

Hills City Council Meeting  
May 9, 2022 / 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, May 9, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator, Pantel, Public Works, Erek Sittig, attorney (via speakerphone) Brian Gotwals, Shive Hattery, Brian Kane, Shive Hattery (via zoom), Cydney Lovell, ITC, Doreen Stabala, resident, Sue Henderson, resident, Tim Ruth, citizen, Jaron Rosien, citizen, Nancy & Scott Hebl, residents, and Dave Septer, volunteer fire fighter.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from April 25, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from April 23, 2022 thru May 6, 2022, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report and Casey's Cigarette Permit Renewal. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Doreen Strabala presented photos of the City Park bathrooms and suggested that the bathrooms be cleaned and updated. Sue Henderson would like the Johnson County deputies to do more than sit at the park and she would like the council to consider installing a dog park. Jaron Rosen introduced himself to the council as a candidate running for State House. Tim Ruth voiced concerns about the speed limit along Oak Crest Hill Road SE and is concerned about someone getting hurt or worse. A traffic study is being conducted by MPO this summer. Ruth also voiced his frustration with the city's bid notification process and felt like he was excluded from bidding projects in the past. Nancy Hebl asked about the age requirement for someone to drive a golf cart in town and was displeased with the following: the number of dandelions at the Splash Pad Park, the overgrown lots in the Oak Crest Hill Estate neighborhood, the grill and vehicle parked behind the Community Center and how they interfered with her ability to unload items for a private event. Scott Hebl again voiced his concerns about the cleanliness of the Community Center and asked about the missing refrigerator drawers (these were later found in the utility room).

**Business:**

Brian Gotwals and Brian Kane with Shive Hattery presented a study they conducted on a new fire station. Two of the options presented a replacement facility and the third option presented an expansion to the existing facility.

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for an Ordinance amending the Hills Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 113 entitled, Electric Transmission Franchise, establishing a franchise agreement with ITC Midwest, LLC. at 7:49 pm. Hearing no comments or questions Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:51 pm. Cydney Lovell voiced ITCs commitment to working with the city prior to any new line installation.

Mayor Kemp provided the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-02 amending the Hills Municipal Code, adding Chapter 113 entitled, Electric Transmission Franchise. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-02. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek. Absent: None. First Reading approved.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to waive the Second and Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-02 and move to final passage. Roll call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek. Absent: None. Ordinance 2022-02 is approved upon final publication.

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing on the FY22 Budget Amendment at 7:53 pm. Schlitz provided information on amended expenses and revenues. Hearing no comments or further discussion Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 pm.

Resolution 2022-17 was presented amending the current Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2022-17. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek. Absent: None. Resolution 2022-07 approved.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: The pancake breakfast was a success with over 1,050 people served.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Administrator: Schlitz reported on two upcoming grant awards, one from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for air packs for the fire department and the other from Aureon Technology for a mural project on Main Street. Schlitz is waiting to hear on further funding. Staff received an estimate to install

electronic locks at the Community Center. This estimate and others will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mayor: Johnson County Refuse (JCR) will provide a community clean-up service in October. Moving forward, JCR will be able to provide the city with two clean-ups per calendar year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Council Comments: Councilmember Hudachek asked when repairs to the Community Center will be complete. Staff will be working on this soon. Councilmember Hill asked about First Monday trash pick-up and whether or not it was over. The final First Monday pick-up this year will be held on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator