



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 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 recognized Julia Shasteen, who recently passed away. Ms. Shasteen was a great asset during her employment with the City.

3. Mayor Glazebrook asked if there were any comments from the public. A citizen asked why the special meeting was held at 9:00 a.m., why the meeting wasn't held on Monday instead of Tuesday, if all articles were passed during the meeting and what the attendance was at the meeting.

4. Mayor Glazebrook explained that there was a typo in the agenda and should have read Treasurer's Report for February 2022 instead of March 2022.

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2022 and the special meeting held March 22, 2022
- Approval of claims except those in the TIF funds
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2022

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

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

and the motion was declared carried by omnibus vote.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to approve TIF claims. 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	- abstain
Mayor Richard Glazebrook	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

6. Commissioner Sherwood thanked the Electric Department for correcting an issue that caused a power outage at the Civic Center on Saturday. Applications continue to be accepted for the Aquatic Director position. Gingerich Tree Farm planted trees on the northeast side of Tabor Park. The trees were purchased through a grant received by the city. Tabor Park was burned out this week and the Park Department is working on taking down marked trees and cleaning up for spring. An agreement was received and included in the Council packets regarding the architectural work for the City Building.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to approve the agreement between Utz & Associates and the City for the City Building project. The agreement is for ten percent of the total construction, the project is estimated at \$1.8 million. The firm estimates a 12 week time frame for design, once approved bids will be sought with a six week turn around. The bid would be awarded in early 2023. Commissioner Booker stated he had been approached by 3 citizens that think the City is spending too much money for a building for customers to pay their bills. He added that it only cost \$1 million to build the Moultrie County Health Department. Commissioner Sherwood stated that the Council decided to stay in this location and some of the expenses come from that decision to stay at that location. Commissioner Woodworth added that a lot of things have changed since the Health Department was built. Commissioner Sherwood pointed out that the Water Plant project increased from \$8.5 million to \$11.5 million in two and a half years. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

8. Commissioner Sherwood continued her report. She, along with Treasurer Golden and Laurie Minor have been working on finalizing documentation for the Revolving Loan Fund grant for Yoder's Cabinetry. The documents have been sent to the City Attorney and the Mayor was previously authorized to execute those documents once they are completed. An opening has been posted for the GIS position. The Historical Society submitted receipts for reimbursement of \$148,800. This will be paid with Titus Funds and will be on the claims list at the next meeting.

9. Commissioner Fowler met with IBEW 51 representative Tony Cook

along with Human Resource Director Nakayla Swisher and Mayor Glazebrook. He reported that negotiations are moving forward, and the department will be able to hire another Journeyman soon. He was contacted by a Journeyman interested in the position. He then addressed the City's solar energy policies. He believes that the IMEA is against solar energy and would like the City to adopt its anti-solar agenda. He added that the IMEA is trying to discourage their cities from installing solar because they can no longer control how much solar a person or company can install. Commissioner Fowler stated that this would be lost revenue for the IMEA because every kilowatt that is produced by solar is a kilowatt they can't sell to the member city. Currently, the City of Sullivan does not separate the electric transmission cost and the cost of energy on their bills. He is considering whether this should be done or if a fixed cost of business should be applied. He suggested a one-to-one ratio of up to 2% of the City's peak load for solar generating customers. Adding that the effect of solar on the City's system should be reevaluated once that percentage is met. Commissioner Folwer stated that he is already grandfathered in under the City's current net metering policy. It is his belief that the only change needed to the net metering policy is the removal of a sentence. After this change, the policy should be added to the City's website.

The Distribution Crew set a pole, transferred secondary overhead lines, completed work orders and JULIE locates, had the trucks tested, fixed equipment, started a cable replacement at the south mobile home park and repaired an outage issue at the Civic Center.

10. Commissioner Woodworth reported that the vactor truck dropped a cylinder and will be in the shop for a while. The fittings ordered months ago for the Tabeling project should be delivered tomorrow. If all parts are received, the Distribution Crew will start the water line installation.

11. Commissioner Booker reported that the Street Department has been filling potholes, picked up waste bags, cleaned up the burn lot, picked up a truck from the repair shop, loaded rock for sale, assisted the Distribution Crew, cleaned drains, took another truck for repairs, fixed a sinkhole and are replacing street signs.

12. Mayor Glazebrook stated that inflation will be a key in budgeting. Gas prices are higher this year and the cost of a CDL has increased to \$3,500. The CDL fee only applies to new license holders, not current license holders.

13. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Booker that the council waive the bidding and approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Interceptor for the Police Department. Police Chief Andrew Pistorius stated that this would lock the City into a price, essentially saving money. There is a one year delay in delivery of the vehicle.

Mayor Glazebrook then made a motion to amend the previous motion. The motion to amend was seconded by Commissioner Booker. 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	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

14. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Booker that the Council waive bidding and approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Interceptor for the Police Department from Northside Ford for the amount of \$35,059.00. 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	- yea

and the motion was declared carried.

15. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve Ordinance 22-6. Commissioner Sherwood explained that Tabeling Development submitted eligible costs under other names. This amendment would modify their agreement to allow submissions under additional names falling under Tabeling LLC. Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to adjourn into closed session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) and to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Upon a roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

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

and the motion was declared carried.

17. The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Woodworth to adjourn the meeting. 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21p.m.



Mayor Richard Glazebrook.

Attest 

Carrie Creek, City Clerk

