

Hills City Council Meeting
May 24, 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 24, 2021 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters, Guy Sommers, Teresa Volk.
Absent: None. Also present: Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator, Matt Pantel (via speaker phone), Public Works and Fire Chief, Erek Sittig, City Attorney, Roger Slaughter, Stutsman Inc., Ryan Bankson, Citizen, Jacob Koke, GRNE Solar, Jim Malmberg, Citizen, Dave Septer, Citizen, Julie Miller, Citizen, Dean Miller, Citizen.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from May 10, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from May 8 thru May 21, 2021, Butterfly Garden Grant Awards, and Casey's Liquor License. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Roger Slaughter informed the Council that Stutsman would not be able to obtain a three-year letter of credit from the bank and proposed a series of three, one-year letters of credit to satisfy the storm sewer construction and dedication

agreement. Council will discuss at the next meeting.

Jacob Koke with GRNE Solar requested information about procedures regarding previously approved solar project. GRNE Solar will submit a proposal for power point purchase agreements at the Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Lagoon.

Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing on the FY21 Budget Amendment at 7:15 pm. Schlitz provided information on the amended expenses and revenues. Hearing no comments or further discussion Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 pm.

Resolution 2021-21 was presented amending current Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approved Resolution 2021-21. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Peters, Sommers, Volk. Resolution 2021-21 approved.

Council discussed upcoming council vacancy. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Sommers to publish a notice of intent to fill the City Council vacancy by appointment and appoint a new member at the June 28, 2021 meeting. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Community Center Roof. Pantel is waiting on a second estimate and will report to Council at the next meeting.

Council discussed installing a parking lot at the Splash Pad. Pantel is waiting on estimates and will report to the Council at the next meeting.

Reports:

Mayor: No Report

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: The City received an inquiry about an electronic sign. Staff will work with Attorney to determine interpretation and possible zoning ordinance amendment. Staff is in discussion with Summer of the Arts to schedule a movie in the park this summer.

Maintenance: The generator at the Community Center should be complete this week.

Fire Chief: Members of the Hills Fire Department will be traveling to South Dakota for final inspection of the new fire truck. A final invoice has been submitted to the city.

Sewer: No Report

Water: No Report.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.