

Hills City Council Meeting
August 12, 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, August 12, 2019 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

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

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from July 22, 2019 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from July 20, 2019 thru August 9, 2019, treasurer's report and budget report. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Resolution 2019-22 approving and setting fees for building permit applications was approved. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2019-22. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Harris, Peters. Absent: Hill, Volk. Resolution 2019-22 approved.

Resolution 2019-23 was presented to support submitting an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority to request a Community Attraction and Tourism Grant to build a park stage. This application is due on October 15, 2019 and is one of four grant applications that staff is working on to construct a park stage in the Hills City Park. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Harris to approved Resolution 2019-23. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Harris, Peters. Absent: Hill, Volk. Resolution 2019-23 approved.

Council discussed purchasing a new mower. Matt presented two bids and the trade-in value of the current mower. Council agreed that replacing the mower every three years was acceptable and in the current budget. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Knebel to accept the bid from City Tractor to purchase a new mower. Ayes 3. Motion carried.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: The annual Steak Feed fundraiser is scheduled for August 23, 2019.

Maintenance: The fence at the Splash Pad will go up soon. Materials are purchased.

Sewer: Concern was raised when lagoon levels were getting high. Matt contacted Steve Flake and it was determined that someone had partially closed one of the valves. Council recommended placing security cameras at the sewer lagoon and the water treatment facility. Matt agreed and added that padlocks on the valves would provide additional protection. Council asked staff to research cameras and present purchase options at the 8/26/19 meeting.

Water: No report

Administrator: After receiving a complaint about dog waste and cigarettes on the splash pad, the Council and staff agreed to order and erect a sign stating that pets are not allowed on the splash pad and that smoking is prohibited in the park. The Council would also like to see pet waste bags attached to the sign pole. Staff will move forward on purchasing the sign.

The September/October newsletter will be mailed at the end of August.

Mayor: No report.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Kelley Schlitz, Deputy City Clerk