

Hills City Council Meeting
February 24, 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 24, 2020 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Guy Sommers, Teresa Volk and Christine Peters. P&Z Commission members: Matt Pantel, Jayne McGuire, Gary Hulett, Ron Wolfe. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator and Erik Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes from February 10, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from February 8 thru February 21, 2020. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Brad Kunkel with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department introduced himself to the Council. He is running for Johnson County Sheriff. He provided the Council with his background and goals for the office.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Joint Public Hearing on the Application for Annexation from ITC Midwest LLC at 7:12 The property is located on Oak Crest Hill Road and contiguous to Hills via the CRANDIC Railroad and the Murphy property. The property will be used for a substation. Access to the property will be a shared drive with Murphy. Cydney Lovell with ITC provided the Council with a copy of the agreement with Murphy and with CRANDIC to cross its line Hearing no additional comments or questions Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Council received recommendation from P&Z to approve the Application for Annexation from ITC.

Resolution 2020-08 was presented approving the voluntary annexation of property. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2020-08. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Sommers, Volk, Peters. Resolution 2020-08 approved.

Council received an estimate from Precision Electric to replace lighting in the Maintenance building and the Fire Station. The proposal will replace Shop Bay lights at a cost of \$1250 and Sand Bay lights at a cost of \$1020, including outside lights at \$390. The Fire Station work would include replacing the lights in the bays at a cost of \$4230 and lights in the conference room at a cost of \$1500. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Sommers to accept the proposal from Precision Electric. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-09 was presented authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Heiman Fire Equipment for the purchase of equipment for City of Hills Fire Department. The change order impacts work to the chassis for a reduction in overall price of \$5,835 for a total contract price of \$531,286. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-09. Roll call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Peters, Knebel, Volk. Resolution 2020-09 approved.

Council discussed offering a reimbursement grant to residents of Hills for construction of an individual butterfly garden at their residence. Mayor Kemp has signed a Monarch Pledge which promotes Monarch conservation in our Community. The City will partner with Hills Elementary and the Johnson County Master Gardeners to construct a butterfly garden at City Park. The City hopes other residents will join in this effort with construction individual gardens. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to offer a reimbursement grant up to \$100 to ten residents for a total grant fund of \$1000 for the construction of an individual butterfly garden. Ayes: 5. Motion carried. City Staff will prepare a grant policy and provide information to the public on the availability of funds.

Council discussed safety recommendation received from EMC Insurance in regard to playground equipment. In particular the recommendation suggests the slide at the Fire Station Park should be removed. Guidelines require openings should be less than 3.5 inches apart or more than 9 inches. Matt will review the equipment to determine if alterations can be made to comply with the guidelines.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report.

Administrator: Documents requesting competitive quotes for the stage were sent out on 21st and are due March 6th. Moxie Solar will provide a review and recommendation for the City.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: None.

A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator