

Hills City Council Meeting  
April 12, 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, April 12, 2021 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters, Guy Sommers, and Teresa Volk. Absent: None. Also present: Chris Hoffman, Moxie Solar, Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Public Works and Fire Chief, and Rodney Lenz, Citizen.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from March 22, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from March 20 thru April 9, 2021, Treasurer's report, and Budget report. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Chris Hoffman, Moxie Solar, presented information about solar installation on city buildings and property. The benefits of entering into a power purchase agreement with an investor was discussed. Hoffman agreed to provide the Council with a cash flow model for all locations.

Council discussed LL Pelling's recommendation for FY21 street work. Pantel highlighted which streets listed on the proposal are in need of repairs. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Volk to approved Pantel's street repair recommendations. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Mayor: Met with Stutsman's regarding a joint stormwater project. Stutsman's will be asked to attend the next Council meeting and present proposed amendments. Hills Elementary School will be saying good-bye to principal TeBockhorst at the end of this school year. She has taken a position in another school district.

Attorney: No report.

City Administrator: City has received many Music in the Park donations from area businesses. Thanks to grants from Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy, the City will be hosting a Tree Planting Event on Thursday, April 22 at 2:00 pm. Several volunteers from Hills Bank will be helping plant. The City received a complaint with regard to a dog charging a pedestrian. This incident occurred outside of a rental property. The City contacted the owner of the property and alerted them to the City Ordinance regarding animals at large. The City nominated the new park bandshell for an All-Star Award from the Iowa League of Cities. Winners will be announced in June.

Maintenance: There has been a request that a one-hour parking sign be placed by the gravel area on the south side of Main Street across from Casey's. A semi-trailer has been parking there illegally overnight. The property is located in City right-of-way. Council agreed that a sign be purchased and installed.

Fire Chief: Pancake breakfast will be held from 7am-1pm, Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hills Community Center.

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report.

**Council Comments:** Knebel asked about First Monday. Seven loads were brought to the landfill. A reminder will be included in the May Newsletter about what is acceptable to place out for First Monday. Knebel noted that a portion of sidewalk needs to be repaired near the corner of Oak and Second Streets. Administrator will send a letter to the property owner. Hill received a complaint from a resident who would like a discount for senior garbage collection and water bills to be suspended while residents are out of town for a certain length of time. Both the garbage contract and the City's water loans are based on the number of households participating monthly.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator