

Hills City Council Meeting
July 11, 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, July 11, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek (via speakerphone), Knebel, and Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator, Pantel, Public Works, Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk, Doreen Strabala, resident, Sue Henderson, resident, Tricia and Randy Brockert, residents, and Tiffany Pantel, resident.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from June 27, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from June 25, 2022 thru July 8, 2022, Treasurer's Report, and Budget Report. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Randy Brockert asked about the Community Center locks and security cameras. Mayor Kemp informed him that those items would be discussed. Tricia Brockert asked about the new locks at the Fire Station. Two out of the three locks have been installed, one did not work properly and will be exchanged.

Business:

Resolution 2022-21 was presented authorizing the mayor to execute change order no. 1 to the contract with L.L. Pelling Company Inc., for the Second and Third Street Road Improvement Project. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2022-21. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Goldsmith, Hills, Hudachek, Knebel. Resolution 2022-21 approved.

Council discussed previous water usage at 208 E. Main St. Owner, John Faselt, asked the council for forgiveness on a portion of his past bills. He argued that the leak was investigated immediately (Dec.2021) but not identified until May 2022. Councilmembers Sommers, Knebel and Hudachek were in agreement that it was the owner responsibility to find the source of the leak when first notified by staff and that all the water used had been treated. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to not reimburse the owner of 208 E. Main St for past water usage. Ayes 4. Nays 1. Motion carried.

Council reviewed an estimate from SEI to install electronic locks at the Community Center, including additional hardware to install handicapped accessible front doors. A previous estimate has been reviewed from Freeman Security but did not include additional hardware. Staff will contact Freeman to determine additional costs and report back to the council. Councilmember Hill was concerned about the need for electronic locks and who would have access to key cards.

Council reviewed estimates from Finish Line Technology to install security cameras at five of the city's properties. A motion to proceed with purchasing cameras on the city buildings with staff discretion was approved by Knebel and seconded by Goldsmith. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

The council discussed whether or not to trade-in the current public works truck upon arrival of the new truck or to sell the truck. A motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith the trade-in the truck. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Annual Fireman's Dance will be held on August 6, from 8pm-12am at Old 218 Tap. Firework show on July 3 went well.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Administrator: Blue Heaven Farm contacted the city about bringing a trailer into town once a week to sell produce. Council agreed that the open space on the corner of 1st and Main Street could be used or the parking lot at the City Park if space is available.

Mayor: The Iowa City School Board meets again on 7/12/22 but Hills Elementary School is not on the agenda. Staff will send out a survey to residents asking how many children under the age of 5 and how many children between the ages of 6-12 reside in the home. Information will be provided to the ICCSD.

Council Comments: Goldsmith noticed that the one of the straps on the swing at the Splash Pad was broken. Hill asked about the status of the Road Improvement Project. L.L. Pelling said that construction should take two weeks and will begin in early August. Minimal traffic disruption is expected and affected homeowners will be contacted by staff.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator