

Hills City Council Meeting
February 27, 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, February 27, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Merle Hill, Thom Kirkpatrick, Steve Harris, and Bruce Endris. Absent: Cathy Knebel. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, Jason Van Nevel, Fire Chief, Matt Pantel, Asst. Fire Chief, and members of the public.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the consent agenda including agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of February 13, 2017, Scheduled list of claims, and receipts from February 11, 2017 thru February 24, 2017. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for the FY Budget at 7:01 p.m. He asked for public comments and received none. The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Kemp at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing on the annexation request from the City of Hills at 7:02 p.m. This request would annex all City owned property located at the sewer lagoon. P&Z Commission has held a public hearing on the annexation and recommends approval. The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Kemp at 7:04 p.m.

Resolution 2017-04 was presented adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018. A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-04. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 4. Absent: Knebel. Resolution 2017-04 passed.

Resolution 2017-05 was presented approving the voluntary annexation of property into the City of Hills. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2017-05. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 4. Absent: Knebel. Resolution 2017-05 passed.

Resolution 2017-06 was presented adopting a Complaint/Comment policy for the City of Hills, Iowa. A procedure and form have been created and will be available at the City Office or website for residents to provide the City with concerns or comments. The form requires information that the City would need to proceed with action on a violation of ordinances. It also provides for a method for residents to comment with suggestions to the City. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-06. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes:4, Absent: Knebel. Resolution 2017-06 passed.

Fire Chief, Jason Van Nevel provided information to the Council for the purchase of a new fire truck. The truck would replace the current pumper. Certification tests show the pump may fail soon and would have to be replaced. This vehicle is also limited in the number of personnel it carries. The Department has received a proposal from Pierce for a new vehicle in the amount of \$595,411. The Department has \$100,000 available in its truck fund. The Council supports a purchase but determined that the City may not be in a financial position to do so for 2-3 years. Council members suggested the Department explore other funding sources including the Association, the Townships or possible grants. They also suggested that they look at other companies and/or scaled back models.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Jason reported that the Department currently has 24 members and just completed EMS continuing education week. Open burn dates will be March 1 thru April 30th.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: Bruce submitted his resignation effective May 31, 2017 which the Council accepted. Steve Flake has agreed to take on additional responsibilities as requested by the City.

Water: No report

Administrator: Shive-Hattery has invited City officials to attend a presentation of Land Development on March 21, 2017. City Engineer provided preliminary information in regard to Main Street improvements indicating that the real cost for curb and gutter would be the storm drainage. The Council requested more information on this.

Mayor: No report

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Attest:

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator