

Hills City Council Meeting
March 14, 2021
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, March 14, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator, Pantel, Public Works, Noel Meier, citizen, and Jacob Onken, citizen.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from February 28, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from February 26, 2022 thru March 11, 2022, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Noel Meier asked the Council if they had questions about the requested hitching post at the splash pad park. Council asked how many horses would be at the park at one time and how often the group would visit. Meier said that there would be four horses at a time and she plans to visit every Wednesday in the summer. She assured the Council that her horses are comfortable around people, especially children. Jacob Onken voiced interest in running for an IA House seat and introduced himself to the Council.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for the FY23 Budget at 7:09 p.m. Hearing no comments or questions Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. No comments were received by the Clerk's Office.

Resolution 2022-10 was presented adopting Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2022-10. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek. Resolution 2022-10 approved.

Resolution 2022-11 was presented authorizing the transfer of funds for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The transfers include a transfer from Water to Debt Service. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve Resolution 2022-11. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hudachek, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Resolution 2022-11 approved.

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance amending Chapter 165 of the Hills Code of Ordinances, Hills Zoning Ordinance at 7:11 pm. Hearing no comments or questions Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm. No comments were received.

Mayor Kemp provided the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-01 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hills, Iowa, by amending Chapter 165, Hills Zoning Ordinance. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-01. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Knebel, Goldsmith, Hudachek, Sommers. Absent: None. First Reading approved.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to waive the Second and Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-01 and move to final passage. Roll call: Ayes: Knebel, Hudachek, Goldsmith, Hill, Sommers. Absent: None. Ordinance 2022-01 is approved and becomes effective July 1, 2022.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: The Fireman's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 1st. The fire department needs new air packs. ARPA funds will pay for over half the cost. Pantel asked the Council to consider purchasing the remaining packs in order to receive the best possible price. Grant funds have also been requested and awards will be announced in May. Council agreed that the new air packs are a necessary purchase to ensure the safety of our first responders.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No report.

Administrator: Increases in oil prices could impact the upcoming road project. The fire station study is underway. A new server was installed in the city office and new software was installed on the fire department's laptops. Due to broadband expansion, Sharon Telephone Company was recently awarded designation as a Smart Rural Community for Hills. They would like to hang banners on the four street lights on Main Street to promote the designation.

Mayor: No Report.

Council Comments: Knebel asked about solar energy. Schlitz reported savings at the community center, city office and fire station. Hudachek asked about installing additional street lighting in town. Staff will present proposal to the Council at the next meeting.

A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator