

Hills City Council Meeting
September 11, 2023 / 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, September 11, 2023 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, Sommers, Volk. Absent: None. Also present: Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from August 28, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from August 26, 2023 through September 6, 2023, treasurer's report, and budget report. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: J. Frantz requested the council intervene with the owner of the property at 5325 Oak Crest Hill Road SE, having been unable to contact the owner himself, and request that the property's light(s) be aimed downward instead of horizontally. The Mayor agreed to contact the business owner.

Business:

Resolution 2023-38 was presented setting amount to be paid to eligible employees under a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA) for Calendar Year 2024. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Volk to approve Resolution 2023-38. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Volk, Hill, Hudachek, and Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2023-38 approved.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report.

Administrator: Frembgen Kesner updated the timetable for possible grant award for songbird park; reported Atrium Village's request to post No Parking signs at their own expense (Council agreed to vote on the matter at the next council meeting); reported a Community Center rental request in possible conflict with Town & Country's Festival of Trees (Council member Hill agreed to request finalization of date at the next T&C meeting on September 15); reported that LRS would be able to provide a roll-off for a bulky waste clean-up day, but would not be able to accept appliances; reported a potential request for rezoning of the property at 150 W Main St. from C1 to R3; and reported that the final cost of the East Avenue road construction would likely be ~\$11,400 under budget.

Mayor: Reported reviewing speed limit signs on Oak Crest Hill Rd with Public Works; possibility of installing temporary sidewalk at 150 W Main St. (Public Works to contact property owner); and possibility of partially filling ditch at the park and school to lessen the steep drop off.

Council Comments: Knebel: Lines on Oak Crest Hill Rd need repainting (project is in planning stage); inquired re the bike service station (cement was poured in City Park, installation to follow); reported that a resident had concerns regarding the drought's effect on the water table (City's water supply is stable); and requested clarification of leash law (dogs must be under owner's control, not necessarily leashed). Volk: reported high chlorine in water (Deputy Clerk to follow up); reported frequently seeing deputies at City Park; and questioned late pick up of trash and recycle following the holiday (late pick up was due to landfill closure).

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Tam Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk