

Hills City Council Meeting
April 26, 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 26, 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, Roger Slaughter, Stutsman, Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Public Works and Fire Chief, and Erek Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from April 12, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from April 10 April 23, 2021, seasonal public works approval of Jack Clark and Emmitt Kron, and Casey's cigarette permit renewal. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Chris Hoffman, Moxie Solar, updated the Council on solar price adjustments. Twenty-five-year cash flow models were presented for the Community Center, Fire Station and Maintenance Building. As proposed, the three locations will generate all current energy needs. Hoffman agreed to work with Attorney Sittig on a contract and construction schedule to present to Council. Information on power purchase agreements for the Water Treatment Plant and the Sewer Lagoon will be discussed at a later date.

Roger Slaughter, Stutmans, requested the following amendments to the previously approved storm sewer construction and dedication agreement; a maintenance bond for 3 years and a \$40,000 letter of credit. The Council agreed to these changes. Attorney Sittig will amend the agreement. Final approval will be contingent upon final inspection by the City Engineer.

Resolution 2021-15 was presented authorizing signatories for Hills Bank and Trust Accounts. A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2021-15. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Hill, Knebel, Sommers, Volk. Resolution 2021-15 approved.

Resolution 2021-16 was presented setting salaries and wages for Seasonal Employees for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Wages for seasonal employees, Jack Clark and Emmitt Kron, set at \$10/hour. A Motion was made by Sommers seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2021-16. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Hill, Peters, Volk. Resolution 2021-16 approved.

Reports:

Mayor: S. Klein asked about having a flagpole installed at the Hills City Park in remembrance of her late father, Don Draker.

Attorney: No report.

City Administrator: The next city-wide newsletter will be going out this week. Earth Day Tree Planting Event was a success. Eight volunteers helped plant twenty-four trees. Another seven trees will be planted around the new park once it is installed. Latest road use tax distribution was higher due to Covid-19 relief. Schlitz will attend a webinar on the American Rescue Plan to determine how and when funds will be distributed to municipalities.

Maintenance: LL Pelling is in town doing street work. The site for the new playground was graded and construction should begin next week. Posts for radar signs along Main Street were installed. Cracks along Williams Circle need to be sealed.

Fire Chief: Pancake breakfast will be held from 7am-1pm, Sunday May 2nd at the Hills Community Center. There will not be a dance this spring.

Sewer: A pump is being repaired at the sewer lagoon.

Water: No Report.

Council Comments: Volk asked about ICCSD plans for the new school. Mayor has not received any updates from district.

A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.