

Hills City Council Meeting  
May 22, 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 22, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Thom Kirkpatrick, Steve Harris, Merle Hill, Bruce Endris and Cathy Knebel. Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, and Erek Sittig, City Attorney.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve the consent agenda including agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of May 8, 2017, Scheduled list of claims, receipts from May 6, 2017 thru May 19, 2017, and Casey's Cigarette Permit . Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for the FY17 Budget Amendment at 7:01 p.m. Upon request for comments, objections on the Amendment, hearing none, Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Resolution 2017-13 was presented amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-13. A Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Hill, Endris, Kirkpatrick, Harris, Knebel – 5. Resolution 2017-13 approved.

Mayor Kemp provided the Second 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 Endris to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-01. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Knebel, Endris, Hill, Harris, Kirkpatrick – 5. The Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-01 is approved.

Resolution 2017-11 was presented setting reimbursement amount for eligible employees under a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA) for Calendar year 2017. This resolution provides reimbursement to full time employees for medical care. The amount set out is up to \$3,960 for an employee that does not receive reimbursement for family members and up to \$7,886 for an employee that receives reimbursement for family members. The amounts to be prorated based on the date each employee becomes eligible. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-11. A roll call vote was taken: Hill, Endris, Knebel, Harris, Kirkpatrick – 5. Resolution 2017-11 is approved.

Building Inspector, Goerdt, has requested Iowa Valley Habitat provide covenants to cover the maintenance of the common wall on the proposed zero lot construction as required under Hills City Code. Habitat has provided covenants. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve the covenants provided by Iowa Valley Habitat as meeting the requirements under the Hills City Code. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council received a proposal for services from Shive-Hattery for the SRF Sponsored Project. The proposal provides for \$29,000 for the design and bidding phase, and an estimated \$15,000 for construction, to be paid on an hourly basis and reimbursable expenses. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Hill to accept the proposal for services. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The City received an estimate from Lynch Excavating in the amount of \$8,383 for the storm drainage repairs to East Avenue. The estimate is higher than the amount previously approved. In addition, the City encountered additional storm drainage issues on Iowa Street. Ron reported that Lynch would be able to complete both repairs and felt the first estimate for East may be able to be reduced. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Harris to approve completion of both storm drainage projects by Lynch Excavating. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No additional report.

Sewer: Bruce reported another possible herbicide issue in the sewer lagoon. He has reported the occurrence and taken test samples with no results yet.

Water: No report

Administrator: Habitat will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on May 27<sup>th</sup> for its build in Hills. Superintendent Murley from the ICCSD will discuss the upcoming bond issue at the Hills Elementary School on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Hills Ball Association is looking for new members for its Board for next year.

Mayor: Mayor Kemp provided information on the State Fireworks bill. Sales will be governed by the State and will require a license and proof of insurance. Cities may govern the use of fireworks within the city. Hills City Code currently prohibits the use of fireworks. The Council agreed to take no further action at this time.

**Council Comments:**

Harris inquired about painting at the Fire Station. It was determined that funds may be available in the next FY budget. Knebel requested the empty lot on Main Street be seeded and cleaned up prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator