

Hills City Council Meeting
February 8, 2016
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

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

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the consent agenda approving minutes from the Meeting of January 25, 2016 and bills/receipts from January 25, 2016 thru February 8, 2016. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Mary Dlouhy was present to discuss storm water drainage at her home at 433 Brady. The drainage seems to have changed since the water main was installed. She understands that there has been significant water lately but is concerned that it had nowhere to go. She expressed concern with the off street gravel parking at the property to the west and feels that also may be causing her drainage issues. The Council previously had requested the property owner at 429 Brady correct the issues with its parking. The Council felt the property owners should either return the gravel pad to its original state or use other measures to eliminate the water runoff that impacts the adjoining properties. The City Attorney and City Administrator will follow up.

New Business:

Lisa TeBockhorst, Principal at Hills Elementary, presented information to the Council about the Hills Learning Center and Hills Care for Kids programs at the school. She explained that the programs have been combined along with the Family Systems in an effort to blend the services so that it supports all the community. She thanked the Council for its continued support of these programs which allows the school to continue to offer these services. As a SINA school she explained the School needs to continue to show gains to close the achievement gap. All students are reviewed by a team that puts practices into place, some which happen in the after school programs. 44 students currently use the program, including 36% of the Hills students enrolled at the School. Lisa stressed the impact of continued work with all students to show a community support of the School and ensure the viability of the School as a whole.

The Second reading of an Ordinance Adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Hills, Iowa" was presented. A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to pass the Second Reading of the Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes:5. The Second Reading of the Ordinance was approved.

The Council discussed the waiver of the Third reading. A motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Harris to waive the Third reading of the Ordinance and approve final passage of the Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes:5 The Final passage of the Ordinance is approved. The Ordinance will be effective from and after publication of the Ordinance, as required by law.

Resolution 2016-04 was presented in support of an Application to the Clean Water SRF Water Restoration Sponsored Project Program. This shows Council approval of the application and authorizes the City Administrator/Clerk to sign the Application. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2016-04. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. Resolution 2016-04 passed.

The Council reviewed the proposed FY17 budget. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the proposed budget for FY17. Ayes:5 Motion Carried.

The Council discussed the time for public hearing on the budget. A motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to set the public hearing on the budget for the regular Council meeting on February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Previous Business:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: Erek reported that he continues to work on easements. He is still waiting on some information from Fox Engineering to complete the easements.

Reports:

Attorney: No response has been received in regard to the nuisance abatement letter to the Branson Main Street property. Erek will move forward with a citation.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: Ron reported that he has been monitoring the work being done at the Hills Commercial Park. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by April. He is working with Ryan from Shive-Hattery. Ryan will also make weekly visits to the site to ensure compliance.

Sewer: Bruce reported that he has contacted Ace again about the generator.

Administrator: Cathy reported she will be attending Iowa SMART Economic Development Conference in April. She will be offering a webinar to P&Z to assist them in their roll on the commission. P&Z has been working on changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map. She attended a meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who are seeking input from those impacted by the flow levels at the Coralville Lake to determine if changes need to be made to the Regulation Plan. The consensus seems to be to increase the flows earlier.

Mayor: Mayor Kemp reported that the Community Center Board will be meeting to discuss creating a City Community Center Board and turning the everyday operation of the building to the City. He also shared that a traffic study count is available to us at no charge through our membership in MPO. The Council suggested he go forward with the study

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator