clerk

Richard R. Glazebrook
Mayor Richard Glazebrook