

Hills City Council Meeting
September 28, 2020
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 28, 2020 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters, Teresa Volk and Guy Sommers.
Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator and Matt Pantel, PW.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from September 14, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from September 12, 2020 thru September 25, 2020. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ronda Beasley and Tiffany Stutsman from Relion Ins. Solutions presented the City with a check for \$500 from IMT Insurance Company awarded to the City for a pollinator garden.

Business:

Council received an estimate from ESCO Group for replacement of the VFD at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5200.00. The current system will need to be refitted for the new VFD. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to accept the estimate from ESCO Group for the VFD replacement. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-36 was presented requesting reimbursement from the State of Iowa Local Government Relief Fund. The request is for public safety in the amount of \$3,266.25 covering the period from March 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-36. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Sommers, Volk, Knebel, Hill. Resolution 2020-36 approved.

Resolution 2020-37 was presented requesting reimbursement from the State of Iowa Local Government Relief Fund. The request is for public safety in the amount of \$1,365.00 covering the period from August 1, 2020 through September 30. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2020-37. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Peters, Hill, Volk. Resolution 2020-37 approved.

Council discussed estimates for tree removal and upkeep. Custom Tree Service \$7,674.00 and Noels Tree \$29,200. After discussion a Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to accept the estimate of Custom Tree Service excluding the treatment of the ash trees for a total of \$5490. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Council discussed electric work for Community Center generator. Estimate received from Precision Electric in the amount of \$4100. Additional work would be needed to move the gas line and pour a concrete pad for generator. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve electric estimate. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Council received a complaint with regard to property at 120 2nd Street in violation of Hills Code Chapter 51. After discussion Council directed property owner be notified and a time set to meet with Mayor and City Administrator to discuss options and requirements.

COVID-19 update: JCDPH provided guidelines for Cities for Halloween. Information will be posted for residents of Hills participating.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report.

Administrator: City received a donation from Casey's of \$2000 for Fire Truck Purchase.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: No report.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator