

Hills City Council Meeting
June 12, 2017
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Knebel at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Thom Kirkpatrick, Steve Harris, Merle Hill, Bruce Endris and Cathy Knebel. Absent: Mayor Tim Kemp. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, Matt Pantel, Asst. Fire Chief and Erek Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to approve the consent agenda including agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of May 22, 2017, scheduled list of claims, receipts from May 20, 2017 thru June 9, 2017, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Pro Tem Knebel provided the Third and Final 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 Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2017-01. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Hill, Kirkpatrick, Endris, Harris, Knebel – 5. The Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2017-01 is approved. The Ordinance is enacted upon publication and its effective date.

Resolution 2017-14 was presented authorizing and approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing payment of \$2,500,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds. The bonds will be issued to cover the SRF loan for the Wastewater Improvement project. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2017-14. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Endris, Harris, Knebel, Kirkpatrick, Hill – 5. Resolution 2017-14 is approved.

Resolution 2017-15 was presented setting salaries or wages for Employees for Fiscal Year 2017-18 beginning July 1, 2017. This provides for wages as approved in the FY18 budget which includes a 3% increase for certain employees. A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2017-15. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Kirkpatrick, Hill, Endris, Knebel, Harris – 5. Resolution 2017-15 is approved.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Asst. Fire Chief Matt reported that West Lucas Township had offered to purchase pagers for the department.

Maintenance: Lynch has not yet begun work but area is marked and is expected to be completed by end of month.

Sewer: Bruce reported Atrazine was found in the lagoon. He reported to DNR and EPA. It appears that levels are under limits and have no effect on our ability to discharge to river. He did suggest that we may want to do a survey to determine the source.

Water: Consumer Confidence report has been completed and sent for publication.

Administrator: Cathy and Ron met with Shive-Hattery and Pelling to discuss Main Street updates. It was determined that the east end of town is wide enough now and will be marked with shoulders for bikes. The west end will be widened by 2 feet to allow the bike shoulders as well. It is anticipated that the bid will be within the previously estimated amounts.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments:

Hill shared information received from a meeting with ICCSD Superintendent on the Bond issue. He shared that the presentation showed a preference to provide a multipurpose room in each building. The Bond will provide funds for each school to have a multipurpose room except for Hills Elementary. Knebel provided an update on a successful first Music in the Park.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Cathy Knebel, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator