

City of Hill City
Regular Council Meeting
June 13, 2017

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

- A. Mayor Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The following members were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council members Terry Christensen, Dave Lange, Marci Holm and Tina Haugen.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Haugen to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Holm. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum

A. Bill Klennert

Bill Klennert from the Hill City Chamber of Commerce was present to let the Council know that the 4th of July is coming quickly and that White Sidewalls would once again be playing on Monday, July 3rd and to make sure it was okay to close Lake Ave. for them. The Council had no problem with this.

4. •Addition or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or correction to the agenda.

5. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Head Maintenance/Public Works, George Casper, reported that the 950 lawn mower had been in for repairs.
- Casper said they were going to start flushing fire hydrants on Wednesday's starting June 14, 2017.
- The sewer main is into the new RV sites. Waiting for the plumber and the electrician.
- The new Park Host is working out well. He made new site markers and reservation boxes with plexiglass for each of the sites so that the reservation slips do not get wet.
- Casper had put in sewer to site #4 for the Park Host and also had the electrical updated to 50 amps. To update the last 9 sites to 50 amp the cost would be \$900.00 to \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Baker to upgrade the other 9 RV sites to 50 amps., second by Lange. Motion carried with members present voting in favor.

- Casper had gravel hauled onto the Airport Rd. and it held up very well this past weekend with Mud Nationals taking place. On June 24th there will be a poker run with the Hill City airport as one of the stops.
- Gravel has been hauled on the streets that needed it. Just the alleys are yet to be done.
- Dust-B-Gone will be here Wednesday to put chloride on the streets for dust control.
- Mosquito spraying will be done before the 4th of July.

Fire Department

- Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson said that last month had been quiet.
- The Fire Dept. had the annual maintenance done on the trucks. There had been some minor repairs done.
- The Cohasset truck that the Hill City Fire Dept. is purchasing had failed its annual maintenance but it is being repaired and the cost will come off from the purchase price of the truck.

Police Department

- Police Chief Josh Kimball said that it had been a fairly busy month for calls for the Police Dept.
- Chief Kimball gave the monthly activity report.
- Chief Kimball said that the Mud Nationals at Quadna had went off without a hitch. There had only been 1 crash and only 2 DUI's.
- Chief Kimball had received a complaint of a resident who was living in a travel trailer was dumping sewage on the ground. Kimball investigated and did not find any proof of this. Chief Kimball talked to the owner of this property and was told that the holding tank in the travel trailer was going to be pumped and that the burnt building on the property was going to be taken down within 2 weeks. At this time the resident that was being complained about arrived upset that someone was lying about him dumping sewage when he has not done so. Chief Kimball explained that everything was being taken care of and that there was nothing found to show that the resident had been dumping sewage on the ground.

Mayor

Mayor Baker thanked everyone for their hard work the last month and with the 4th of July coming to keep the good work up.

Clerk

- Clerk McManigle let the Council know that the City's LGA for 2017 was \$98,113.00, LGA for 2018 was supposed to be \$99,216.00 but with Legislature having a Special session, the 2018 LGA was going to be \$107,547.00.
- Clerk McManigle reminded the Council that she would be on vacation from June 23rd through June 30th.

Council

Council member Lange reported that there were 45 trees left out of the 125 that the city had purchased to be planted around town. Lange said that the city would like to plant around 20 more in town and that Lange's Nursery would like to purchase the other 25 trees from the city. Mayor Baker stated that he would rather have the rest of trees planted in the city.

Motion made by Lange to let the Tree Board decide how many more trees be planted in the city and then Lange's Nursery could buy the rest of the trees, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

1st Responders

There was nothing reported.

Committees: Personnel, Facilities/Equipment and Land Use

Council member Christensen from the Zoning Committee reported that the Zoning Committee had 39 properties within the city limits that are in need of clean-up. Christensen had taken photos of each of these properties to have on file and that each of the property owners would be receiving a letter along with a copy of the Ordinance that addresses blight/nuisance. Some of these properties have some major clean-up to do while others are more minor.

6. Old Business

A. Fire Hall Drainage Issue

Due to a drainage issue with the new Fire Hall addition, SEH (City Engineer), was contacted to layout a drainage plan that maintains the existing drainage pattern for the area in front of the Fire Hall. The cost estimate for the Base Bid Drainage and Paving of the Fire Hall parking lot came in at \$44,600.00. There was also an Add Alternate to pave Henrietta Ave. for one block at an additional cost of \$29,000.00.

Motion made by Lange to go ahead with the drainage plan and to pave the one block of Henrietta Ave. with no assessments to any citizens, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- George Casper was asked by the Council to put a rush on the bid process of the drainage issue and paving so that the Council could hopefully approve it at the July 11th, 2017 Council meeting.
- Fire Chief Nelson reported that Baratto Brothers Construction will be working on some small items on the fire hall addition that need fixing.
- George Casper said that he would like to see the sidewalk extended by the new fire hall addition and wanted to know if it could be done with volunteers from the Fire Dept. The Council and the Fire Chief agreed to this.

7. New Business

A. Chief of Police, Josh Kimball's June 8, 2017 thru December 31, 2018 contract.

Chief of Police, Josh Kimball presented the Council with a new contract for the period of June 8, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Motion made by Baker to approve the Chief of Police contract for Josh Kimball for the period of June 8, 2017 through December 31, 2018 as presented, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Approval to close part of Gill Street and part of Henrietta Ave. for Fire Dept. live burn

Motion made by Haugen to approve closure of part of Gill Street and part of Henrietta Ave. for the Fire Dept. live burn, second by Holm. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Motion made by Holm to approve the Resolution to increase the Fire Dept.'s retirement to \$800.00 per year, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

C. Approve Hiring Matt Blair as Part-time Police Officer

Motion made by Baker to approve hiring Matt Blair as a part-time Police Officer, second by Holm. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

D. Neil Gowell (Sandy Caverly) sewer issue

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Motion made by Haugen to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., second by Christensen.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Baker, Mayor

