

Hills City Council Meeting  
February 22, 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 22, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Bruce Endris, Steve Harris, Thom Kirkpatrick and Cathy Knebel. Absent: Merle Hill. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ere Sittig, City Attorney, and Matt Pantel, Assistant Fire Chief.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve the consent agenda approving minutes from the Meeting of February 8, 2016 and bills/receipts from February 8, 2016 thru February 22, 2016. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

**Public Discussion:** None.

**New Business:**

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing on the FY17 Budget at 7:02 p.m. Endris asked for clarification of what accounts the SRF water debt is paid from. Fitzmaurice-Hill explained that GO Bond is paid from debt service line and Water Revenue Bond is paid from Water Fund. No other comments from the public. Mayor Kemp closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Resolution 2016-05 was presented adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2016-05. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 4. Absent: Hill. Resolution 2016-05 passed.

The Council received the recommendation from P&Z to amend the Comprehensive Plan by making changes to the Future Land Use Map. The recommendation includes areas to the North and west of the current city limits to include all land abutting the railroad line that is included in city limits and the Northwest corner of the 218 interchange. P&Z believes these areas may be suited for future growth and the Comprehensive Plan should include a vision of how the area should grow. The County will also be making updating its Comprehensive Plan. After discussion the Council directed the City Administrator to contact the County to begin discussions on this change.

A motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Harris to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(j) to discuss the acquisition of wastewater easements. Ayes: 4. Motion Carried.

The Council went into Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Endris and seconded by Knebel to end the Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. Ayes: Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-06 was presented authorizing mailing and publication of notice of intent to commence public improvement project to construct the City of Hills Wastewater Improvement Project and to acquire property for the project; and setting date of public hearing on March 28, 2016. A motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2016-06. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 4. Absent: Hill. Resolution 2016-06 approved.

**Previous Business:**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: No update.

**Reports:**

Attorney: A nuisance citation has been filed but not served for the Branson property. Ere Sittig reported that a letter had been previously sent to Mr. Buser at 429 Brady in regard to the gravel drive constructed. The Council directed the City Attorney to request the drive be returned to its original state so as to not impact the natural flow of water. The plans should be submitted to the City for approval prior to the work being completed.

Fire Chief: Matt reported that the tires on truck #81 will be replaced with recaps at a price of \$270 each. Truck #81 is also leaking which is believed to be at the valves and will need repairs estimated to cost \$2500.

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 and they are waiting on parts.

Administrator: Cathy reported she received a request from an insurance agent to provide the City with a quote. The Council felt that they are comfortable using Hills Insurance. The SRF Sponsored Project Application is moving forward and will be filed by March 1, 2016.

Mayor: Mayor Kemp reported that he and the City Administrator met with Water Superintendent Flake and he reported that things are running smoothly at the Treatment Plant. Flake will begin providing a report each month.

Mayor Kemp shared that he has been working on providing a Concert in the Park for 4 Thursdays in June. He has gotten donations from businesses and has bands lined up. The Ball Association will open the stand. The City will pay \$400 towards this event. He is also working on a movie night.

A Motion was made by Harris and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator