

Hills City Council Meeting
May 9, 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, May 9, 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, Matt Pantel, Asst. Fire Chief and members of the public.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the consent agenda approving Agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of April 25, 2016, Scheduled list of claims, receipts from April 25, 2016 thru May 9, 2016 and Treasurer's Report from July 2015 thru April 2016. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp provided the Second 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 Knebel and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-02. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 5. The Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-02 was approved.

A Motion to waive the Third Reading and approve final passage of Ordinance 2016-02 was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Hill. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes-5. Ordinance 2016-02 is approved and becomes effective July 1, 2016 after posting as required by law.

A discussion was held in regard to setting street parking restrictions on Sierra Park Dr. There is a concern that current parking conditions limit the ability for cars to navigate the street and potentially impede emergency vehicles' access to homes. The Council is in favor of limiting parking to one side of this street. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to set a public hearing for the Second Budget Amendment for FY16 for May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: Erek requested information on the required work at 429 Brady. Ron has met with Mr. Buser and approved his plan for correcting the drainage issue. Knebel requested information on the Branson property. Erek explained the deadline is May 31, 2016. If the proposed plan is not complete the City can move forward with a citation.

Fire Chief: Asst. Chief Pantel reported that the Department's water fights will be held on Saturday May 14th at the Fire Station. The Council recommended that the well be used for water supply for the fights instead of the hydrants. Truck #81 has been repaired but still needs pump certification along with #82. Hydrant training will be May 22nd. The Firefighter Association Dance will be held June 4th. The Council and the Fire Department will meet with the Township Trustees on June 27th at 6:30. Matt requested the City consider paving or rocking the drive for truck #86 at the Maintenance building as there have been issues with ruts and access. The Council instructed him to get estimates.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: Bruce reported that an alternator is not working but he has made arrangements to have it fixed. He has a bad aerator that he will replace as the weather allows.

Administrator: Cathy asked the Council to review the sewer billing for Atrium Village. The bill is not set at the same rate as other businesses but at a special rate. There is no documentation as to how this rate was determined. The Council directed her to review the rates and prepare a proposal. She is working with building inspector Goerdt to set up inspections of homes that have reported connecting their wells to the outside faucets.

The amended future land use map was presented to the County and they would like to have further discussion on this prior to approval. She will meet with County representatives to consider changes to the 28e Fringe Area Agreement.

Mayor: Tim reported the City has received an extension on the deadlines for the Wastewater Improvement Project to 2018. The project will now be bid sometime this winter. The easements are moving forward.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator