

Hills City Council Meeting  
September 11, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Mayor Tim Kemp. Council members: Steve Harris, Merle Hill, and Cathy Knebel. Absent: Bruce Endris and Thom Kirkpatrick. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, Erek Sittig, City Attorney, Matt Pantel, Public Works and Asst. Fire Chief and Mark Reinders, MidAmerican Energy.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from August 28, 2017 meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from August 26, 2017 thru September 8, 2017, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the FY18 Budget Amendment at 7:01 pm. The Amendment reflects updated amounts for the Main Street resurfacing project and the SRF Sponsored Project. No public comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

Resolution 2017-26 was presented amending the current Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2017-26 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Knebel, Harris, Hill. Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick. Resolution 2017-26 approved.

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing to receive comments in regard to granting a gas franchise to MidAmerican Energy Company at 7:03 pm. Mark Reinders, MidAmerican Energy, explained to the Council that the franchise would be for 25 years, has been reviewed and updated by City Attorney and does not include any franchise fee at this time. No further comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:04 pm.

Mayor Kemp provided the first reading by title of an Ordinance granting to MidAmerican Energy Company, its successors and assigns, the right and non-exclusive Franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Hills, Iowa, a natural gas system, and to furnish and sell natural gas to the City and its inhabitants, and authorizing the City to collect franchise fees, for a period of 25 years. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Harris to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-02. Roll call: Ayes: Hill, Harris, Knebel. Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick. The First Reading of Ordinance 2017-02 is approved.

The Council discussed the waiver of the Second and Third Readings of Ordinance 2017-02. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to waive the Second and Third Readings and approve Final passage of Ordinance 2017-02. Ayes: 3, Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick. Motion carried. Ordinance 2017-02 is approved and effective upon publication. Resolution 2017-27 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 to the Contract with Woodruff Construction, LLC for Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The application is for payment in the amount of \$161,733.70 which has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Fox Engineering. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2017-27. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Harris, Hill. Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick. Resolution 2017-27 approved.

The Council reviewed an engagement letter from Bond Counsel Dorsey & Whitney to amend its Sewer Revenue Bond, SRF Series 2017, dated June 23, 2017. The proposal for the services is estimated not to exceed \$10,000. The amendment is necessary to allow for funds for the SRF Sponsored Project. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve hiring Dorsey & Whitney as Bond Counsel for the Sewer Revenue Bond Amendment. Ayes: 3. Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick.

Resolution 2017-28 was presented authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with Woodruff Construction, LLC for Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The Change Order would increase the contract cost by \$2,383 to modify the UV channel to allow for future expansion and decrease the contract in the amount of \$1,205 for a submittal exchanged allowance adjustment. The overall increase for this Change Order is \$1,178.00 for a total contract price of \$1,685,494.00. The Change Order has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Fox Engineering. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2017-28. Roll call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Harris. Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick. Resolution 2017-28 approved.

The Council reviewed estimates for the purchase of a locator. It is anticipated it will cost \$3000-3500. A Motion was made by Harris and seconded by Knebel to authorize Matt to move forward with purchase. Ayes: 3. Absent: Endris, Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: Street work is progressing. Reviewing a possible sewer line issues on Main Street but it would not impact the street work.

Sewer: Cathy reported that the first lagoon changed color again and, after testing, it was discovered that it contained small amounts of Atrazine. The lagoon has cleared. Stutsmans will be notified and asked to provide documentation of safety procedures.

Administrator: The City is in the process of its Annual Examination by the State Auditor's office. It should be completed by Thursday.

Mayor: No report.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.