



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in special session on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:00 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	- present
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- present
Commissioner Doug Booker	- present
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- present

2. Mayor Glazebrook asked if there were any comments from the public, there were none.

3. City Treasurer Sarah Golden stated that the purpose of this meeting was to wrap-up the two main funding issues for the funding of the City Building and the Water Plant. She proposed that the City Building be funded using TIF funds, the State Legislative Grant and money from gas and electric reserves if needed. She proposed that the Water Plant be funded by using some of the Titus proceeds and money from electric and gas reserves. It is her intent that any funds borrowed against the electric and gas reserves be paid back. She presented four options for funding the water plant and suggested option three. Option three requires no financing and would eliminate interest payments. Without using Titus proceeds for the Water Plant the annual payment would be over \$200,000. If these proceeds weren't used a rate increase of 20-25% would need to be implemented to cover the cost. Ms. Golden would like to get a preliminary budget out on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the budget needs to be passed within 90 days of the beginning of the fiscal year. She requested guidance on how to appropriate these funds.

4. The State and Federal ARP Grant funds were not authorized for any specific projects at the last meeting. Treasurer Golden suggested that the \$225,000 from the State Legislative Grant be used for the City Building and that the Federal Grant should be applied to the Water Plant. The State Grant is awarded on a rolling basis and could be cut off before the application could be submitted. The Federal Grant may not be received until next summer and seemed more fitting for the Water Plant. Mayor Glazebrook stated that he wanted funds to be applied to streets and sidewalks. Funds for the streets and sidewalks were proposed to be allocated through TIF funding.

5. Treasurer Golden suggested using \$1.5 million from TIF and \$225,000 from the State Legislative Grant for the City building and that any amount above that be funded through the utility reserves. The last estimate from the architect was approximately \$1.2 million, but with recent price increases and the scope of the project changing this could increase. Mayor Glazebrook proposed a 1-5% budget cut to fund the City Building. Commissioner Sherwood hopes to have plans for the City Building by the end of the year. Currently there is \$2.2 million allocated for this project. There was a suggestion to get a loan and another suggestion to use Titus funds for both the City Building and the Water Plant. It was also proposed to follow the suggested appropriation for this project.

6. Treasurer Golden asked for clarification on the use of the rebuild funds, stating that she believed the project had changed and increased significantly. Commissioner Booker stated that there was a miscommunication that has since been cleared up. They had talked about re-blacktopping Water Street but will just resurface at a lower price. The scope of the project for VanBuren from 121 to Jefferson Street will remain the same.

7. Budgeting for the Main Street water main replacement project was clarified before the meeting and didn't need to be discussed. Commissioner Woodworth stated that he didn't have the figures for the trenching costs and was working on getting them.

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

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

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Attest Carrie Creek  
Carrie Creek, City Clerk

Richard R. Glazebrook  
Mayor Richard Glazebrook