

Hills City Council Meeting  
October 24, 2022 / 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 24, 2022 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Goldsmith, Hill, Hudachek, Knebel and Sommers. Absent: None. Also present: Schlitz, City Administrator, Pantel, Public Works, 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 October 10, 2022 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims - minus the \$23,203.82 claim for L.L. Pelling Company Inc.- and receipts from October 8, 2022 thru October 21, 2022. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Nicole Acheson asked the following questions; would a survey be sent to gather feedback about the community-wide clean up; when would the piles of asphalt be removed from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets; and what was the policy regarding setting up for an event at the Community Center (CC) the day or night before an event. Acheson also reported that a vehicle parked behind the CC interfered with her and her family's ability to unload items for a private event. Nancy Hebl asked who she should call if she witnesses someone in violation of the golf cart rules; wanted clarification about the CC rental agreement and suggested changes to the document; since she had difficulty with the electronic locks on Saturday, she reported that this ruined her event held at the CC; there were only 7 round tables instead of 8; and she wanted to know when the broken boards in the walkway on Main Street would be fixed. Scott Hebl wanted to know what happened to the fence behind the Splash Pad Park; he reported that kids were throwing corn on the playground making it slick and was concerned that without a fence kids could get lost in the corn; he asked about the policy regarding installing a sidewalk in the Oak Crest Hill Estates neighborhood; and finally, S. Hebl alerted staff to direct all questions regarding Hills Town and Country Club to him because he is the president.

Carrie Wear with Old218 Tap voiced her concerns with problems regarding the public parking behind the CC.

**Business:**

V Fixmer-Oraiz presented information gathered by Astig Planning as part of the Inclusive Economic Development Plan they were working on for Johnson County and the barriers facing underestimated communities in our area.

Resolution 2022-35 was presented accepting the final inspection of the Second and Third Street Road Improvement Project and authorizing pay application no.2 to L.L. Pelling Company, Inc. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hudachek to approve Resolution 2022-35. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Hudachek, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2022-35 approved.

A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Hudachek to set a Work Session for November 16, 2022 beginning at 5:30 pm to discuss the budget, capital improvements and the roads project. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Fire Chief: The department will have a fire truck out on Halloween passing out candy.

Administrator: The solar panels at the Water Plant and Sewer Lagoons are up and running and savings in excess of \$1,500 have already been reported. Oak Crest Hill Road Study was complete. Results indicate leaving the speed as is; however, our engineer, Kevin Trom is going to prepare a report and recommendation to Johnson County to have a transition zone north and south of Main Street. Sharon Telephone Co. is going to hire an artist to paint holiday scenes in their windows facing Main Street. Staff is going to ask the Community Center Board if they would be interested in doing something similar at the CC.

**Council Comments:** Councilmember Hudachek asked about how to best solve the issue with parking behind the Community Center during events. Councilmember Knebel asked about the benches at the Splash Pad Park.

**Possible Closed Session:**

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of real estate. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: None. Motion carried. Council entered into closed session at 7:59 p.m.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to return to open session. Roll call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hudachek, Knebel. Absent: None. Motion carried. Council entered into open session at 8:13 p.m.

A Motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator