

Hills City Council Meeting  
March 25, 2019  
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 25, 2019 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Steve Harris, Cathy Knebel, and Christine Peters. Absent: Merle Hill and Teresa Volk. Also present: Kelley Schlitz, Deputy City Clerk and Matt Pantel, Public Works.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from March 11, 2019 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from March 9, 2019 thru March 22, 2019, and board appointments. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Benter at 216 N. 3rd St. expressed concern regarding two large diseased trees in the right-of-way of his front yard, in particular that one could have Emerald Ash Borer. Council explained how according to the ordinance, it is homeowners responsibility to remove diseased/dangerous trees from their property including trees in the right-of-way. Mayor Kemp asked Schlitz to research who could determine if the trees in Mr. Benter's yard have the disease and asked Pantel do an assessment of the number of ash trees in town.

**Business:**

Resolution 2019-07 was presented authorizing the destruction of certain city records. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2019-07. Roll Call: Ayes: Peters, Harris, Knebel. Resolution 2019-07 approved.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Gathering bids for the potential fire station expansion.

Maintenance: City park clean-up has begun. L.L. Pelling will be begin repairing streets in the end of April.

Sewer: No report

Water: Fire hydrants will be flushed soon.

Administrator: Discussion about when to open the Splash Pad Park. Council agreed to set the opening date for Memorial Day weekend (5/24/19). If it is warmer than usual, Council will consider opening earlier.

Mayor: There have been several incidences regarding animal control over the last few months. Council is concerned about animals off leash and animal waste around town. Mayor Kemp asked Schlitz to look into what other towns do to handle these issues. Discussion will continue at the 4/8/19 meeting. Mayor Kemp would like the Council to consider making a donation to the Johnson County Access Center Building. Other nearby communities have donated to the project. Council expressed its support of the project.

Council Comments: None.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, Deputy City Clerk