

Hills City Council Meeting  
September 25, 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 25, 2023 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Hill, Hudachek, Knebel, Sommers, Volk. Absent: None. Also present: Pantel, Public Works; and Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from September 11, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from September 7, 2023 through September 22, 2023, and Old 218 Tap alcohol license renewal. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** The Barnards inquired when or if the Splash Pad fencing would be replaced, citing concerns about the liability of having children from the park entering their yard. The mayor responded that the issue would be discussed at the upcoming council retreat in November or December. The Barnards and Volk suggested shadowbox fencing to withstand high winds. S. Henderson requested the council consider funding a trap, neuter, and release (TNR) program. She was working on finding a vet and getting a cost estimate. The mayor stated the council would be willing to consider the request.

**Business:**

Resolution 2023-39 was presented establishing a no parking zone on Brady Street at the site of Atrium Village's sidewalk access. A motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2023-39. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Hill, Hudachek, and Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2023-39 approved.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report

**Administrator:** Frembgen Kesner provided follow up to Volk's inquiry at the September 11, 2023 meeting, stating that S Flake had tested the water in that neighborhood and found the chlorine to be at acceptable levels; also, the insurance check for the tornado damage was finally in the mail; that bulky waste pick up had been scheduled for October 14, 2023; that a potential home buyer had inquired whether her home business would be allowed – City Attorney Erek Sittig was consulted, and recommended the ordinance be changed for clarity, which will be taken up by the new City Admin; and reported on dogs at large complaints. A warning letter was to be served on a household with a complaint; a complaint of dogs killing chickens did not have direct evidence of the dogs at fault; a complaint was likely coming regarding two at-large dogs attempting to attack a third (leashed). Hill suggested the ordinance be rewritten to state that dogs must be leashed or fenced.

**Mayor:** The new City Admin is on schedule to begin work on November 27, 2023. The mayor, city staff and Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Wisman met on September 18, 2023 to discuss parking violations procedures, particularly in regard to a citizen concern at the August 28, 2023 meeting.

**Council Comments:** Knebel requested new speed signs on Oakcrest Hill Road SE be flagged to get drivers' attention; the mayor responded that a speed trailer would be requested from the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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