

Hills City Council Meeting
May 8, 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, May 8, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Thom Kirkpatrick, Steve Harris, Merle Hill, and Cathy Knebel. Absent: Bruce Endris. 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 Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the consent agenda including agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of April 24, 2017, Scheduled list of claims, receipts from April 22, 2017 thru May 5, 2017, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report . Ayes: 4. Absent: Endris. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp provided the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapters 15 and 17 of the Hills Code of Ordinances by amending the compensation provided for the Mayor and City Council Members. This Ordinance would raise the Mayor pay to \$225 per month and the Council pay to \$40 for each regular and special meeting attended. The effective date of the Ordinance would be January 1, 2018. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2017-01. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Harris, Kirkpatrick – 4. Absent: Endris. The First Reading of Ordinance 2017-01 is approved.

The Council discussed the Main Street Improvements project. The project will need to be bid so plans must be drawn by an engineer. Shive-Hattery will provide plans at its regular hourly rate with an estimate of \$5000-10,000 for the work. After discussion the Council agreed the plan should include two options. The first option would be for milling and overlay work in the same dimensions as the current street. The second option would be for milling and overlay work with an extended shoulder on each side of Main from the east border to East Avenue and also on the north side of Main from the railroad tracks to the west border. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve hiring Shive-Hattery to complete the bid documents and assist with the bid process and progress reports. Ayes: 4. Absent: Endris. Motion carried.

The Council learned that Johnson County Emergency Management would be able to provide up to \$3000 towards upgrading the electrical connections on the second military generator. The first was completed at a total cost of \$5100. The funds are available until the end of this fiscal year. A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Harris to approve the upgrades to the second military generator. Ayes: 4. Absent: Endris. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Truck #87 needs repairs.

Maintenance: Lynch Excavating has been contacted and will be able to complete the Post Office drainage prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Sewer: No report

Water: Hydrant flushing will be conducted soon. Notice will be provided. Consumer Confidence Report will be completed this month.

Administrator: The timeline for the sewer project provided by Woodruff was discussed at a pre-construction meeting. Work will begin the first part of June and is scheduled to be complete by January 2018. Changes may be made due to weather and crops. A roundtable discussion on economic development for the City of Hills will be held on June 5th.

Mayor: No report

Council Comments:

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

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator