

Hills City Council Meeting  
July 25, 2022 / 7:00 PM / Hills Community Center

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Knebel at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel, and Sommers. Absent: Mayor Kemp & Hudachek. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator, Pantel, Public Works, Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk, Mark Dennis, citizen.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from July 11, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from July 9, 2022 thru July 22, 2022, and revised Treasurer's Report. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mark Dennis owns the property at 120 Oakcrest Hill Rd. As part of the subdivision plan, he was required to install a shared driveway connecting his lot with the adjoining lot to the south. The driveway was installed per this requirement. Dennis would like the owner of the adjoining lot to share the cost. Council suggested that he speak with the owner of that lot.

**Business:**

Resolution 2022-22 was presented authorizing the destruction of certain city records of the City of Hills in accordance with the Iowa League of Cities Record Retention Manual. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2022-22. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Goldsmith, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: Hudachek. Resolution 2022-22 approved.

Resolution 2022-23 was presented in support of an application to the Community Foundation of Johnson County for a grant to improve accessibility at the Hills Community Center. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2022-23. Roll call: Ayes: Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: Hudachek. Resolution 2022-23 approved.

Resolution 2022-24 was presented in support of an application to Theisen's "More for your Community" grant to improve accessibility at the Hills Community Center. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2022-24. Roll call: Ayes: Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: Hudachek. Resolution 2022-24 approved.

Council reviewed estimates to improve accessibility at the Community Center. Staff reported that the Community Center Board recommended moving forward with these upgrades at its recent meeting. A motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approved an estimate from Freeman Security to install electronic locks and ADA compliant front doors and approved an estimate from McCreedy Ruth Construction to install a ramp. Councilmember Hill wanted reassurance that those who currently have access to the building will continue to have access. The remaining councilmembers agreed. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Council reviewed an estimate to install timed locks and new doors at the Hills City Park bathrooms. A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve estimates from SEI and McCreedy Ruth Construction to improve security at the park bathrooms. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: Fiber is being installed at the park in preparation for the security cameras. Cottonwood trees were trimmed and staff will get estimates to remove the five remaining ash trees in the park.

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Administrator: City received a grant from the State Fire Marshall's Office to purchase an extractor for the Fire Department. This will allow volunteers to wash contaminants off gear after a rescue event. Staff will be presenting a budget amendment next month to cover increased expenses. L.L. Pelling is planning to begin the road improvement project on August 8. School surveys were collected and will be provided to the ICCSD prior to August 9 School Board meeting.

**Council Comments:** Councilmember Goldsmith recommended installing speed control devices along Knoll Ridge Drive, such as speed limit and "children at play" signs near the splash pad park. Staff will include recommendation on the next agenda.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.