

Hills City Council Meeting
February 13, 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, February 13, 2023 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, and Sommers. Absent: Knebel. 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 23, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from January 21, 2023 thru February 10, 2023, Treasurer's Report, and Budget Report. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for the Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy at 7:01 p.m. The Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY24 is \$523,700.00. The tax rate of 8.096 is the same as FY23 Max Levy rate but is 9.33% higher in total dollars than FY23. Hearing no comments or questions Mayor Kemp closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Resolution 2023-04 was presented approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2023-04. Roll Call: Ayes: Goldsmith, Sommers, Hill, Hudachek. Resolution 2023-04 approved by super majority.

Resolution 2023-05 was presented approving and authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Johnson County Iowa to supply police protection through the Johnson County Sheriff's Office fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. A Motion was made by Hudachek and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2023-05. Roll Call: Ayes: Hudachek, Goldsmith, Hill, Sommers. Resolution 2023-05 approved.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to set a Work Session for March 1, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Hudachek to set the Public Hearing for the FY24 Budget for March 13, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Council discussed the FY24 budget. Staff presented proposed adjustments to revenues and expenses.

Council discussed annual insurance premiums from Century Insurance. Rates have increased by 9.66% from last year. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve the invoice from Century Insurance. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Council discussed additions to the East Avenue Road Project. Staff recommended including the following additions: extend alley replacement at entrance to Hills Bank drive thru and add curb and gutter to the east side of East Avenue between the alley and Brady Street. A motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Sommers to include staff's recommendations. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report

Administrator: The FY22 Audit is complete and the exit interview went well. Staff met with MPO about the recent Oak Crest Hill Road speed study. Engineer, Kevin Trom, recommended a speed transition zone north and south of Main Street. Staff is waiting to hear back from Johnson County Secondary Roads and the Sheriff's Department regarding the recommendations. Several Music in the Park donations have been received and several more committed.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.