

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2021, 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 Doug Booker	- present
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- present

2. Mayor Glazebrook asked if there were any comments from the public.

A member of the Historical Society provided resolutions and motions to the Council before the meeting. He explained that they thought this might help clear up the motion and discussion regarding the matching grant to the society.

Another member of the Historical Society spoke. Some of the entities they are working with have concerns. They want confirmation that all issues regarding the grant have been resolved before signing contracts. He asked that this item be added to the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

Bill Burger addressed the Council regarding the failure to comply with the renewal of the CAAPP permit with the IEPA. He recently investigated the issue and wrote a letter to the editor in September. He stated that the renewal should have been filed by December 2019, nine months before the expiration. Mr. Burger added that the permit was never received by the IEPA, resulting in penalties incurred to the City in an amount exceeding \$100,000. He further stated that the Council never informed the public about the assessment of penalties by the IMEA. Mr. Burger stated that the City doesn't have a copy of the initial permit renewal and believes that the document was never mailed.

Tia Panches, a member of the Land Owners Association, is looking to expand its membership. She asked that any current landlords reach out to her for further information. She explained that Menard County has vouchers for a Section 8 program available. The program offers rent assistance. After rent is paid, any remaining funds from the voucher can be applied towards utilities. CEFS also has a rent assistance program available and is assisting individuals with budgeting.

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

- Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held October 11, 2021
- Approval of claims except those in TIF funds
- Approval of Treasurer's report for September 2021
- Approval of Banking Resolution 21-R – Renewing accounts with First Mid Bank & Trust for the American Rescue Plan

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Woodworth noticed that the

Resolution that was included in the consent agenda was 21-S not 21-R as listed on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to amend the Resolution contained in the consent agenda from 21-R to 21-S. 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.

A roll call was then taken on the original motion as amended and 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 by omnibus vote.

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

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

and the motion was declared carried.

5. Commissioner Sherwood reported that the Park Department has been preparing for Christmas and should be putting lights up in the next week or so. She met with a representative from the Master Gardeners about the controlled burning of the prairie grass in Tabor Park and the revitalization of the area. The Gas Department has been assisting with repairs to the wading pool at the Civic Center. There have been some questions regarding the COVID restrictions that apply to the use of the gym. They are working with the Health Department and a representative from the State of Illinois for clarification. Commissioner Sherwood met with Treasurer Golden regarding the tax levy and office restructure.

6. Commissioner Fowler gave an update of tasks completed by the Electric

Distribution Crew. This included pulling wire for conversion to underground service, changing out translosures, fixing connection issues and completing Nexgrid meter upgrades. He has been working on the IBEW contract and has discussed this with the other Commissioners. After presenting this to the Mayor, he is hopeful that an agreement can be made and a new three or five-year contract signed. He met with an IMEA representative regarding renewable energy credits (recs). Commissioner Fowler stated that the recent passage of the new state law will allow residential customers, mom and pop businesses and corporations to purchase and retire recs.

7. Commissioner Woodworth reported that the water line has been staked out for the Labeling project. They will move forward with the installation once the fittings and hydrants are received. After the installation is complete, they will start on the sewer line installation.

8. Commissioner Booker gave an update of tasks completed by the Street Department which included: grinding tree limbs on Patterson Road, jetting a culvert on Hagerman Street, patching a sidewalk on Jackson and installing a new sidewalk on the 400 block of Hamilton Street.

9. Mayor Glazebrook shared that the dedication of the new landscaping at the pavillion on the square will be held on Wednesday. Lynn Lowder will present on Veteran programs at the November 8th City Council meeting. The Mayor met with Agri-Fab and toured their facility, stating that it is a very impressive operation. There is an upcoming planning meeting with Treasurer Golden and Commissioner Sherwood to discuss the effects of inflation on the budget. The City has locked in seventy-five percent of the gas for the coming year. Any gas past that point will be purchased from the open market at an increased cost.

10. A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to adjourn into closed session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). 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.

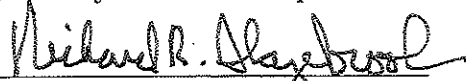
11. The meeting was reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

12. Clerk Creek addressed the Council and proposed a process to review incoming and outgoing mail. She explained that the implementation of this process would improve the City's overall retention of documents.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to adjourn the meeting. 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Mayor Richard Glazebrook

Attest 

Carrie Creek, City Clerk