



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS, MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022, 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.

Brandi O'Dell with South Central FS, along with the Sullivan Fast Stop Station Manager, addressed the Council regarding liquor licenses for video gaming. They are hopeful that the Council will consider allowing gaming in Sullivan. The Station Manager explained that customers are leaving town to play elsewhere. If gaming was allowed in Sullivan, patrons would have a place to play, thus increasing the City's revenue. South Central FS would like to purchase the property behind the station and add on to the back of the current building. The employees will monitor the individuals utilizing the gaming room if gaming is allowed.

Mike Keown addressed the Council, on behalf of The American Legion, to request funds for the Fourth of July fireworks. Mr. Keown explained that the organization didn't fundraise for fireworks last year due to a surplus of funds. Unfortunately, this year the cost increased from \$16,500 to \$21,000. The Legion made the first payment of \$8,500 for this year and raised \$12,000 from local business owners and vendors. The organization needs \$500 to pay off this year's costs. They also need additional funds to pay the first payment for next year. In the past, the City has contributed almost half of the total cost of the fireworks. Mr. Keown offered to readdress the Council in July or August to see if any funds are available.

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

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2022
- Approval of claims except those in the TIF funds
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2022

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

Commissioner Abbey Sherwood	- yea
Commissioner Doug Booker	- yea
Commissioner Mike Fowler	- 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 Woodworth and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve the TIF claims. 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 - abstain
Mayor Richard Glazebrook - yea

and the motion was declared carried.

5. Commissioner Sherwood reported that the park added mulch to flower beds, trees, and the Kiddie Corral and is preparing for the Fourth of July. Treasurer Golden has been busy conducting interviews for the clerk positions. Those positions have been filled and the new employees should be starting soon. Colton Davis will be attending the July 25th Council meeting to address any concerns or questions the Council may have regarding the City Building. Commissioner Sherwood added that Treasurer Golden sent an email to the Council regarding services the City receives from Aramark. The City currently has a contract with Aramark through 2025. Many departments are having issues with the shop towel and mat service provided by the company. Commissioner Sherwood would like to explore different options that would require the City Attorney to move forward legally. All members of the Council were ok with termination of these services. Commissioner Sherwood read the balances in the Treasurer's Report.

6. Commissioner Fowler met with Kaleb Martin about staying with the City. Mr. Martin informed him that he was burnt out from being on-call without help. Commissioner Fowler asked the HR Director to complete exit interviews with the last two employees that left the Electric Department. He believes that the interviews can help the Council in the future. The IMEA notified the City to be on alert, as a last-minute notice to generate could be issued. This notice was not received. A meeting was held with Mayor Glazebrook to discuss the staffing issues in the Electric Department. Commissioner Fowler met with a Journeyman Lineman about working for the City as the Distribution Foreman. The Lineman was not interested in the position and suggested getting Kaleb back and calling the IBEW reps for assistance. The City of Newton is still interested in selling its large transformer. They will be in contact with the City next week, as the transformer is currently still in service. A citizen praised Darren Tull for his professionalism, ability to do his job and for going above and beyond his line of duty to cut down a limb. Commissioner Fowler also thanked Mr. Tull.

7. Commissioner Woodworth reported that a preconstruction meeting for

the Water Plant will be held tomorrow. The contractor will explain the process and how the project will progress. The Tabeing water project was completed and the operating permit application was sent to the IEPA. The Water Distribution Crew will begin flushing hydrants this week. This process may continue for the next month until all hydrants are flushed. The flushing of hydrants is an annual requirement of the EPA.

8. Commissioner Booker reported that the Street Department completed lawn bag pick up, mowed, sprayed, patched roads, loaded rock for sale, swept streets, picked up trash on the square, put up more flags and continue to maintain them, have striped the square and parking lots, removed stumps next to the shop, started dirt work, have been working on equipment, painted a grate east of the lake, blotted roads, are preparing materials for upcoming jobs and are preparing for the Fourth of July.

9. Mayor Glazebrook reported that the Cemetery has been taking care of watering flowers, power washed the pavilion and sprayed at the library, police station and the cemetery. They have been watering and adding mulch to the trees in the tree nursery and other areas. The gas department is working on two projects, the Bruder Tank Project and the Metro Project. Approximately 180 feet of line will be laid for the Bruder building. Nate is working on getting his welding certificate. The department has been putting in gas lines for generators in Elim, completing JULIE locates and is looking for valves for the Tabeing project.

10. A motion was made by Mayor Glazebrook and seconded by Commissioner Booker that the City of Sullivan contribute to the American Legion for the expense of fireworks for the Fourth of July Celebration a total of \$11,000.

Mayor Glazebrook stated that this is a long-standing tradition and brings people to the City. Commissioner Sherwood added that The American Legion does a great job every year putting on the festivities at the park. She sees this as the City partnering with the organization to make sure that our town has festivities. Commissioner Woodworth suggested giving them money to make up for last year.

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.

11. 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
Mayor Richard Glazebrook

- yea
- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Richard H. Glazebrook
Mayor Richard Glazebrook.

Attest Carrie Creek
Carrie Creek, City Clerk