

Hills City Council Meeting
September 26, 2016
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, September 26, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

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

Consent Agenda: Hill requested that the payment to Samantha Kemp Designs be removed from the consent agenda. This payment will be voided and corrected for the next meeting. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the remainder of the consent agenda including Agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of September 11, 2016, Scheduled list of claims, receipts from September 10, 2016 thru September 23, 2016. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Resolution 2016-23 was presented approving Urban Revitalization Program Application of Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc. The Urban Revitalization Plan provides for a tax exemption for property located within the designated area. The application presented contains the required information and is within the designated area. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2016-23. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. Resolution 2016-23 passed.

The Council received an estimate of \$5,863.79 from Electric Pump to replace the impeller in one of the pumps from the Oak Crest Hill Lift Station. Bruce reported that the pump needs to be repaired quickly so may be at a higher cost in order to secure the necessary parts. The lift station is currently being serviced by only one pump. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the repair of the pump by Electric Pump. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Kemp requested the Council set a work session for December 10th to review the City's 5/10 year plan as well as all City Policies. He informed the Council to allow four hours for the session. The time of the session will be determined at a later time.

A motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Endris to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the acquisition of wastewater easements. A roll call vote was held. Ayes:5 Motion carried. The Council entered into a Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes:5. Motion carried. The Council returned to open session at 7:36 p.m.

Reports:

Attorney: Erek reported that time on the Branson property is running out. He did receive notice that they are planning to re-roof but had trouble with roofer showing.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: Ron reported that he has been working on replacing street signs. He provided a list to the Council of signs needing replacement. The radar signs were received and need to be assembled.

Sewer: No additional report.

Administrator: Cathy reported that the initial meeting for the SRF project was held and we will be moving forward with the permeable pavers along Main Street. The amount available will depend on the amount of the wastewater project loan. Cathy also reported that the workers compensation insurance audit increased the premium due to requiring coverage for both sewer and water independent contracts. Steve Flake is looking at getting his own insurance which would reduce this amount on the next audit

Mayor: Mayor Kemp reported that the City sent 28 pallets of sand barriers to Cedar Rapids to assist with flood protection. The City is working with Dave Wilson to bill for the pallets. The Council felt that the container used to store them could be used at the Sewer plant.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator