

Hills City Council Meeting
January 22, 2018
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, January 22, 2018 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Mayor Tim Kemp. Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Teresa Volk and Christine Peters.
Absent: Steve Harris. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Public Works & Fire Chief, and Erik Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from January 8, 2018 meeting, January 17, 2018 work session, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from January 6, 2018 thru January 19, 2018. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Council recommends amending FY18 budget to include purchase of skid loader, pagers for Fire Department and splash pad. A Motion was made Volk and seconded by Hill to set the Public Hearing for the FY18 Budget Amendment at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2018. Ayes: 4. Motion carried

Council reviewed the FY19 Budget as recommended at the Work Session, including an increase in the number of police protection hours to 698. No additional changes were recommended. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to set the Public Hearing for FY19 Budget at 7:00 pm on February 26, 2018. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

The plans for the SRF Sponsored project have been submitted for review and final approval by the State. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to set the Public Hearing for review of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the SRF Sponsored Permeable Paver Project at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2018. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Council reviewed and discussed an Ordinance adding Chapter 57, regarding Dangerous and Vicious Animals and amending provisions related to impounding stray animals. Peters presented an Ordinance used in Clinton and requested we use some of its language in the proposed Hills Ordinance. She would like to see more focus on the owner's responsibility, creating fees and fines for at large animals. She requested the Ordinance focus on "dangerous" and eliminate "vicious". Council directed City Attorney Sittig to make changes to the Ordinance as requested, while maintaining the City's right to ensure a dangerous animal may not be returned to the City.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Fire Association Raffle will be held February 17, 2018.

Maintenance: Have estimates from both Bobcat and Farmers for skid loaders. Both are interested in accepting the tractor as trade in. Matt will test a John Deere to see if it meets his requirements and then make recommendation to Council.

Sewer: Work has started on the Washington Lift Station and they will be using the City's generator to make sure it is not down longer than allowed.

Water: Lead and Cooper testing was completed and the City received a 95th percentile. 90th percentile is needed to pass.

Administrator: Johnson County Public Health is reaching out to cities to ask they pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices in the same places as regular cigarettes. Council felt the City does not have an ordinance for cigarette smoking but follows state law. They did not feel there was a need to pass an ordinance in regard to electronic smoking devices.

ECICOG is now offering building code inspections at no cost to the city. However, there would be a cost included in the building permit to the property owner. The recommended costs would be higher than currently charged. The Council felt we should continue using our own building inspector.

Mayor: Tim attended the Joint Entities Meeting and the new building for CIT (Crisis Intervention) was discussed. It is recommended that each City contribute to the cost for CIT. Tim recommended that we considered contributing on this collaboration.

Council Comments: Volk mentioned that the City has secured the band Dogfathers for its July 3rd Music in the Park event. This group includes most of the original Dogs on Skis.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

