

Hills City Council Meeting
January 23, 2023 / 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 23, 2023 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, Knebel and Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator; Pantel, Public Works and Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from January 9, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from January 7 thru January 20, 2023. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: D. Strabala suggested that a crosswalk be installed on Main Street across from the newly erected 7-plex.

Business:

Resolution 2022-40 was presented authorizing Alliant Energy to install a street light at the Splash Pad parking lot. The light will be located at the northeast corner of the parking lot. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve Resolution 2022-40. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hudachek, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2022-40 approved.

Resolution 2023-02 was presented authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Rhino Industries to replace the membranes at the Water Treatment Plant. Use of the proposed products were approved by the DNR. Steve Flake was on speakerphone to answer questions about freight charges and how exact amounts will be determined once the order is placed. Flake expects fees to not exceed \$500.00. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2023-02. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2023-02 approved.

Resolution 2023-03 was presented approving the land lease agreement with the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company (CRANDIC). Agreement was reviewed by attorney Sittig. A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2023-03. Roll Call: Ayes: Goldsmith, Knebel, Hill, Hudachek, Sommers. Absent: None. Resolution 2023-03 approved.

Council discussed First Monday trash pickup. Staff presented a timeline of the discussion along with a list of issues to consider when deciding on how to proceed. Staff recommended that the Council utilize the services provided by Johnson County Refuse. Councilmember Hill would like staff to look into alternative hauling companies who would offer neighborhood bulky item pick-ups twice per year and agreed that this service should no longer be up to city staff. Several councilmembers agreed and staff will report back with possible options.

Council discussed an ongoing dog issue. Two notices were sent to the tenants and the owner of the property and reports of the dogs in violation of the Code 55.06, 55.08 and 55.09. continue. Attorney Sittig will be asked to proceed with municipal infraction proceedings.

Reports:

Attorney: No report

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Administrator: A community food drive will kick-off this week with proceeds going to St. Joseph's food pantry. Donations can be dropped off at several locations in town. Staff met with Shive Hattery to discuss and identify potential issues prior to the final design of the East Avenue road improvement project. Staff distributed a report at the meeting which identified additional improvements and costs to discuss at the next meeting.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Hills and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.