

Hills City Council Meeting
November 28, 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, November 28, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Merle Hill, Thom Kirkpatrick, Steve Harris, Bruce Endris, and Cathy Knebel. Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, EreK Sittig, City Attorney, Jason Van Nevel, Fire Chief, and Matt Pantel, Asst. Fire Chief.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda including Agenda items, minutes from the Meeting of November 14, 2016, Scheduled list of claims, and receipts from November 12, 2016 thru November 23, 2016. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek was present to update the Council on services provided to the City and new contract amounts anticipated for FY2018. The annual rate for police protection under the new contract will be \$28,681.00, and increase of \$1,334. Sheriff Pulkrabek shared information on the cost of providing service to Hills at \$45.96 per man hour. This amount does not include equipment. The amount of the new contract is \$43.00 per man hour.

Resolution 2016-28 was presented setting Calendar Year 2016 compensation for Volunteer Fire Department Members. The Resolution approves the stipends offered to Fire Department members that have committed time to respond to 25% of calls and is based on individual training certifications. Chief Van Nevel noted that some members did not meet the 25% but felt they were still putting in time to meet their individual certifications. He expressed that they are not eligible for a stipend this year but would like to review the policy to include amounts for training along with responding to calls. He will prepare a proposal. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2016-28. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 4. Abstain: Harris. Resolution 2016-28 passed.

The City received an estimate from LL Pelling, Inc. for 2017 street work. Type A, base repair and single seal coat at \$3.15/SY, Type B, single seal coat at \$2.05/SY and Cold Mix Patching at \$205/TN. This estimate is not a contract for specific work but allows the City to lock in rates for street work in the spring. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Endris to accept the estimate from LL Pelling, Inc. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Harris to enter into a closed session pursuant Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss potential real estate acquisition. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. The Council entered a closed session at 7:26 p.m.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. The Council returned to open session at 7:39 p.m.

Reports:

Attorney: EreK received all signed easement documents for the Wastewater Improvement Project.

Fire Chief: Jason reported that call volume is down. He is working on call volumes for the individual townships to assist with preparing the next fire protection agreement with the townships.

Maintenance: Radar signs are up. Banners and lights should be placed this week, depending on weather.

Sewer: The generator has been fixed and will be picked up within the week.

Water: No report.

Administrator: Bidding for the Wastewater Improvement Project is anticipated to take place in February 2017 with contracts required to be awarded by May 2017. Shive has submitted a proposal for concept drawings for a new city hall/library/storm shelter. ITC Midwest will be replacing the poles from the substation line north in 2018. Cathy suggested the Dec. 26th Council meeting be cancelled and a special meeting set up, if necessary.

Mayor: Tim reminded all that a work session is scheduled for December 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator