

Hills City Council Meeting  
January 8, 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 8, 2018 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Mayor Tim Kemp. Council members: Steve Harris, Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Teresa Volk and Christine Peters. Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, Ben Sommers, EMS Coordinator, and Erek Sittig, City Attorney.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from December 11, 2017 meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from December 9, 2017 thru January 5, 2018, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Resolution 2018-01 was considered naming City depositories for 2018. Hills Bank and Trust is named as the only city depository with a maximum balance of 5,000,000.00. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2018-01. Roll Call: Ayes: Volk, Harris, Knebel, Hill. Abstain: Peters. Resolution 2018-01 approved.

Resolution 2018-02 was considered to fix a date for public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Improvement and Refunding Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,600,000. This amends the current loan for the Wastewater Improvements Project to include the funds allocated for the SRF Sponsored Project in the amount of 10% of the project. Upon completion of the projects the interest rate on the loan will be adjusted to account for the extra funds for SRF Sponsored project so that payments and term of the loan remain the same as under the original amount. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to approve Resolution 2018-02. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Volk, Peters, Knebel, Harris. Resolution 2018-02 approved.

Council again reviewed a proposed Ordinance regarding dangerous and vicious animals with the recommended changes. The cost of an impoundment would be passed on to the owners. It was confirmed that the Muscatine shelter will take any animals impounded under this ordinance. Impounded animals may not be returned to the city. Peters requested that we put more burden on the owner and not the animal. This shelter attempts to adopt out animals before they are destroyed if possible. The ordinance will be put on the next agenda.

The council discussed holding a work session for the FY19 Budget on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm to be held at the City Office.

Resolution 2018-03 was considered approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's Application for Payment No. 8 to the Contract with Woodruff Construction, LLC for Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The payment request is for \$138,746.55 which has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Fox Engineering. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2018-03. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Knebel, Harris, Hill, Volk. Resolution 2018-03 approved.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: No report.

Water: No report.

Administrator: There are 3 vacancies on the Board of Adjustment that need to be filled. Cathy requested the Council seek volunteers for these positions.

Mayor: In honor of the retirement of Ron Wolfe, Mayor Kemp read a Proclamation declaring January 10, 2018 as Ron Wolfe Day in the city of Hills. He encouraged all residents of Hills to observe this day by congratulating Ron and thanking him for his many years of service to Hills.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Harris and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator