

Hills City Council Meeting
January 9, 2017
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Merle Hill, Thom Kirkpatrick, Steve Harris, Bruce Endris, and Cathy Knebel. Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, Erek Sittig, City Attorney, and Matt Pantel, Asst. Fire Chief.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda including agenda items, minutes from the Work Session of December 10, 2016 and the Meeting of December 12, 2016, Scheduled list of claims, receipts from December 9, 2016 thru January 6, 2017, Treasurer's report, Budget Report, Designation of Gazette as Official Publication and appointments to P&Z – Gary Hulett, 5 year term, and Board of Appeals – John Palmer, 5 year term. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Businesss:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for an Amendment to the FY17 Budget at 7:05 p.m. After requesting public comments and receiving none the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Resolution 2017-01 was presented amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The Amendment provides for additional funds budgeted for land acquisition. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2017-01. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. Resolution 2017-01 passed.

Resolution 2017-02 was presented naming City depositories for 2017. The City has named Hills Bank and Trust as the only financial institution as official depository of City funds. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-02. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. Resolution 2017-02 passed.

The Council discussed setting a work session for the FY18 budget. A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to set the budget work session for 6:30 p.m. on January 18, 2017, to be held at the City Office. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the proposed Township Agreement to provide Fire Protection and First Responder Aid Services to Liberty, East Lucas, West Lucas, Sharon and Pleasant Valley Townships. The agreement is based on proposed future budgets for the Department along with individual township call responses. The agreement, beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2019, provides for an overall increase of \$3000 each year. A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Knebel to approve the proposed agreement. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: Closing on the Branson property is set for January 17, 2017.

Fire Chief: Matt reported that he and Jason visited several Iowa City Stations to review their vehicles. They are working on preparing a proposal for a new truck. He indicated that they would be looking at a Pierce engine. The tanker will be taken in for an overhaul instead of moving forward with a replacement. He shared that the Raffle dinner fund raiser is set for February 18, 2017.

Maintenance: Ron checked into salt brine and was not able to find local companies that contract this service. He suggested that the City might try a pure salt application instead of the salt/sand mix on Main Street. The Council directed Ron to use his judgment in applying the salt.

Sewer: The Omni site alarm system has been updated. A plug and wire for the military generator were lost in the transport of the generator for work.

Water: No report.

Administrator: No additional report.

Mayor: No report

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator