

Hills City Council Meeting  
July 27, 2020  
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 27, 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.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from July 13, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from July 11, 2020 thru July 24, 2020. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Resolution 2020-30 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 Phase III of the Hills Splash Pad & Nature Park. Phase III includes extending Aspen Lane, providing parking, benches and wildflower, prairie and butterfly gardens. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-30. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Sommers, Hill, Knebel. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2020-30 approved.

City received a Complaint with regard to dogs running at large, into streets and private property. Complaint asks for stricter enforcement of current code and possible fines. Council discussed options including requiring dogs on a leash, requiring licensing pets, penalties and enforcement. Requested reminders be put in next newsletter to keep pets under control. Requested City Attorney review ordinance for penalties to impose and enforcement.

Council received two estimates for replacement of the A/C unit at the Community Center, Venteicher Heating & Cooling (\$3,649.19) and Kuenster Plumbing Heating & Air (\$5,620.00). The unit is older, original, phase 3 and is not compatible with generator received from County. Generator will be used to provide an emergency shelter at the building. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to accept the estimate of Venteicher upon confirmation from electrician that, with this change, the generator will run the entire building. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

COVID-19 update: No report.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report.

Administrator: City will co-host a Power Hour Webinar with Solarize Johnson County on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Change order will be required for bandshell lights.

Mayor: No additional report.

Council Comments: Hill received a request from Marty/Melody Mellecker to allow foot bridge to be placed over the ROW on their property and a dry creek allowed underneath. This area provide access to their house from their parked cars and continues to have a soggy area. Council asked more info be provided as to the length of the dry creek, preferring it to be only under the bridge.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

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Cathy Knebel, Mayor Pro Tem

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator