

Hills City Council Meeting
January 25, 2016
7:00 PM
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Council members present were: Bruce Endris, Steve Harris, Merle Hill, Thom Kirkpatrick and Cathy Knebel. Absent: None. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Erek Sittig, City Attorney, Ron Wolfe, Public Works, Steve Troyer and Joe Thompson, Fox Engineering.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Endris and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2016, the Work Session of January 21, 2016, and bills/receipts from January 11, 2016 thru January 25, 2016. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: None

New Business:

Mayor Kemp opened the Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed Code of Ordinances of the City at 7:03 p.m. After allowing for public comments, with none received, Mayor Kemp closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

The First reading of an Ordinance Adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Hills, Iowa" was presented. A motion was made by Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to pass the First Reading of the Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes:5. The First Reading of the Ordinance was approved.

Resolution 2016-03 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's application for Payment No. 19 to the Contract with Dave Schmitt Construction Co Inc for Hills Municipal Water System – Division 1. This Payment Application has been reviewed by Fox Engineering and recommended for approval in the amount of \$200,577.92. This application includes a request for retainage. A motion was made by Kirkpatrick and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2016-03. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. Resolution 2016-03 passed.

The Council discussed moving forward with an application under the SRF Water Resource Restoration Sponsored project. The possible projects considered are bio-swales along Main Street to address storm water management including areas of downtown Main Street, bio-swales along Brady and Iowa for storm water management, permeable pavers and possible rain garden at the Ball Park to address the storm water runoff from the parking lot, and possible pavers and rain garden at the Water Treatment Plant. The City is eligible for 10% additional funding through the SRF funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plan upgrades that are estimated at 3.1 million. The application is due March 1, 2016. The application requires water shed studies which can be completed by Shive-Hattery. The cost for Shive to assist with the application is estimated to be \$10,000. A motion was made Hill and seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve up to \$10,000 for Shive-Hattery to complete the application. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Previous Business:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: Steve Troyer and Joe Thompson from Fox Engineering were present to discuss the proposed plan. This plan will include a third lagoon, new aeration system, UV disinfection, a force main to the Iowa River and upgrades of the Washington Street Lift Station. It is still estimated at approximately 3 million. Final Design Plans must be submitted for approval to DNR by March 1, 2016. Bidding will be June/July, 2016 with awarding the contract by August 1, 2016. The project must be completed by August 1, 2017

Reports:

Attorney: None.

Fire Chief: Asst. Chief Pantel reported that he is getting estimates for tires for truck #81. The Association will be holding its Raffle on February 20, 2016.

Maintenance: Ron reported that his is working on getting bids for a new mower.

Sewer: None.

Administrator: Cathy reported the required training for Council on the municipal water system is set for March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. She updated the Council that the meters at the Downes apartments have been checked by Ackerman Plumbing and have been found to be correctly calibrated. Jim Wolfe reviewed the buildings to determine the source of the extra gallons used. He found that the water softener is not connected to the meters but that the outside faucets are. It appears that there are connections to the lower units which may be causing the additional usage. He provided that information to the Downes office.

Cathy further updated the Council that she has received billing for the sewer repairs on Washington Street from Lynch Excavating and Action Sewer, which are included in the approved scheduled claims. Schmitt has indicated these are the responsibility of the City. The Council felt these should be paid by Schmitt as they were incurred to correct a sewer issue that happened as the water main was constructed. Cathy will contact Schmitt to offer the Council's position.

Mayor: Mayor Kemp reported that he attended the Joint Meeting of Cities.

A Motion was made by Harris and seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.