

Hills City Council Meeting
August 23, 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, August 23, 2021 at the Hills Community Center.

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

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from August 9, 2021 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from August 7 – August 20, 2021, and amended July 2021 Treasurer's Report. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Sommers to set a Public Hearing for FY22 Budget Amendment on Sept.13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Goldsmith to set a Public Hearing for the Splash Pad Park Parking Lot and Sidewalk Bid Acceptance on Sept.13 2021 at 7:00 pm. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Kemp provided the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Hills City Code of Ordinances by amending the compensation provided for the Mayor. This Ordinance would raise the Mayor pay to \$350.00 per month. The effective date of the Ordinance would be January 1, 2022. A Motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Volk to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-01. Roll Call: Ayes: Sommers, Volk, Goldsmith, Hill, Knebel. Absent: None. The First Reading of the Ordinance 2021-01 was approved.

Resolution 2021-36 was presented approving the Street Financial Report for FY20-21. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Hill to approve Resolution 2021-36. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Knebel, Goldsmith, Sommers, Volk. Absent: None. Resolution 2021-36 approved.

The Council discussed improvements to the Community Center. McCreedy-Ruth Construction provided an estimate to finish trim and install a backsplash. A motion was made by Sommers and seconded by Volk to approve Option #1 along with installation of a backsplash above the sink in the bar area. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Kemp updated the Council on the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council decided to require face coverings in the City Office.

Reports:

Mayor: 2020 Census results were released. Hills was reported to have a population of 863, an increase of 22.8%. This number is likely higher due to new construction this past year. Results from the property survey conducted by Shive Hattery has shown that the sidewalk along the north east side of 120 N. Main is all within City property.

Attorney: No Report

City Administrator: The first round of APRA funds was deposited. The FY21 Audit is nearly complete. The city received a complaint regarding the accumulation of junk vehicles. Staff will contact the owner/s of the property and notify them of the City Ordinance regarding junk vehicles.

Maintenance: Solar panels have been installed at the Fire Station.

Fire Chief: No Report

Sewer: No Report

Water: No Report

Council Comments: Hill reported that a portion of the side walk along the southside of Main Street by the school needs repair. Council agreed. Staff will schedule repairs.

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