Town of North Hills

Council meeting minutes

June 8th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat McDonnell at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna. Present: Pat McDonnell, Don Stemple, Regina Smith, Fred Newberry, (call in – Rachel Hensley and Cheney English). Absent: Tami McCase. Steve Buchanan representing CEC was also in attendance to make a presentation on the town’s sewer analysis.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the May 25th minutes was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

**Safety**

Cheney gave a Safety presentation on Tips to stay safe in Summer.

Heat-related illness can be prevented. Learn these 4 simple steps you can take to keep from falling ill during hot summer months.

With summer fast approaching, remember that hot, humid weather can be a hazard to your health. In fact, hot weather causes more deaths than any other weather-related hazard. In hot and humid conditions, your body must work harder—just to maintain a normal temperature. Older adults and those with illnesses are at greater risk.

The good news is that heat-related illness and death can be prevented. There are simple steps you can take to keep from falling ill.

1. Stay Cool

Stay in air-conditioned locations as much as possible. If your home is not air-conditioned find places in your community that are air conditioned. Find out if your community has a cooling center available during hot months.

Don’t stay in a hot car (and don’t leave pets in a hot car).

If you are outdoors, take breaks from the heat, especially during the hottest part of the day.

Take cool showers or baths to cool down.

Cover your windows with drapes to keep out the hot sun.

Consider using attic fans to clear hot air from your house.

Note: When the temperature outside is over 95 degrees, don’t use electric fans to try to stay cool. At this temperature, fans create a false sense of comfort, and do not reduce body temperature.

2. Stay Hydrated

Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don’t feel thirsty.

If you are on a special diet or if you have end-stage renal disease or advanced congestive heart failure, ask your doctor how to stay hydrated.

3. Stay Protected

Avoid strenuous or high-energy activities.

Wear loose and lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Wear sunscreen.

When outdoors, stay in the shade and wear a hat with a wide brim.

4. Watch for Signs of Heat Stress

On hot days, watch for signs of heat illness in yourself and others. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are possible on hot days. Signs of heat-related illness include:

Muscle pains, cramps, or spasms

Heavy sweating, paleness, weakness, dizziness, headache nausea or vomiting.

Confusion, fainting or unconsciousness.

High body temperature (over 103 degrees) with dry skin (not sweating)

Rapid pulse

If you feel sick and suspect it may be heat-related, sip a sports drink. Get medical help if you still don’t feel better. If you experience very high body temperature, rapid pulse, or dizziness it can be an emergency. Get medical help immediately.

By following these tips, you can reduce your risk of heat injury. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**Recorder’s report**

Town financial account balances

Street user fee $106.129.97

Stimulus $20,702.75

General $88,531.66

Coal $1,713.40

Sewer $78,925.99

Parks and recreation $75,470.57

Pat reported that the sewer problem on 145 North Hills Drive has been repaired.

Steve Buchanan gave a presentation on the town’s sewer infrastructure status. A motion was made by Don Stemple to visit Union Williams next week for their input, seconded by Regina Smit, approved by council. Pat, Don, and Mr. Buchanan will visit Union Williams next Thursday to get their input.

**Building permits**

N/A

**Committee updates**

Pond – looking good. Still waiting on gate parts for the bridge at the pond.

The exploratory storm drain study on Woodshire court will be put on hold.

The road slip on Brentwood Drive will be black toped for now. The town doesn’t have the money needed to repair. Engineering thinks there is a spring there that is causing the problem.

Pat will have some information on North Hills parking posted on Facebook. He plans to put out a monthly newsletter.

Lemax will conduct a safety seminar for the pool employees on Saturday 8 – 11 AM.

A water leak between the pump house and the pool has been repaired.

A motion was made by Rachel Hensley to adjourn the meeting at 9:30, seconded by Fred Newberry, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at the 36th Street Church of Christ building in Vienna, June 22nd at 7PM.