

Hills City Council Meeting
May 23, 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 23, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, and Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Admin., Tam Frembgen Kesner, Deputy City Clerk, Ben Sommers, Assistance Fire Chief, Tricia & Randy Brockert, residents, Sue Henderson, resident, Doreen Strabala, resident, Seth Zimmermann, citizen, Carrie Wear, citizen, Ken Becker, resident, and Sergeant Williams, Johnson Co Sheriff's Office.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda, including the agenda, minutes from May 9, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from May 7, 2022 thru May 20, 2022, and Butterfly Grant Awards for Apkinar and Bermel. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Seth Zimmermann introduced himself to the council. He is running for Johnson County Supervisor. Doreen Stabala alerted the council to a hole in the side of the Community Center and possible birds getting into the building. Carrie Wear, a manager at Old 218, was recently approached by a member of the community and asked to move her vehicle which was parked behind the Community Center. Wear said that she had been parking there for years with no problem and asked if it was okay to continue to do so as long as an event was not going on at the Community Center. The Council did not have any issue with her parking there. Ken Becker voiced his concern about the grill used for the Fireman's pancake breakfast being moved closer to the alley after the event.

Business:

Council reviewed an estimate from Freeman Security to install electronic locks at the Community Center. An additional quote will be presented at the next meeting.

Reports:

Mayor: Due to the exorbitant quote received to build a new fire station, this topic will be tabled until the fall when the council has its planning retreat. Chief Pantel will work with the fire department to determine feasible upgrades and expansion. Mayor Kemp has not received an update from the ICCSD regarding the new school.

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: An AED device was installed on the side of the Community Center. The Washington County Riverboat Foundation awarded the city a grant to purchase new air packs for the Fire Department.

Maintenance: No Report.

Fire Chief: No Report.

Sewer: The lift station on Washington was repaired. It has a new transducer and floats and is running smoothly. Staff will be providing the council with estimates for recommended sewer repairs ahead of the roads project at the next meeting.

Water: No Report

Council Comments: Sommers asked about the status of the road improvements project. The preconstruction meeting will take place within the next few weeks, followed by construction. Knebel thanked the Music in the Park sponsors. Hudachek reported several parking issues in the Oak Crest Hills Estates neighborhood, especially where vehicles are parking too close to intersections. Staff will look into additional signage and present it to the council at the next meeting. Sergeant Williams agreed to drive out there and take a look. Randy Brockert brought up parking along N. 1st Street. Sergeant Williams also said that he would look at that as well.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator