

Hills City Council Meeting
August 26, 2024 / 7:00 PM / Hills Community Center

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Hudachek, Knebel, Rummelhart, Sommers, Volk. Absent: None. Also present: Pantel, Public Works; and Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from August 12, 2024 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from August 9, 2024 thru August 22, 2024. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No comment.

Business:

Council discussed the purchase of a bookcase to display yearbooks from Hills Elementary, and where the bookcase could be displayed. Sommers suggested a locking jewelry case with glass top. Kemp expressed concern regarding the possibility of broken glass. Hudachek expressed concern that the book- or jewelry case may be in the way or otherwise not fit the theme for community center renters. She asked whether the display could be housed in the Clerk's Office but was told there was no space. Council directed City staff to explore appropriate display cases and report to the Council for further discussion.

Petitioners did not appear to request relief from water bills. Kemp asked Deputy Clerk to summarize issue. In the absence of petitioner, Kemp directed that petitioner would have to pay bills as billed.

Council heard report by M. Pantel, Public Works, regarding need for a mower attachment for the skid loader to adequately mow the grass down by the Water Treatment Plant. He suggested a refurbished mower that he'd already tested. Sommers moved to approve the request for purchase the mower for \$3,250, provided seller put in writing his promise to stand behind the mower. Seconded by Rummelhart. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Council discussed moving October 14th Council meeting to October 15th due to holiday. A motion was made by Rummelhart and seconded by Sommers to approve the date change. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Council heard report by M. Pantel, Public Works, regarding need and possible cost to paint crosswalks and the stop lines at the four-way stop in town. A year-old bid offered to perform the work for ~\$1,000. Kemp suggested that a new bid be obtained, and that the work be approved provided the new bid came in under \$1,500. A motion was made by Volk and seconded by Sommers to approve painting of crosswalks and stop lines provided work could be performed for less than \$1,500. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Pantel reported that fundraising dance was successful.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report

Administrator: Frembgen Kesner reported October 19th was set for final bulky waste clean up day of 2024.

Mayor: Kemp thanked Frembgen Kesner and Pantel for their work on Songbird Sanctuary Park.

Council Comments: Volk questioned status of temporary Certificate of Occupancy. City Administrator was not present to provide update. Kemp stated that T Goerdt, Inspector for the City, had stated that the issue was now a civil matter. Hudachek stated that a daily penalty fee needed to be established before this became an issue again. Sommers reiterated he wanted Attorney input. City Administrator will report to Council at future meeting.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Tamara Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk