

Hills City Council Meeting
April 25, 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, April 11, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Bruce Endris, Merle Hill, Thom Kirkpatrick and Cathy Knebel. Absent: Steve Harris. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Erek Sittig, City Attorney, Ron Wolfe, City Maintenance and members of the public.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the consent agenda approving Agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of April 11, 2016, Scheduled list of claims and receipts from April 11, 2016 thru April 25, 2016. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Josh Amelon was present to request the Council release its lien against the lots in Hills Commercial Park so that he could close on the purchase of Lot 11. City Attorney Sittig explained that the Escrow Agreement with Streb & Streb Partnership should take care of the lien so further action by the Council should not be needed to close. The Escrow Agreement has not been received by the City yet.

Mr. Hart of 131 Aspen Lane was present to request additional street signage in the subdivision. Mayor Kemp explained that most streets do not have stop or yield signs and the Council feels it is better left to rules of the road. Mr. Hart was concerned that parking on both sides of Sierra Park prevents two vehicles from passing on the street and requested parking only on one side. He also mentioned a boat currently parked on the road which appears to be stored. Mayor Kemp suggested he refer the boat to Johnson County. He also recommended the Council review the street parking issue for possible changes.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for the FY16 Budget Amendment at 7:16 p.m. No comments were received from the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Resolution 2016-09 was presented amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The amendment was necessary due to higher expenses in the water fund than estimated. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2016-09. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 4. Absent: Harris. Resolution 2016-09 passed.

The Crisis Intervention Training Presentation was tabled as Lt. Brian Adolph was not available.

The Mayor provided the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Hills Municipal Code by adding a New Chapter 23 thereto entitled “Community Center Board” establishing a new Administrative Agency for the City of Hills. The Ordinance creates a Board to oversee the maintenance and operation of the Community Center. A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2016-02. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 4. Absent: Harris. The First Reading of Ordinance 2016-02 was approved.

A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Kirkpatrick to enter into closed session at 7:36 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss acquisition of wastewater easements. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes-4. Absent: Harris. Motion carried.

A motion was made Hill and seconded by Endris to end the closed session at 7:43 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes -4. Absent: Harris. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: Ron reported that Pelling was in town completing street work and should be finished within a few days.

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Administrator: Cathy reported that the Iowa City Women’s Cycling organization will hold a Bike Criterium on May 18, 2016. The course will run two blocks from Aspen Lane to Sierra Park Drive to Oak Ridge Avenue to Knoll Ridge Drive. The race will start at 6:30 p.m. and finish by 8:30 p.m. There should be minimal disruption to residents during the race. All Hills residents are encouraged to attend.

Mayor: Tim reported on moving forward with possible signage for the School crossing. The City will continue to work with the School to accomplish this. He received information from Belgum Grove in regard to an event on June.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator