

Hills City Council Meeting
March 9, 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, March 9, 2020 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

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

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes from February 24, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from February 22 thru March 6, 2020, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Several residents were present to discuss the upcoming garbage contract including Scott Hebl, Nicole & Kyle Acheson, Jon Hart, Allen Moore and Gary Benda. Concerns included the price and the size of the carts. They requested the council consider other options including smaller sizes and bi-weekly pickup. Council will gather more information.

Other concerns addressed include: dangerous parking on 2nd Street, dogs running loose and owners not cleaning up after dogs, construction debris, policy on snow emergency and issues of parking on Sierra Park during snow and possible survey to residents.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing on the FY21 Budget at 7:30 p.m. No comments were received. Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Resolution 2020-10 was presented adopting Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to approve Resolution 2020-10. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Volk, Sommers, Peters, Knebel. Resolution 2020-10 approved.

Resolution 2020-11 was presented authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Heiman Fire Equipment for the purchase of equipment for the City of Hills Fire Department. This increases the contract price by \$16,141.00. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2020-11. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Hill, Peters, Volk. Resolution 2020-11 approved.

Resolution 2020-12 was presented accepting proposal, awarding contract and approving contract for the City of Hills Bandshell Project. The City received 2 quotes: Myers Construction Inc. \$116,880 and North Construction LLC \$158,000. City Engineers Shive-Hattery recommend accepting bid of Myers Construction Inc. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to approve Resolution 2020-12 awarding contract to Myers Construction Inc. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Peters, Sommers, Volk, Hill. Resolution 2020-12 approved.

Resolution 2020-13 was presented authorizing the transfer of funds for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This includes the transfer of \$52,839 from Local Option Sales Tax Fund to Debt Service. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-13. Roll Call: Ayes: Volk, Sommers, Knebel, Hill, Peters. Resolution 2020-13 approved.

Resolution 2020-14 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Agreement with Johnson County, Iowa to supply Police Protection through the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Peters to approve Resolution 2020-14. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Peters, Volk, Sommers, Knebel. Resolution 2020-14 approved.

Resolution 2020-15 was presented authorizing the Hills Butterfly Garden Reimbursement Program and adopting Policy for Program Administration. The Program authorizes \$1000 for reimbursement for an individual residence up to \$100 for the construction of a Butterfly Garden. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-15. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Sommers, Knebel, Volk, Hill. Resolution 2020-15 approved.

A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to set a Public Hearing for March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for FY20 Budget Amendment. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The City received an estimate from Precision Electric to install LED lights in the Community Center. This would include 41 2x4 fixtures and 12 recessed fixtures at an estimate of \$6380. Council felt it would not be necessary to replace the 12 recessed lights fixtures. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to authorize the replacement of 41 2x4 fixtures at the Community Center. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Pancake Breakfast set for May 3rd at Hills Community Center. First Responders will not be called out to an incident of possible COVID-19, County will respond with ambulance only.

Maintenance: Meeting Thursday with engineer and construction to review and determine next steps with Washington Street Lift Station pumps. LL Pelling will review streets this week and make recommendation.

Sewer: No report.

Water: Water plant operating range changed to prevent freezing. Train 1 had a few alarms with high differential pressure. Communications continue to work well between plant and the wells.

Administrator: Discussed playground equipment removal. Council felt should be removed. The National Advanced Driving Simulator received a \$7 million Federal grant for a Rural America project. This project will come into Hills, to Community Center and have an opportunity for older Hills residents to participate. Moxie Solar has provided information on solar arrays for City buildings.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: Peters commented about the construction trash. Staff will ask contractors to be more vigilant in picking up trash off site.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator