

Hills City Council Meeting
October 9, 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, October 9, 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 Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda; approving the agenda, minutes from September 25, 2023 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from September 23, 2023 through October 6, 2023, treasurer's report, and budget report. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No comments.

Business:

Steve Flake, Water Treatment and Waste Water Operator, reported that well #1 has a faulty check valve(s); and that this was a known issue when well #2 was repaired for the same problem, but repair was delayed until the new fiscal year. He has been unable to find information on the well parts, and requested the Council's permission to have Gingerich Well and Pump pull the pump and casing, allowing them to see the parts and what needs to be repaired. He further requested the Council approve up to \$5,000 for the repair. A motion was made by Volk and seconded by Hudachek to approve his requests. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Steve Flake also reported on issues with communications between well #2 and the water treatment plant, and that the devices at both sites are failing. He obtained an estimate from ESCO for replacement and integration of \$20,670. The Council requested he obtain additional bids.

Resolution 2023-40 was presented authorizing pay application no.1 to L.L. Pelling Company, Inc., for the East Avenue Road Improvement Project. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve Resolution 2023-40 and authorize payment to L.L. Pelling Company Inc. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hudachek, Hill, Knebel, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2023-40 approved.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: Pantel reminded the Council of the upcoming Bulky Waste Clean Up Day October 14, 2023 from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. in Hills City Park; reported he had closed Splash Pad Park at the beginning of the month, and would be closing the City Park's restrooms probably at the end of the month; and that he had requested a bid for painting the City's pavement markings.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report

Administrator: Frembgen Kesner reported contact by Civil Design Advantage regarding work to plat a lot for a new electrical substation north of, and within two (2) miles of, the City of Hills, and being queried as to whether the City would like the opportunity to review and approve the project, to which Frembgen Kesner had replied yes. She also reported speaking with Deputy Zach Riddle that morning regarding another dog(s) at large/attack on chickens, and in a separate case, reported that deputies had served a warning letter regarding dog(s) at large on September 29, 2023.

Mayor: Reminded the Council and residents present of the League of Women's Voters Candidate Forum Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Sharon Telephone Co.

Council Comments: Knebel requested new speed signs on Oakcrest Hill Road SE be flagged to get drivers' attention; the Deputy Clerk will follow up with Johnson County Sheriff's Department to bring a speed trailer down.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Tam Frembgen Kesner, Deputy Clerk