

Hills City Council Meeting
June 27, 2016
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

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

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to approve the consent agenda approving Agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of June 13, 2016, Scheduled list of claims, and receipts from June 13, 2016 thru June 27, 2016. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Resolution 2016-15 was presented authorizing the transfer of funds for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Funds would be transferred from Water and LOST into the debt service fund. A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2016-15. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 3. Resolution 2016-15 approved.

Resolution 2016-16 was presented of acceptance of Public Improvements for Hills Commercial Park. Kevin Trom from Shive has provided a punch list of items that need to be completed. Ron explained that Streb is aware of the items and is working on them. The Council felt the improvements could be accepted subject to the completion of the punch list. The escrow funds will not be returned to Streb until all items have been completed. A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2016-16 subject to the completion of the punch list items. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes:3. Resolution 2016-16 approved.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss potential real estate acquisition. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 3. Motion carried. Council entered into closed session at 7:24 p.m.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to close the closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 3. The closed session ended at 7:43 p.m. Council resumed in open session.

Reports:

Attorney: Erek reported that he expects one appraisal for the Waste Water Plant Improvements by this week and has been assured the other will be provided shortly.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: Ron has 2 companies coming this week to review the drainage issues and provide an estimate. He also provided the Council with an estimate on an updated mower. The Council has requested he replace the mower every three years. The cost would be \$5400 with the trade in which is about \$400 more than the last mower purchased. This one would include an upgraded seat. The Council directed Ron to move forward with the purchase. The Council requested information from Ron in regard to the Busser property on Brady Street. Ron reported that he attempted to make some improvements but did not feel they were sufficient. Ron will have Lynch review the property when they are in town.

Sewer: No report.

Administrator: Cathy reported that the air conditioning unit in the City office is not working and she may need to make some changes. She also provided the Council with information on the Industrial Tax Exemption Credit in the Code. She has received requests from two new constructions in regard to applying for this exemption. Erek will review and determine the process.

Mayor: Mayor Kemp reported he received a request from the School to improve the crossing on Main Street at the School. There is a safety concern. A traffic study has been done by MPO but results are not in. Cathy will contact MPO to determine the status of the report.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator