

Hills City Council Meeting
August 14, 2017
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

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

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda including agenda items, minutes from the Council Meeting of July 24, 2017, scheduled list of claims, receipts from July 22, 2017 thru August 11, 2017, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes: 4. Absent: Harris. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. to review the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost to the proposed Main Street Resurfacing Improvements Project. The bid specifications provide for a base unit price that would include milling and resurfacing Main Street at its current borders from the East boundary of Hills to the West boundary, less the area around the railroad tracks and the area on Main designated for permeable pavers. It also includes an alternate that would widen the shoulders of the street to accommodate bikers and/or walkers. The shoulder would be marked. The estimated cost of the base work is \$203,905.00 and the alternate at \$40,250.00. Attorney Sittig recommends approval of the form of contract subject to a few typos. Hearing no public comments Mayor Kemp closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Resolution 2017-21 was presented approving the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Main Street Resurfacing Improvements Project. A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-21. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Kirkpatrick, Endris, Hill, Knebel – 4, Absent: Harris. Resolution 2017-21 is approved.

Mark Reinders from MidAmerican Energy Company was present to discuss renewal of the franchise agreement. This agreement allows the company to use the city right of way in providing services to its residents and provides the terms of that use. The current agreement has expired. He provided information on a possible franchise fee. The Council would need to create a revenue statement and would not be able to collect LOST funds on these accounts if imposed. The Council will not impose a franchise fee at this time. An election is no longer required to enter into an agreement. A public hearing will be set for September 11, 2017 to review the agreement and ordinance.

Bids for the Main Street Resurfacing Project were received and opened on August 9, 2017. The City received one bid from LL Pelling Company in the amount of \$158,933.25 Base Bid and \$43,927.50 for Bid Alternate No. 1. Shive-Hattery recommends awarding the base bid and Alternate No. 1 to LL Pelling Company subject to submitting acceptable bonds, insurance and the Agreement. This bid is under the engineer estimate for the project.

Resolution 2017-22 was presented accepting proposal, awarding contract and approving contract for the City of Hills Main Street Resurfacing Improvements Project. The Resolution accepts the proposal of LL Pelling Company for both the base bid and the Alternate No. 1. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to approve Resolution 2017-22 subject to clarification that it approves both the base bid and Alternate No. 1. A roll call vote was taken: Knebel, Endris, Kirkpatrick, Hill -4. Absent: Harris. Resolution 2017-22 is approved.

The Council discussed possible changes to parking restrictions on Main Street after the Main Street Resurfacing Improvements Project is completed. As shoulders are widened the Council did not feel parking should be allowed on the shoulders. There is a concern of site issues from adjoining streets as well. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Knebel to eliminate parking on Main Street beginning at the crosswalk at East Avenue, on both the north and south sides of the street to the East boundary of Hills. Ayes: 4. Absent: Harris. Motion carried.

The FY18 budget will need to be amended to reflect changes for the Main Street Improvements and the SRF sponsored project. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to set the public hearing for the FY18 Budget Amendment for September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: 4. Absent: Harris. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Matt, Asst. Chief reported that the department will be purchasing gear/helmets for two members who have completed Firefighter 1 along with a new member who comes from another department with certifications. The Department is looking into a purchase of a ground monitor nozzle for large fires. This would be set on the ground and would free up 2 members to fight elsewhere. The Department will ask the Association for funds to purchase this equipment.

Maintenance: The Iowa Avenue Storm drain has been repaired but in jetting the line a new break was discovered by Action. It appears to be another break that occurred when a water service line was put in place. There was also a break in a sewer line at 4th Street that appears to have been caused by the water line boring. Pictures were taken of each incident. Cathy reported that the maintenance bond for service lines is two years from November 2015. She will contact Dave Schmitt construction to request they fix the Iowa break and reimburse for the damage on 4th Street.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report.

Administrator: A community meeting to discuss plans for the Main Street Resurfacing Project and the SRF Sponsored Permeable Paver Project will be held August 30th at 7:00 p.m. to give residents, businesses, employees and any interested individual an opportunity to hear more about the plans and answer any questions they may have. City Elections will be held on November 7, 2017. The City has two Council Seats up for election along with the Mayor seat. Anyone interested in running can pick up a nomination petition at the City Office or the Johnson County Auditor's Office. Petitions may be turned in to the Auditor's Office beginning August 28, 2017 but no later than September 21, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments:

None.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Ayes: 4. Absent: Harris. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Attest:

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator