

Hills City Council Meeting  
July 13, 2020  
6:30 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 13, 2020 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters, and Guy Sommers. Absent: Teresa Volk. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, and Matt Pantel, PW, Fire Chief.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from June 22, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from June 20, 2020 thru July 10, 2020, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report FY20 and Budget Report FY21. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Resolution 2020-29 was presented authorizing the destruction of certain city records of the City of Hills, Iowa. The list of documents includes bank statements, invoices, utility billing reports, all documents older the five year retention requirement. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2020-29. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hill, Knebel, Peters. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-29 approved.

Council discussed setting a work session to review FY21 budget in light of COVID-19 impact. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to set a work session for August 19, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Hills Community Center. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Council discussed the DNR Tree Management Plan that was completed in 2011. The Plan recommends removal of certain trees and review of others located on city property. Also recommends completing a disease control ordinance to govern dead, damaged or diseased trees on private property. Council recommend staff seek review of ash trees listed in report for signs of disease and get estimates on removal if necessary. Also move forward with ordinance amendments.

COVID-19 update: Cathy recommended the city consider contracting services for cleaning all city buildings. Staff will get estimates.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report. -

Fire Chief: Truck repairs needed: #82 estimated \$1200 to repair foam control panel. #81 to repair seal but requires extensive tear down to repair, estimated at \$11,000. Recommend complete #81 after receive new truck.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report.

Administrator: Solarize Johnson County continues to hold virtual power hours. The more interested the lower cost to implement. Interested residents can sign up at [SolarizeJohnsonCounty.org](http://SolarizeJohnsonCounty.org). Reviewed tree ordinance for application of dangerous tree requirements. Discussed Stutsman escrow request.

Mayor: No additional report.

Council Comments: None.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator