

Hills City Council Meeting  
December 11, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Mayor Tim Kemp. Council members: Steve Harris, Merle Hill, and Bruce Endris. Absent: Thom Kirkpatrick and Cathy Knebel. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, and Matt Pantel, Public Works and Asst. Fire Chief.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from November 27, 2017 meeting and December 4, 2017 work session, scheduled list of claims, receipts from November 22, 2017 thru December 8, 2017, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Council reviewed a proposed Ordinance regarding dangerous and vicious animals. The purpose of the ordinance is to prohibit dangerous and vicious animals in the City of Hills and to provide for a method for seizure, impoundment and disposition of these animals. Council recommended that two attacks on domestic animal or fowl should be considered vicious. Johnson County Sheriff recommended the City set a policy for removal and transporting. Currently animals are taken to Muscatine. Vicious animals found at large may be destroyed. The Ordinance further sets out the process for requiring the removal of a vicious animal upon a complaint. Attorney Sittig will amend the ordinance based on Council comments for review in January.

The next regular Council meeting falls on December 25, 2017. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Harris to cancel this meeting. Ayes: 3. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-36 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's application for payment No. 7 to the contract with Woodruff Construction LLC for Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The payment request is for \$199,217.85 which has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Fox Engineering. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Hills to approve Resolution 2017-36. Roll Call: Ayes: Endris, Hill, Harris. Absent: Kirkpatrick, Knebel. Resolution 2017-36 approved.

Resolution 2017-37 was presented of appointment and compensation schedule for City Attorney. The Resolution provides for the appointment of Erek Sittig as City Attorney at the rate of \$140 per hour. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2017-37. Ayes: Endris, Harris, Hill. Absent: Kirkpatrick, Knebel. Resolution 2017-37 approved.

LL Pelling provided rates for 2018 season seal coat work which are \$.10 per square yard more than this year. This will lock in these rates for next year's work if the City chooses LL Pelling. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to accept the rates for LL Pelling seal coat work. Ayes: 3. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-38 was presented setting amount to be paid to eligible employees under a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA) for Calendar Year 2018. This provides compensation to full time employees as provided in the handbook for medical costs including health insurance premiums. It does require proof of minimal essential coverage by the employee to be eligible. The statutory amounts for 2018 are \$5050 for a self-only plan or \$10,250 for a family plan. The Council agreed to provide the statutory amounts for full time employees. A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2017-38. Ayes: Endris, Harris. Abstain: Hill. Absent: Kirkpatrick, Knebel. Resolution 2017-38 approved.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report.

Administrator: Cathy is working with Johnson County Sheriff to establish a parking citation practice.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: Harris requested information about the Monitoring Notice provided to residents. Cathy reminded the Council that a monitoring violation occurred in June 2017 and was reported to the State. The City was required to test 20 samples for lead and copper in June 2017 but only 5 were taken as only 5 sample containers were provided for testing to the City. The samples taken showed no evidence of issues with lead and copper. The State notified the City that another sample needed to be taken in December of the 20 samples and a notice needed to be provided to all water users by August 2018 of the violation. This was completed and mailed along with the utility bill on December 1, 2017. The 20 samples have been taken and are being tested for lead and copper in compliance with the State requirements.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Endris to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator