

**MINUTES OF THE
HILLS CITY COUNCIL/HILLS EDA
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

Mayor Jim Susie opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Council present: Jim Susie, Joe Streeter, Dusty Seachris, and Dennis Boese.

Council absent: Vickie Busswitz

Employee present: Connie Wiertzema, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Dustin Verhey, Public Works Supervisor.

Guests: Jason Martens, Howard Vis, and Allen Saakyan.

Approved the minutes of January 13th with one correction, the two zoning administrators should be listed as Dennis Boese and Dusty Seachris. Remove Jim Susie's name from the list.

Approved payment of the list of bills.

Maintenance report:

- Meeting with the Tuff Home regarding water valves within a cement sidewalk.

- Hazelton's offer to trim trees hanging in the streets, at the city park and softball field, no hauling included. Verhey will confirm the offer.

- Spoke with Aukes regarding taking ash from the burn pile lot.

Treasurer's report:

- Split and renew general fund CD half for 26 week and half for 52 weeks;
- Split and renew general fund CD half for 13 weeks; and half for 26 weeks;
- Adopted a resolution to update the official bank signatures at Security Savings Bank to be: James Susie, Mayor; Connie Wiertzema, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Joseph Streeter, Council Member & Mayor Pro Tem;
- Received an additional tax settlement from Rock County;
- Received fireworks reimbursements from Hills American Legion and HBCS Club.

Approved of the Hills Fire Department's budget for year 2027 with no increase. Also approved of the Fire Protection Contracts for the City of Steen and Clinton Township at the same rates. Increased the Fire Chief's annual salary.

Howard Vis presented the Council with the United States 250th anniversary/Rock County Passport consisting of plans for free mini-program scheduled events throughout all cities and townships within Rock County. Vis would like to plan the Hills event at Jacobson Park with a presentation of the Statue of Liberty, either over Friendship Days weekend or prior to the fireworks display on July 11th. Vis will work-out the details with the HBCS Club.

Approved for Howard Vis to purchase and plant flowers at Jacobson Park.

Vickie Busswitz researched and compared website information and costs. Approved to continue services with Lexi Moore, Milmore Consolidated to update the City's website; along with assistance from Council Member Vickie Busswitz and the City Clerk-Treasurer.

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Verhey informed the Council that Brayden Metzger is planning to work the City's seasonal help position again this summer. Council agreed to allow Verhey to hire additional part-time help of approximately 20 hours or less per week, as needed.

Information submitted by Keith Elbers to the Council that lots 5 & 6 in Parkview First Addition are under contract for to be sold. The buyer received copies of the Parkview Covenants, outbuilding ordinance, city building incentive program, and building permit application. Closing on the property is scheduled for the end of March.

Mayor Susie informed the Council that Dennis Hartman is requesting that the Sunday liquor license inquiry be put on the general election ballot this year.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.