



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,  
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 W. 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	- absent
Commissioner Doug Booker	- present
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- present

2. Lee Beckman gave an update on the status of grants and City projects.
- The Main Street Water Main Project is on hold, as the NOSAF hasn't been released. Due to this, the project is unlikely to be completed this year.
  - An application will be completed for the ITEP Grant for the same area that was submitted last year, after the removal of Harrison and Jefferson Streets. The application is due September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - The HSIP is an option for funding, but the city doesn't currently have any applicable projects that will score well. Due to the change in the scoring criteria, this funding could potentially be used for the Patterson Road Project in the future.
  - The Water Plant improvement project started and monthly construction meetings will probably start next week.
  - The field survey was completed for the Bernius project and was submitted to IDOT for an Environment Study Request. Lee will check to make sure the grant agreement was received for this project.
  - Rebuild Illinois funds will be used for alley improvements and a repaving project. It will be two to three weeks before IDOT will review the plans.
  - The NOFO for the construction portion of the unsewered grant hasn't been released.
  - Some additional areas of concern were looked at for the Safe Routes to School Grant. Lee stated that it would be best to submit this area in a future application.
  - The City still hasn't received their second ARPA check for the Eastview/Main Street Lift Station Project. This project is on hold until the money is received.
  - When asked if the Highway Safety Improvement Program could be used on Water Street, Mr. Beckman stated that this application is graded. When the project was submitted before it didn't score well enough. It is unlikely that the City would receive funding unless the scoring criteria changes. He believes that Eden and Water Street could potentially be eligible for EDP or TARP funding.

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

A resident stated that people watching online cannot hear the meeting and asked if something could be done about this. She then stated that she had heard a rumor that the Electric Department walked off the job and asked if this was true.

Another resident also asked if the Council could look into a solution for the low audio. The resident then stated that modifications to the cemetery ordinance were discussed on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and asked where this issue currently stands.

Sam Black, a salesman for Jackson Family Dealerships, addressed the council to ask why they were not given an opportunity to assist the City with the purchase of vehicles, as they are the only dealership in Moultrie County.

A resident addressed the Council regarding raises given to City employees. He asked if raises were voted on by the board or if it was left up to the discretion of each individual Commissioner. He was concerned that a few employees received close to \$70,000 in raises. He believes that the raises should be based off of the same jobs in a community of the same size. He asked what the City's liability was as far as retirement. Another resident asked the Council if they thought this was extreme.

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

- Approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 25, 2022
- Approval of claims except those in TIF funds

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

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

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

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

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

and the motion was declared carried

6. Commissioner Sherwood shared that an RFP will be issued for investment management services for the Titus proceeds. Proposals should be submitted by August 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Woodworth plans to use the investment proceeds for a portion of the loan repayment for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Commissioner Sherwood stated that any questions regarding the RFP could be discussed with Treasurer Golden.

The annual MFT compliance review was recently completed.

Commissioner Sherwood met with Ed Moody at the park. The department has been cleaning up trees and brush from last week's storm, and relining the creek beds at Tabor Park. They will be laying gravel on the paths in Tabor Park soon.

On behalf of Civic Center Director Wendy Elzy, Commissioner Sherwood thanked the Sullivan Fire Department and Courtyard estates for their involvement in the water day for Park Rec. Afternoon and evening swim lessons are still available at the Civic Center during the month of August and can be booked online. During the storm last week water was coming in pipes in the gym and the roof of the pool was leaking in one section. Mike Cain cleaned out the drains to keep the gym floor from flooding. She thanked Mike for his assistance. Commissioner Sherwood would like to have some conversations regarding the roof and what needs to be done. She is afraid that if this isn't addressed it will just get worse.

She met with Colton, the architect, for the City Building project and reviewed the proposed floor plans. Colton will modify the design to incorporate what was discussed. There was mention of a potential option for a basement to allow for adequate space. She would like for this to be avoided, but could be an option for storage and servers. She stated that if anyone had questions or concerns with moving forward on the project then they should let her know as soon as possible, as there has been talk that the project would be voted down. She asked that the Council let her know tonight or tomorrow, so the funds can be allocated to other projects and to prevent wasting time and money

7. Commissioner Fowler made a correction to his report from the last meeting. The phone call he received from Frank Morris regarding the transformer for the school addition was for the elementary school, not the middle school.

He and Mayor Glazebrook met with Kevin Gaden of the IMEA. Mr. Gaden felt that the Gas Department was in good shape since the City has secured a gas purchase contract. Mr. Gaden explained the MISO emergency preparedness steps and state that the power plant could receive a call to operate at any time. The City would first be put on alert, which could last hours or days. Then a warning could be issued. Notification could then be received to inform the City that generation may be imminent.

A storm came through town on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, which took down 60 transformers affecting 700 meters, took down three power poles and snapped two poles in half. Commissioner Fowler stated that the damage was minimal due to the City's efforts to keep the system maintained.

8. Commissioner Sherwood applauded the office staff for their constant

communication with the employees in the field during last week's storm. She was in constant communication with Sarah Golden all day and informed the Commissioners of what was going on. She asked that the Commissioners contact the City Building if they had any questions. Commissioner Fowler added that the day ran like a well-oiled machine.

9. Mayor Glazebrook said that Mr. Gaden believes that the City is likely to get through 2022 without any problems, but could see supply issues in 2023, due to the discontinuation of coal-fired generators. This will reduce the amount of electricity that can be purchased in Illinois and could lead to purchases from out of state. The City could start seeing heavy use of the Electric Plant generators due to these shortages. This shortage could help the community see the importance of having this facility.

10. Commissioner Booker reported that the Street Department picked up trash on the square, mowed, worked on equipment, put rip rap in the creek bed at Tabor Park, cleaned storm drains, cleaned the dump lots, oiled roads, repaired flags, completed storm clean-up, cut down trees and limbs, and completed brush pick up. Commissioner Booker extended a thank you to the Water and Sewer Department, Park Department, Gas Department and the Cemetery Department for their assistance with cleaning up trees, helping block off traffic in flooded areas and all other remaining clean-up on behalf of himself and Street Foreman Ryan Nuding. Commissioner Booker then thanked Commissioner Sherwood for notifying him of the situation and letting him know that the office staff were assisting as well.

11. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Booker to table the organizational chart to the next meeting. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to approve Pay Estimate #1 for \$190,731.50 to Grunloh Construction for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve Pay Estimate #2 for \$421,021.00 to Grunloh Construction for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried

14. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve Pay Estimate #1 for \$143,888.22 to Grunloh Building for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Booker to go into closed session at 6:54 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 Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Doug Booker	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- yea
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- absent

and the motion was declared carried.

16. The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

17. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to approve Resolution 22-M – Releasing of Executive Session Minutes. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

Commissioner Chuck Woodworth - absent

and the motion was declared carried.

18. 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
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea
Commissioner Chuck Woodworth	- absent

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Mayor Richard Glazebrook

Attest Carrie Creek  
Carrie Creek, City Clerk