

Hills City Council Meeting
August 8, 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, August 8, 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, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, and Matt Pantel, Assistant Fire Chief.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving Agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of July 25, 2016, Scheduled list of claims, and receipts from July 23, 2016 thru August 5, 2016. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to review the application for an SRF loan and make available the contents of the environmental information document and the City's Facility Plan. A copy of the Environmental Information Document along with a fact sheet of information was provided to all present. The Facility Plan was also made available for anyone to view. Mayor Kemp provided information detailing the project, the alternatives considered, the environmental impact of the project, estimated cost of the project and anticipated user fees. The project involves modifications and expansion of the wastewater treatment facility to address ammonia and E. coli compliance as well as to allow for some future growth in the community. Several treatment alternatives were considered but determined to be non viable due to new discharge regulations as well as the need to cope with additional flows and loadings above and beyond what the original treatment plant was designed for. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.0 million which includes allowances for contingencies, engineering, administrative and legal. The City has applied for an SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan to fund this project at an anticipated loan rate of 2%. The Facility Plan estimates with 380 sewer user connections the average cost per user would be approximately \$55 per month for a 20 year loan. The Council received a comment from the public that the user fee should not be raised, if possible, but instead consider a property tax increase if necessary. No other comments were received. Mayor Kemp closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

The Council received estimates to enhance the banners and decorations for Main Street. Mayor Kemp explained that the estimate includes an enhancer with LED lighting that would surround banners on the four poles downtown. He explained that the banners would include one with the city logo, one with a patriotic theme and one with a holiday or winter theme. These would be interchanged throughout the year. There would be a banner up all year round. He suggested we also consider banners for the Ball Park. The Council also considered the Holiday decorations that string across the street. It was agreed that these could wait at least another year. After discussion a Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve the purchase of 4 banner enhancers, 18 banners with setup and art fees for a total estimated cost of \$3,629. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council received estimates for street painting from LL Pelling. The work to be completed includes city streets, the ball park and Oak Crest Hill Road. The total estimate for the work is \$4,749.42. The last time streets were marked was 2012. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve all street painting. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report

Fire Chief: Matt reported the Department will do testing on all hoses on Sunday, including the 5" hose. It is recommended that the 5" be replaced by a 4" if it needs to be replaced as it is obsolete with the hydrants.

Maintenance: Ron reported that he has offered suggestions to Mr. Buser on Brady to address the drainage issue with his parking. Mr. Buser agreed to follow through with his suggestions. He also reported that the new mower has been received and is working well.

Sewer: Bruce reported that they will be spraying the fence line so work can begin on fence repairs.

Administrator: No report.

Mayor: No report.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator