

Hills City Council Meeting
June 12, 2023 / 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, June 12, 2023 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Hudachek, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: Hill, Goldsmith. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator; Pantel, Public Works; Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk; Jerry McBride, Seasonal Public Works.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from May 22, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from May 20, 2023 thru June 9, 2023, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report, and Butterfly Garden Grant Awards to Draker and Worrell. Ayes 3. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Resolution 2023-22 approving and setting fees for applications to the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Commission. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2023-22. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Hudachek. Absent: Goldsmith, Hill. Resolution 2023-22 approved.

Resolution 2023-23 approving and setting fees for building permit fees. The price of water meters has increased by \$50.00 per meter. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2023-23. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Sommers, Hudachek. Absent: Goldsmith, Hill. Resolution 2023-23 approved.

Resolution 2023-24 was presented setting salaries of wages for Employees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve Resolution 2023-24. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: Goldsmith, Hill. Resolution 2023-24 approved.

Resolution 2023-25 was presented authorizing the transfer of funds for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hudachek to approve Resolution 2023-25. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hudachek, Sommers. Absent: Goldsmith, Hill. Resolution 2023-25 approved.

Resolution 2023-26 was presented in support of an application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to request a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant to construct a Songbird Sanctuary Park at 200 E. Main Street. A Motion was made by Hudachek and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2023-26. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: Goldsmith, Hill. Resolution 2023-26 approved.

Council discussed the Downtown Assessment Report prepared by the Iowa Economic Authority. The report suggested ways to increase economic development, beautification efforts, and improving pedestrian access on Main Street.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: Jerry McBride, the new seasonal public works employee, was introduced to the Council.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report

Administrator: There are new banners on Main Street. A special speed ordinance will be presented to the Council at the next meeting. The Little Free Library is being repaired by K & L Campion.

Mayor: There was great turnout at the MIP concert on 6/8. Thanks to Sharon Telephone for providing a community meal.

Council Comments: Councilmember Sommers asked about the status of our insurance claims for the 3/31/23 storm. Staff hopes to receive reimbursement by the end of the fiscal year.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.