

Hills City Council Meeting
May 26, 2020
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2020 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, and Teresa Volk. Christine Peters present via telephone. Guy Sommers arrived at 6:26 pm. Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from May 11, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from May 9, 2020 thru May 22, 2020, and Butterfly Garden Grant Awards. Ayes: 4. Absent: Sommers. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Mayor Kemp provided the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hills, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to water and sewer rates. This Ordinance will reduce the monthly sewer rate for residential properties by \$5, from \$45 to \$40, per month. A Motion was made by Peters and Seconded by Volk to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-01. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Volk, Hill, Knebel. Absent: Sommers. First Reading approved.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to waive the Second and Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 and move to final passage. Roll call: Ayes: Hill, Knebel, Volk, Peters. Absent: Sommers. Ordinance 2020-01 is finally approved and becomes effective July 1, 2020.

Mayor Kemp provided the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hills, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to solid waste disposal. This Ordinance sets the new rates for garbage collection based on the contract with Johnson County Refuse at \$16.50 for a 35 gallon cart or \$18.50 for a 65 gallon cart. A Motion was made by Knebel and Seconded by Volk to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-02. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Volk, Peters, Hill. Absent: Sommers. First Reading approved.

A Motion was made by Knebel and Seconded by Hill to waive the Second and Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 and move to final passage. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Volk, Peters, Absent: Sommers. Ordinance 2020-02 is finally approved and becomes effective July 1, 2020.

Resolution No. 2020-24 was presented waiving Late Fees on monthly bills and Water Shut Offs for the Months of June and July, 2020. Due to COVID-19 the State has prevented shut offs and Council felt penalties should not be in effect due to economic impact to residents. A Motion was made by Hill and Seconded by Volk to approve Resolution No. 2020-24. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Volk, Peters, Knebel. Absent: Sommers. Resolution No. 2020-24 approved.

Council discussed request from Johnson County Emergency Management to allow use of the Community Center as an Emergency Shelter. County would provide generator and all services during an emergency. City would be responsible for generator hookup fees and future service and maintenance. The proposal was presented to the Community Center Board which recommends City allow this use of the building. The estimate to hook up generator is \$2900. It was determined that this may not run the entire facility due to the current wiring of one air conditioning unit. This unit may need to be replaced, which council felt may need to be done anyway. A Motion was made by Peters and Seconded by Knebel to approve moving forward with installing generator and other items as needed to allow for Community Center to be used as an Emergency Shelter. Ayes: 4. Absent: Sommers. Motion carried.

Mayor Kemp updated the Council on the COVID-19 pandemic. City will continue to keep City Office closed to the public. Gov. Reynolds will allow outdoor concerts beginning June 1, 2020 which allows City to hold its Music in the Park event. Social distancing will be required. City can allow a group of 10 but must remain 6 feet from other groups. Concessions will not be open. Residents must bring own beverages and food.

Fireworks will be purchase for July 4th but at this point it has not been decided if the event can take place. If not, another option may be Labor Day.

Reports:

Attorney: No report. -

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report.

Administrator: Solarize Johnson County moving forward by conducting Power Hours online. Specific information will be announced by County early June. Bandshell construction expected to be completed in 2-3 weeks. City received a formal complaint of a sidewalk located at 120 E. Main being block by owners of the property abutting the sidewalk, not allowing access to sidewalk, forcing people to walk in the street. A review of the property boundaries will be completed.

Mayor: No additional report.

Council Comments: Volk received complain in regard to semi parking on street. This has been referred to JC. Knebel requested Iowa Street be cleaned up from construction of Stutsman warehouse.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator