

Hills City Council Meeting  
June 28, 2021  
6:45 PM / Hills Community Center

The Joint Meeting of the Hill City Council, Hills Fire Department and Township Trustees was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Guy Sommers and Teresa Volk. Also present: Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Fire Chief, Ben Sommers, Hills Fire Dept., Thomas Isaacs– West Lucas Township, Deanne Eden, Eldon Fouчек, John Parizek & Ron Waldschmidt – Pleasant Valley Township, Chad Murphy – Liberty Township.

Chief Pantel provided an update on Fire Department business for the year and the status of the new fire truck.

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2020 at the Hills Community Center.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Guy Sommers and Teresa Volk. Absent: None. Also present: Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator, and Matt Pantel, PW, Fire Chief, Jonathan & Monica Goldsmith, and Vivian & Mark Baumhover.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve the agenda, minutes from June 14, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims – minus the \$175,000.00 claim for the storm sewer project -, receipts from June 11, 2021 through June 25, 2021, and Butterfly Garden Grant Awards. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Business:**

Resolution 2021-25 was presented appointing Jonathan Goldsmith to fill the City Council Vacancy. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to approve Resolution 2021-25. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Volk, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-25 approved.

The Oath of Office was administered to council member Goldsmith.

Resolution 2021-26 was presented approving and authorizing the mayor to sign Fire Protection and First Responder Aid Services Agreement between the City of Hills, Pleasant Valley Township, Sharon Township, Liberty Township, East Lucas Township, and West Lucas Township. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2021-26. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Goldsmith, Hill, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-26 approved.

Resolution 2021-27 was presented requesting funding from the American Rescue Plan. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approved Resolution 2021-27. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Goldsmith, Hill, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-27 approved.

Resolution 2021-28 was presented authorizing the mayor to execute change order no. 1 to the contract with Moxie Solar for the City of Hills Solar Project for the Hills Maintenance Building. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to approved Resolution 2021-28. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Volk, Goldsmith, Hill, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-28 approved.

Resolution 2021-29 was presented authorizing the mayor to execute change order no. 1 to the contract with Moxie Solar for the City of Hills Solar Project for the Hills Community Center Building. A Motion was made by Volk and seconded by Hill to approved Resolution 2021-29. Roll Call: Ayes: Volk, Hill, Goldsmith, Knebel, Sommers. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-29 approved.

Resolution 2021-30 was presented accepting the final inspection to the Storm Sewer Construction Project and authorizing payment to Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approved Resolution 2021-30. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Goldsmith, Hill, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-30 approved.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to authorize payment to Eldon C. Stutsman in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the city's share of the cost to the Storm Sewer Construction Project pursuant to the previously approved dedication agreement. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-31 was presented waiving late fees on monthly utility bills for the month of July 2021. Beginning in August, penalty fees will be applied to late utility bills. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approved Resolution 2021-31. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Knebel, Goldsmith, Hill, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-31 approved.

The Council discussed the sewer repair at 312 Oak Street. The Baumhover's are asking the city to pay for a portion of repair costs. The Council requested staff to consult attorney and determine the amount of labor dedicated to the sewer main. Council will discuss and take action at the next meeting.

**Reports:**

Mayor: The GuideLink Center is open and offers urgent mental health and substance abuse care to Johnson County. Additional complaints have been received regarding the sidewalk at the northeast corner of Main St and N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Staff will consult attorney and Council will discuss options at the next meeting.

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: Former elementary school principal, TeBockhorst, sent a letter thanking the council for its support of the school and the community. St Joseph would like to sponsor a music event at the Hills City Park and use the bandshell.

Maintenance: The grass is growing well around the new park equipment. Benches are ready to be installed. The council would like the benches to be placed on concrete pads.

Fire Chief: Pantel and Sommers will pick up the new truck this week. A family picnic has been scheduled for August 7, 2021 at the Hills City Park.

Sewer: A pump at the sewer lagoon needs repairs. Steve Flake recommends repairing instead of replacing.

Water: No Report

**Council Comments:** None

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Kelley Schlitz, City Administrator