

Hills City Council Meeting
June 27, 2022 / 7:00 PM / Hills Community Center

The Joint Meeting of the Hill City Council, Hills Fire Department and Township Trustees was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, and Sommers. Absent: Goldsmith. Also present: Schlitz, City Admin., Frembgen Kesner, Deputy City Clerk, Pantel, Fire Chief, Ben Sommers, Assist. Fire Chief, Jim Malmberg, Hills Fire Dept., Tom Isaacs and Howie Pewitt - West Lucas Township, Deanne Eden, Eldon Fouчек, Ron Waldschmidt – Pleasant Valley Township, Dale Rhodes – Sharon Township, and Eldon Snyder – East Lucas Township.

Chief Pantel provided an update on Fire Department business for the year; call volume, Fire Station Study, grant award for air packs, and repairs to the tanker truck. Schlitz mentioned that Township rates have not increased since 2018 but will likely increase next year.

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith (via speakerphone), Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, and Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Admin., Frembgen Kesner, Deputy City Clerk, Pantel, Public Works, Chris Wiseman, Johnson County Sheriff's Dept., Sue Henderson, resident, Doreen Strabala, resident, and John Faselt, Pace Properties.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve the consent agenda, including the agenda, minutes from June 13, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from June 11, 2022 thru June 24, 2022, and Butterfly Grant Award for Volk. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: John Faselt owns the 8-plex at 208 E. Main Street. Over the past seven months this property has used an exorbitant amount of water. Staff first notified Faselt of the issue in December 2021. At that time, he said he went through each apartment to determine where the leak was but was unsuccessful until an unknown crawl space was discovered last month. He asked the council for forgiveness on a portion of his past bills. This will be an action item on the 7/11/22 agenda. Doreen Stabala voiced her concern with the amount of traffic and speeding along Main Street in the mornings.

Business:

Resolution 2022-20 was presented establishing no parking zones in the Oak Crest Hill Estates Neighborhood. Staff will purchase signs and paint curbs to notify drivers. A Motion was made by Hudachek and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2022-20 with exception of a "No Parking from Here to the Corner" sign at the corner of Aspen Lane and Preslee Lane because parking is already prohibited on the west side of Aspen Lane at that intersection. Roll Call: Ayes: Hudachek, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2022-20 approved.

Council discussed purchasing ticket books for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office to issue to owners of vehicles who violate the city's parking code. A motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to purchase the ticket books. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Kemp will be attending the ICCSD meeting on Tuesday, June 28. He is hopeful that the school board will uphold its commitment to build a new school in Hills despite recent objections from one member.

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for 7/6 for the upcoming road improvement project. Recent changes to the state's ATV laws will require changes to the current city code.

Maintenance: There has been additional vandalism in the city park bathroom. Cameras will be installed.

Fire Chief: Firework shooters are ready for the July 3rd show and Stutsman has been notified. Pantel would like the emergency vehicles lead the parade on the 3rd to ensure that if there is an emergency, first responders can easily get through crowds.

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report

Council Comments: Knebel would like the council to consider charging for staff time and fuel when the city hauls brush or takes items to the landfill for individual homeowners. Sommers would like staff to look into installing cameras on all city buildings and report back to the council.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Ayes:5. Motion carried.