

Hills City Council Meeting
May 14, 2018
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, May 14, 2018 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Mayor, Tim Kemp. Council members: Steve Harris, Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters and Teresa Volk.
Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Public Works & Fire Chief, Ben Sommers, EMS Coordinator and Members of the public.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from April 23, 2018 meeting, minutes from May 7, 2018 special meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from April 21, 2018 thru May 11, 2018, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report and Casey's Cigarette permit. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Rich and Jean Aiken, requested information on the amount of debt owed by the City. The amount of current debt was provided. He also asked for information on the decision to move forward with the no parking regulation on Main Street. Mayor Kemp explained the discussions in regard to the Main Street parking decision. Mr. Aiken felt it had not solved the vision issue but created a new bottleneck on Second Street. Council commented that the City had heard from several residents asking for the no parking as the vision issue from Second to Main was significant but had not heard from anyone that was against the no parking at the time the discussions were held.

Ron Wolfe expressed his belief that the parking issue is worse than it was before.

Business:

Drew Mills presented the Council with the Mills family's illustration for the Mike Mills memorial and renaming the field the Mike Mills Field. A memorial will be place behind home plate and the score board will be updated with the field name. The cost of this project will be paid with memorial funds. A dedication will take place on July 4th before the championship game.

The Council was presented with the estimate from Stevens Erosion Control for right of way work on Main Street. Rock will be removed and replaced with dirt, then sod installed. The cost of the work is \$11,600.00. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Volk to accept the estimate from Stevens and move forward with the work. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with two estimates for building work at the splash pad. The building will house the manifold and pumps. An estimate was received from Jarrod Lavelly for a 10 x12 building at \$5100, without concrete. An estimate was received from McCreedy-Ruth Construction for a 12 x 12 building with concrete for \$16,800. Matt has estimated the concrete at \$1200. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to authorize the building by Lavelly and concrete work at no more than \$8500. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-30 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's Application for Payment No. 12 to the Contract with Woodruff Construction, LLC for Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The request for \$172,711.90 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Fox Engineering. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to approve Resolution 2018-30. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Volk, Harris, Peters, Hill. Resolution 2018-30 is approved.

The next regular Council meeting is set for Memorial Day on May 28th. A Motion was made by Harris and seconded by Peters to cancel the meeting set for May 28. Ayes: 5. Motion carried. A special meeting may be set for May 30 if necessary.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Water fights will be held May 19th. Spring Dance will be held June 2nd at Old 218 with band Drama Kings. Trustee meeting will be set for June 25th Council meeting.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: Desludging completed.

Water: Water Plant performance has been very good since switching to the Streb well as our primary source of water. Hydrant flushing will occur soon. Dates will be posted.

Administrator: The State passed a Water Excise Tax that replaces the water Sales Tax. This change will begin July 1 and will eliminate City's ability to collect Local Option Sales Tax on water. This could be a reduction in revenue the City receives of about \$2200.

Mayor: No report

Council Comments: Harris requested information on annexation of properties on Oak Crest Hill Road, particularly Stockman property. Cathy explained that the City received a request which was reviewed by P&Z. The Commission recommended the City not approve the annexation as it was not contiguous to any current Hills properties but only contiguous to the railroad. The request was subsequently withdrawn.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator