

Hills City Council Meeting  
December 27, 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 27, 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, and Emily Hudachek, Council Elect.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from December 13, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from December 11 – December 22, 2021. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to set a Public Hearing for the Proposed Max Property Tax Levy for February 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., regular Council Meeting. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-51 was presented adopting a revision to the Employee Handbook for the City of Hills, Iowa. The changes to the Handbook include; adding Juneteenth Day & Indigenous Peoples Day. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2021-51. Roll Call: Ayes:5. Resolution 2021-51 approved.

The Council directed staff to purchase a portable stop sign to roll onto Main Street during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times at the school along with two permanent solar powered pedestrian crosswalk signs. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to approve up to \$4000 to purchase crosswalk signs. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

The Council discussed proposed amendments to Chapters 165.04-165-18 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.

**Reports:**

Mayor: Teresa Volk was thanked for her service on the council. ICCSD will present preliminary plans for the new school at a work session on 1/24/2022. Spear Financial will be providing information to the council on possibly paying down our water loans. Council will be presented with a proposal from Shive Hattery to design a new fire station and/or renovations at the next council meeting.

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: Several water tower maintenance proposals were discussed. Steve Flake is planning to attend the next council meeting to present his recommendations. The carpet in the city office will be replaced this week.

Maintenance: No Report

Fire Chief: Pantel will be the fire chief for another term and the officers will remain the same.

Sewer: No Report

Water: No Report

**Council Comments:** Hill would like breaks installed on the dumpsters at the Community Center.

A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:46p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator