

Hills City Council Meeting
July 22, 2019
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Steve Harris, Merle Hill, Cathy Knebel, Christine Peters. Absent: Teresa Volk. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator and Erek Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from July 8, 2019 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from July 6, 2019 thru July 19, 2019, and Casey's liquor license refund request. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Keith Mellecker of 400 Brady Street provided pictures of street and drain by his house. He is asking they be reviewed for repairs. Will have Matt review and make recommendations.

Lee Champion of 221 East Main expressed his concern that drainage issues at his residence have still not been taken care of. He provided pictures that showed standing water. Peters noted picture was dated 7/4/18. Council members individually have reviewed the area after heavy rain this spring and did not see standing water. Area was reviewed in Drainage Study following heavy rain with limited standing water. Will continue to monitor.

Business:

Council discussed proposed changes to the building permit application and fees. The application has been streamlined into one form from 5 individual applications. It has been reviewed by P&Z and Terry Goerd, Building Inspector and changes made on their recommendations. Council agreed to move forward with the new application with approval set for next meeting.

Council reviewed the Drainage Study completed by Shive-Hattery. The recommendations include an overall plan and other options including starting with jetting and cleaning of all existing storm pipes and intakes. This may clear up some issues and allow discovery of possible areas to focus on. Council agreed to move forward with jetting option.

Resolution 2019-19 was presented regarding an Election to change the use of the proceeds from a Local Sales and Services Tax in the City of Hills, Iowa. The current tax limits the use to streets, sidewalks, storm sewers, sanitary sewer systems, public potable water systems, and parks. The change would add economic development, upkeep and improvement of City-owned properties and any lawful purposes. The change would allow the City to use the funds for possible purchase of fire equipment and/or new buildings or additions to existing property. The change will be included in the November City Election and, if approved, would be effective February 5, 2020. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2019-19. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Hill, Harris, Peters. Absent: Volk. Resolution 2019-19 approved.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: Plant experiencing high flows due to river levels, but dropping.

Water: Variable Frequency drives cleaned.

Administrator: No report.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator