

Hills City Council Meeting
February 10, 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, February 10, 2020 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Guy Sommers and Christine Peters. Absent: Teresa Volk. Also, present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes from January 27, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from January 25 thru February 7, 2020, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report and appointments and designations. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for the Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy at 7:02 p.m. The maximum general property tax estimate for FY21 is \$425,600.00. The levy rate for FY21 remains the same as FY20. Hearing no comments or questions Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Resolution 2020-03 was presented approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-03. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Sommers, Hill, Knebel. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-03 approved by super majority.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to set the Public Hearing for the FY21 Budget on March 9, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: 4.

Council reviewed the FY21 Budget as proposed at the Work Session. No changes were recommended.

Resolution 2020-04 was presented in support of an Application for the purpose of receiving benefits from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. This grant is requesting funds for the fire truck purchase. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2020-04. Roll call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Peters, Hill. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-04 approved.

Resolution 2020-05 was presented in support of an Application to the Walmart Foundation for a Walmart Community Grant to support the purchase of a fire truck. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2020-05. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Hill, Sommers, Knebel. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-05 approved.

Resolution 2020-06 was presented in support of an Application to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque for a Theisen's More for Your Community Grant to support the purchase of a fire truck. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-06. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Sommers, Hill, Peters. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-06 approved.

Resolution 2020-7 was presented in support of an Application to the Alliant Energy Foundation for a Hometown Safety Grant to support the purchase of a fire truck. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-07. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Peters, Knebel. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-07 approved.

Council reviewed the Investment Policy. No changes were recommended to the Policy. It will be reviewed again in three years or before as needed.

Council reviewed documents regarding placement of the new stage at City Park.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: Running well.

Water: Plant operating range was changed to prevent freezing. Chemical fee injection ports cleaned.

Administrator: Shared MPO offer of street studies. Shared information on complaint received by City in regard to dogs on Oak Ridge, determined to be a private matter. City will partner with Hills Elementary and Master Gardeners of Johnson County City to build a butterfly garden.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: None.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator