

Hills City Council Meeting
January 10, 2022, 7:00 PM
Hills Community Center

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hudachek, Hill, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator, Pantel, Public Works, Steve Flake, Water Treatment Plant, Anita Dalton, MidAmerican Energy, Bruce Endris, citizen, and Maggie Burger, Speer Financial via speakerphone at 7:30pm.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from December 27, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from December 23, 2021 – January 7, 2022, Treasurer’s Report, Budget Report and Appointments and Designations: Official Publication: Gazette, Mayor Pro Tem: Cathy Knebel, Hills Fire Chief 2 year term: Matt Pantel, P&Z 3 year term: Donna Brun and Gary Hulett, Board of Adjustments 3 year term: Helen Alexander and Scott Hebl. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Anita Dalton with MidAmerican Energy presented a \$500 donation to the Hills Fire Department. Bruce Endris would like to see rumble strips installed at the intersection of 520th St SE and Sand Rd SE to improve safety. The Council suggested he talk to Jon Green with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

Business:

Discussion with Principal Boeset was postponed until the next council meeting.

Steve Flake recommended that the council hire Midco diving to inspect and clean the water tower. Midco offers a less intrusive way to clean the tower and eliminates the need to drain the tower. In the future, when the inside and outside of the tower need to be painted, Flake suggested that the council consider installing a ground reservoir. Flake also recommended insulating the cone and installing a heater to prevent freezing during sub-zero temperatures.

Resolution 2022-01 was presented Naming City Depositories for 2022. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2022-01. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2022-01 approved.

Resolution 2022-02 was presented authorizing the mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Shive-Hattery to conduct a Fire Station Study. The study will consider necessary renovations versus constructing a new building with possible space for city offices. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2022-02. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2022-02 approved.

A motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to set a Work Session for January 24, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm to discuss plans for the new Hills Elementary School with ICCSD representatives. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Maggie Burger with Speer Financial presented current and projected water revenue and provided options on how the city could pay the GO Bond out of water instead of LOST. Burger also discussed the benefits of financing some of the road improvements project.

The Council discussed proposed amendments to Chapters 165.19-165-28 of the Hills Zoning Ordinance. Questions regarding accessory structures and fences were discussed and more information was requested. These chapters and additional chapters will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: There were several incidents over the weekend; house fire and interstate accident.

Maintenance: Pantel has ordered a new city truck. It will not be available until next fiscal year.

Sewer: No report

Water: A pump valve will be replaced this week.

Administrator: The city received a letter of map revision based on fill from Hart-Frederick and Assoc. for three lots on the northside of Knoll Ridge. This was reviewed by City Engineer Trom.

Mayor: Council budget work session is scheduled for 1/12/22 at 6:00 pm. An EMS meeting will be held on 1/15/22 at the Hills Fire Station to discuss emergency plans for the community.

Council Comments: No additional comments.

A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator