

Hills City Council Meeting
January 13, 2020
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters, Guy Sommers and Teresa Volk.
Absent: None. Also, present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, and Matt Pantel, PW, Fire Chief.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Knebel to approve the agenda, consent agenda, minutes from December 23, 2019 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from December 21, 2019 thru January 10, 2020, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report and appointments and designations. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Resolution 2020-01 was presented naming City Depositories for 2020. Hills Bank and Trust with a maximum balance of \$5,000,000 is listed. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Peters to approve Resolution 2020-01. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Peters, Knebel, Volk, Sommers. Resolution 2020-01 approved.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to set a Work Session to discuss the FY21 Budget for January 22, 2020 beginning at 5:00 pm, held at the Hills City Office. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to set the Public Hearing for the Proposed Max Property Tax Levy for February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm, regular council meeting. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with regard to the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department, specifically a cutter, spreader, ram, ram extension with tools estimated at \$35,495. This equipment is being purchased with a donation received from St. Joseph's Church. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to approve the purchase of this equipment at the cost of \$35,495. Ayes: 5

Council discussed the Solarize Johnson County 2020 initiative. This program partners with Midwest Renewable Energy Association to provide a group-buy program for all Johnson County Residents. Hills would be required to provide staff to serve on the program team and host an event to provide information about the program. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to join Solarize 2020 and appoint City Administrator, Fitzmaurice-Hill as contact. Ayes: 5

Resolution 2020-02 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment to Lease Agreement with Hills Bank and Trust Company for Hills Ball Park Lot. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2020-02. Roll Call: Ayes: Volk, Knebel, Sommers, Peters, Hill. Resolution 2020-02 approved.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Pantel was re-elected Fire Chief at last meeting.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No additional report.

Water: No additional report

Administrator: Johnson County Refuse will attend council meeting on January 27th to discuss new options. Building permits were issued for 9 home for Wade Journey Homes.

Mayor: Kemp provided an update on the Johnson County Access Center.

Council Comments: None.

A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator