

Hills City Council Meeting  
December 13, 2021  
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, December 13, 2021 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Jonathan Goldsmith, Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Guy Sommers and Teresa Volk.

Absent: None. Also present: Kelley Schlitz, City Admin., Matt Pantel, Public Works, Brad Kunkel, Sheriff, Emily Hudachek, Council Elect, and Tricia & Randy Brockert.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from November 22, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from November 20 – December 10, 2021, Treasurer's Report, and Budget Report. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Johnson County Sheriff, Brad Kunkel, was present to give an annual report to the Council. The cost for FY22 will remain at \$47/contracted hour.

Resolution 2021-47 was presented setting Calendar Year 2021 compensation for Volunteer Fire Department Members. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2021-47. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Goldsmith, Sommers, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-47 approved.

Resolution 2021-48 was presented for the appointment and compensation schedule for City Attorney, Erik Sittig at a rate of \$175 per hour. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve Resolution 2021-48. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-48 approved.

Resolution 2021-49 was presented authorizing the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Shive-Hattery to provide engineering services for Second and Third Street Improvements Projects. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2021-49. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-49 approved.

Resolution 2021-50 was presented in support of an application to Aureon Technology to request a grant to fund a mural project on Main Street. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2021-50. Roll Call: Ayes: Volk, Sommers, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-50 approved.

The Council discussed having the firework show on July 3, 2022 instead of July 4 upon request by the group who has set fireworks off in the past. Hills Town and Country will be having their parade on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the City will be hosting a Music in the Park Concert that evening. Reluctant to part with tradition, a Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to have the firework show on July 3, 2021. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council discussed proposed amendments to Chapters 165.01-165-03 of the Hills Zoning Ordinance. The Hills Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Attorney have reviewed the proposed changes. Additional chapters will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

The Council reviewed the proposed price increases on seal coating from LL Pelling. A motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve proposed 2022 pricing changes. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to set a Budget Work Session for January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Mayor: A meeting with ICCSD is scheduled for 12/14/21 to discuss new elementary school.

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: Shive Hattery submitted a proposal to study and design a new fire station. This will be presented at the work session in January. Additional options to improve pedestrian safety at the crosswalk by the school were presented. Staff was asked to present a portable stop sign and a permanent flashing sign at the next meeting.

Maintenance: A pump at the sewer lagoon was repaired. The water main at 120 Oak Crest Hill Rd. was lowered.

Fire Chief: Santa will be visiting the Community Center on 12/18/21. He will also be taking a ride on a fire truck.

Sewer: No Report

Water: No Report

**Council Comments:** None.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator