

Hills City Council Meeting
February 27, 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 27, 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, Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk, Erek Sittig, City Attorney, Molly Abraham, ICCSD, Matt Degner, ICCSD, Charlie Eastman, ICCSD, Ashley Reedy, ICCSD and Lisa Williams, ICCSD.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from February 13, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from February 11 thru February 24, 2023. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Business:

Representatives from the Iowa City Community School District presented information on a preschool funding proposal. The district's goal is to offer preschool throughout the district and they are asking the various municipalities served by the ICCSD to help fund this program. They suggested using a portion of the city's LOST revenue. Council will discuss at a future meeting.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to re-set the Public Hearing for the FY24 Budget for March 27, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to set the Public Hearing for East Avenue Road Improvements Project on March 27, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Council discussed annual insurance premiums from Century Insurance. Rates presented at the previous meeting were estimates not final figures. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve the invoice from Century Insurance. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: Staff is researching annual maintenance agreements to have the generators serviced. The generator at the fire station may need to be replaced.

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Administrator: SF181 was signed into law last week, affecting the FY24 Budget. Taxable valuations are being recalculated because the residential rollback rates are being reduced. This will result in reduced property valuations. Due to changes, the city will be given an extra month to certify the budget. Proposed changes will be presented at the 3/1/23 work session. The city was awarded a grant from Trees Forever and Alliant Energy to plant trees in the Hills City Park. Council was asked to select new banners for Main Street.

Council Comments: Councilmember Hill asked to be reminded what Hills Elementary School uses the city's annual \$20,000 donation for each year.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Goldsmith to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator