

Hills City Council Meeting
August 13, 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, August 13, 2018 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Christine Peters, Cathy Knebel, Steve Harris and Teresa Volk. Absent: None.

Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Public Works/Fire Chief, Ben Sommers, EMS Coordinator, and Ere Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from July 23, 2018 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from July 21, 2018 thru August 10, 2018, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report and Casey's Alcohol License. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Liz Kelly and Jason O'Brien, owners of the property at 425 Brady were present to discuss the dangerous animal issue. Ms. Kelly requested the minutes from June 28, 2018 be changed to reflect that there is a fence on the property. She indicated that the fence has been there for several years. Councilman Hill commented that he has asked the question at the meeting in regard to the fence and was told it was not completed yet. Ms. Kelly acknowledged that it was open at the driveway. She felt that the council erred in its determination of a dangerous animal. The animal has only 3 legs and is not vicious. Ms. Kelly stated that the circumstances show the animal was provoked by Mr. Grothe. She felt this could be handled better, allowing the family a second chance, indicating that the family are long term residents of Hills. She suggested that, as taxpayers, this is a poor use of city funds. She requested the Council handle this differently, asking it to be fair to this family and suggested that if that does not happen she will get involved with legal consequences to the City.

Business:

The City has not yet received the final pay application from Hardscape Solutions so Resolution 2018-40 was tabled.

The Council discussed options at the splash pad including shade trees, shelter and a fence on the west side. Cathy will work on a plan for these additions.

Reports:

Attorney: Ere reported the judge has not provided a ruling yet in the lawsuit filed by the Moens against the City. He filed a municipal infraction citation against the Moens listing 3 counts, imposing fines.

Fire Chief: A benefit will be held September 2nd for Firefighter Ken Becker who has health issues.

Maintenance: Matt informed the Council that Brian Stevens has requested a fence around the Hills Commercial Lift Station. Council asked Matt to get more information on this.

Sewer: Wastewater plant is fully operational and lab results look very good.

Water: Lead and copper samples passed once again, we will be getting a revised permit reflecting those results and our monitoring will be reduced. Sanitary survey was conducted August 7.

Administrator: Hills Insurance has been sold to Insurance Associates. Our insurance will remain the same. A.J. Johnson provided information on the PEM surface for the splash pad after a request from a resident. Council felt this addressed the concerns and should be provided to the resident.

Mayor: No report

Council Comments: Harris commented that RAGBRAI was a waste of money and City should not have spent money on this. Mayor Kemp felt it was money spent to showcase our community. Volk commented that she had heard many good comments about the event in Hills. Expenses for RAGBRAI totaled about \$6800 with income about \$2400. Total expense to City was about \$4400.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator