

Hills City Council Meeting
October 8, 2018
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, October 8, 2018 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Christine Peters at 7:03 p.m., Cathy Knebel, and Teresa Volk. Absent: Steve Harris. Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Matt Pantel, Hills Fire Chief and Public Works, and Erik Sittig, City Attorney.

Consent Agenda: A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from September 24, 2018 Council Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from September 22, 2018 thru October 5, 2018, Treasurer's Report, Budget Report, Old 218 Alcohol License Renewal and Casey's Carry Out Wine License. Ayes:3. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Elias and Lucia from Domestic Violence Intervention Program provided information on the program including shelter programs, support for victims of violence and requested Hills support this program by proclaiming October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Kemp read a Proclamation so proclaiming and urging all Hills citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence, dating violence and stalking from our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Knebel lead the meeting beginning at 7:22 p.m. as Mayor Kemp left the room.

Resolution 2018-43 was presented approving the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Volk to approve Resolution 2018-43. Roll call: Ayes: Peters, Volk, Knebel, Hill. Absent: Harris. Resolution 2018-43 approved.

Fitzmaurice-Hill provided information on the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant available to cities. The grant provides funding up to \$100,000 to assist communities with the redevelopment, rehabilitation or deconstruction of buildings to stimulate economic growth or reinvestment in the community. The funds are available for one commercial building per community. The City must apply for the grant and provide financial and/or in-kind resources. Cathy suggested sending an RFP to all downtown business property owners to see if there is any interest in these funds. Council is in favor of moving forward with the RFP. Pre-application is required and due by November 14th.

Mayor Kemp returned at 7:30 p.m. Department reports were given.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with Counsel for matters in litigation. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Peters, Volk, Hill. Absent: Harris. Motion carried. Council entered into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

A Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Hill to return to open session. Roll call: Ayes: Peters, Hill, Knebel, Volk. Absent: Harris. Motion carried. Council entered into open session at 7:47 p.m.

Reports:

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: Fire prevention week activities are being held with pre-school and elementary kids. Department has a new applicant. Pancake Breakfast to be held in April.

Maintenance: Storm sewers were jetted at Stutsmans. Atrium will also be done. Matt recommended Council consider sails for shade at splash pad as trees would grow too tall and shade the pad itself since lot is small. Council felt one smaller tree would be nice and sails at the benches.

Sewer: No report.

Water: The Sanitary Survey report recommends the City establish legal control in a 200 foot radius around the wells. Erik and Cathy will review and complete required steps to accomplish this.

Administrator: Met with Tim Ruth to discuss park shelter. They will design small shelter for review with construction expected in Spring. Will be constructed by students. Hills Bank has offered to provide construction materials. City will need to complete concrete work.

The City has been asked to participate in the SRF Sponsored Project Workshop in November with the Hills project being highlighted.

Mayor: Mayor Kemp updated the Council on the flooding situation in Johnson County. At this time there is no immediate threat to Hills. He encouraged Council to attend the Joint Entities Meeting on October 15th at Iowa City.

Council Comments: None

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Ayes:4. Motion carried.

Tim Kemp, Mayor

Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator