

Hills City Council Meeting
March 23, 2020
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, March 23, 2020 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill and Guy Sommers. Christine Peters present via telephone. Absent: Cathy Knebel and Teresa Volk. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator.

Consent Agenda: Sommers requested a correction to the minutes for March 9, 2020 to read "an incident of confirmed COVID-19" in Fire Chief report. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes as amended from March 9, 2020 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, and receipts from March 7, 2020 thru March 20, 2020. Ayes: 3 Motion carried.

Public Comment: Keith Mellecker of Brady Street requested information in regard to a new garbage contract. Mayor Kemp provided updated information in regard to a new proposal from Johnson County Refuse that would offer a 65 gallon can at \$18.50/month and a 35 gallon can at \$16.50/month.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing for FY20 Budget Amendment at 7:05 p.m. Amendment provides for revenues and expenses for Catalyst Grant and new fire equipment purchased with donation from St. Joseph Church, along with increased expenses for parks and building repairs. Hearing no comments Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Resolution 2020-16 was presented amending the current Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Peters to approve Resolution 2020-16. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Peters, Hill. Absent: Knebel, Volk. Resolution 2020-16 approved.

City received a request to approve removal of property located at 5285 Oak Crest Hill Road SE from the flood plain. Property owners will submit a request to FEMA and request City endorse application. Council discussed no impact to City. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to endorse the application for removal from the flood plain. Ayes: 3. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-17 was presented approving Employee Sick Leave Policy in response to COVID-19 outbreak. This would allow all employees to receive full regular pay if impacted by the virus in the event of a quarantine. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-17. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Sommers, Peters. Absent: Knebel, Volk. Resolution 2020-17 approved.

Resolution 2020-18 was presented waiving late fees on monthly utility bills and water shut offs for the months of March, April, and May 2020. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 2020-18. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Sommers, Hill. Absent: Knebel, Volk.

Council discussed City response to COVID-19: Food is available for children under 18 years from 11-1 Monday thru Friday at Hills Elementary which includes a lunch and breakfast for the next day. Council meetings will remain in person. This will be reviewed as necessary. City will issue a news update to residents.

Reports:

Attorney: No report. -

Fire Chief: No report

Maintenance: Cathy provided an update on the Washington Lift Station with work to continue.

Sewer: No report

Water: No Report.

Administrator: Preconstruction meeting held for stage. Work to begin immediately, may not be finished for first Music in the Park as may be delay in getting materials. Shared information received from Elson and Jeanette Byler in regard to the garbage contract. DOT reports work to begin on US 218 from Iowa 22 to I-80 around May 19, 2020. JC Refuse has requested April decision on new contract to allow enough time to order carts as needed.

Mayor: Working on scheduling a meeting with ICCSD Superintendent Murley to discuss Hills Elementary options.

Council Comments: Peters expressed concern about older residents during the virus. City will try to provide information about services available.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator