

Hills City Council Meeting  
May 10, 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, May 10, 2021 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters, and Guy Sommers. Absent: Council member, Teresa Volk. Also present: Chris Hoffman, Moxie Solar, Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Public Works and Fire Chief, Shelley Klein, Ann Draker, Jerry and Joann Michel.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from April 26, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from April 24 thru May 7, 2021, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report, Butterfly Garden Grant Award, and resignation of Council member Peters. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Draker and Klein requested that the Council allow the family to install a 20' solar-lighted flagpole at the Hills City Park in remembrance of Don Draker. Council agreed. Pantel will assist in deciding the location. The Michels requested that the Council allow them have a stone bench installed at the Hills City Park in remembrance of their daughter. Council agreed. Pantel will assist in deciding location.

**Business:**

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to set a Public Hearing for FY21 Budget Amendment on May 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-17 was presented approving an agreement with Moxie Solar to install solar panels on the Hills Maintenance Building. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approved Resolution 2021-17. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Peters, Sommers. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2021-17 approved.

Resolution 2021-18 was presented approving an agreement with Moxie Solar to install solar panels on the Hills Fire Station Building. A Motion was made by Hills and seconded by Knebel to approved Resolution 2021-18. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Knebel, Peters, Sommers. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2021-18 approved.

Resolution 2021-19 was presented approving an agreement with Moxie Solar to install solar panels on the Hills Community Center. The Community Center roof will be replaced prior to solar installation. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approved Resolution 2021-19. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Peters, Sommers. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2021-19 approved.

Resolution 2021-20 was presented approving an addendum to Storm Sewer Construction and Dedication Agreement with Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approved Resolution 2021-20. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Hill, Peters. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2021-20 approved.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Hill to purchase park benches for the Splash Pad Park. Knebel and Schlitz will choose benches with a budget up to \$1500. Ayes.4. Motion Carried.

**Reports:**

Mayor: Council can decide to appoint a new council member for the six remaining months of Peters' term or hold a special election. An election would cost between \$2500 and \$3500.

Attorney: No report.

City Administrator: The City received \$25,000 from the Wellmark Foundation for playground equipment.

Maintenance: LL Pelling will repair crosswalk by the post office. Main Street pavers need to be cleaned.

Fire Chief: Pancake breakfast was a success. Fire truck may not arrive by the end of the fiscal year.

Sewer: No Report

Water: No Report.

**Council Comments:** Hill requested that information about the solar projects be included in the next newsletter. Peters asked that someone take over watering the flower pots outside of the Community Center. Sommers and Pantel volunteered to water.

A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.