

April

2023

COMMUNITY NEWS

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A NOTE FROM

SUPERINTENDANT JOHNSON...



This has been a long, snowy winter/spring. Like everyone else, we are running out of places to put snow and looking forward to a green spring!

With that in mind, we have MCA testing coming up in April and in May. Students throughout the building will be testing and we hope each student does their absolute best!

We have put new phones in our building. Unfortunately, they have been hit and miss on their service. We have been trying to resolve this issue and I apologize for this.

Our counselor, Mrs. Erickson, and our principal, Ms. Huusko, have been working on some new classes and options for students K-12. We will have more updates on these next month.

Baseball and softball seasons are starting. There is still time to join, but snow will impact when we get to see some actual games.

We are looking to potentially expand some extra-curricular options for our students. We have had interest meetings and will continue working on these for next year.

We were lucky enough to be awarded a Lake Country Power grant. We will be awarded on April 20th, thank you to Lake Country Power for this opportunity!

We have also been awarded a grant to remove buckthorn from our school forest. This has been a school/community effort between Troy Holcombe, Tom Fasteland, Matt Alleva, and Eric Hill. This will take place over the next three summers and Mr. Alleva already has plans of what to plant in our forest.

If you or someone you know is ever interested in taking a tour of our school, please feel free to reach out to set something up with myself or Ms. Huusko. We are glad to give tours and are also picking up students at the Pokegama Lake Store every morning!

Robotics competed at the DECC on the days of March 2nd through March 4th. This is an awesome collaborative between us and Northland and we hope to continue to grow the program.

Speech team continues to roll on. It is a small team that is very new, but they continue to do better every event.

We are also looking forward to seeing the Class of 2023 graduate on May 26th at 7:00. Before then, the seniors have plenty of fun things going on between a class trip on March 24th, Prom on April 29th, plus baseball and softball seasons. Congratulations Seniors!



Go Storm and Go Hornets!

MS. HUUSKO'S MINUTE...

We had our February Attendance challenge. Thanks to everyone for coming to school! Mr. Johnson loves playing Elimination with the kids.

Hopefully the weather gets nicer so the snow melts since spring sports will be just around the corner. However as long as it is still snowy and chilly please still dress kids appropriately for the weather.

Read Across America week was a success and we will be having a reading challenge for grades 6-12 leading up to the MCA's. MCA's will start on April 5th. Please make sure your children get enough sleep during the testing dates.

Thanks to Swarm for all they do!

Thanks again to Hill City for making my first year as a leader amazing! Hopefully the snow melts soon and we get warmer weather!

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Committee Assignments for 2023

Committee

MSHSL
 Negotiations Committee

 Curriculum Committee
 Community Education Advisory Council
 Meet and Confer

 Staff Development
 School and Community Health Team
 Recertification Committee
 Comparable Worth
 Safety/Transportation Committee
 Athletic Advisory Committee

 Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
 Policy Committee

Representative

Mark Meyer
 Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer,
 (Ron Saxton, Alt.)
 Ron Saxton (Joell Miranda, Alt.)
 Sarah Kingsley (Mark Meyer, Alt.)
 Joell Miranda and Jeremy Nelson
 (Ron Saxton, Alt.)
 Ron Saxton (Joell Miranda, Alt.)
 Sarah Kingsley and Ron Saxton
 Jeremy Nelson
 Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer and Ron Saxton
 Mark Meyer and Jay Zapzalka
 Jay Zapzalka and Sarah Kingsley
 (Mark Meyer, Alt.)
 Mark Meyer
 Sarah Kingsley and Ron Saxton



For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA 99.9 FM
 KOZY Grand Rapids 1320 AM
 KMFY Grand Rapids 96.9 FM
 WTBX Grand Rapids 93.9 FM
 KAXE Grand Rapids 91.7 FM
 KBAJ 105.5 FM

INSTANT ALERT

Infinite Campus' Voice
 Messenger system will
 call parents between
 5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for
 school closings.

TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT
 KDLH
 KBJR
 WCCO

Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are usually uploaded to the website around the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.

Support Within Reach serves Aitkin county residents. Our mission: To reduce the impact and harm of sexual violence in the communities we serve. Free and confidential 24 hour Crisis Line:

Call 218-326-5008 or 1-866-747-5008
 MEDICAL/LEGAL SUPPORT & FOLLOW-UP PEER
 COUNSELING COMMUNITY REFERRALS & EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chair at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Jeremy Nelson, Sarah Kingsley, Joell Miranda and Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer and Ron Saxton. Board Members absent: None.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023.
3. Approved the January 2023 bills.
4. Presented the current bills through February 24, 2023.
5. Reviewed Investments and Wire Transfers.
6. Approved the January 2023 receipts.
7. Recognitions: School Counselor Appreciation Day was Feb. 7th. Thank you to our School Counselor, Lindsey Erickson for everything she has done for the students so far this year. School Board appreciation Month is in February. Thank you to our School Board members for all that they do for our students, school and community. Bus Driver's appreciation day was on February 22. We want to thank all of our bus drivers for all that they do. Thank you to: Mary Lou Dunham, Kim Arnold, John Clarke, Chuck Kurt, Wendy James, Kenny Hilton, Sarah Kingsley, Jessica Boatman and Mark Schjenken.
8. Open for Consent Items: None
9. Comments from Visitors: Senior Class will present the plan for the Seniors Class Trip. Senior class President Riley Holm and

Senior officer Ally Zapzalka presented the itinerary for the Senior Class trip.

10. Transportation Report: None
11. Curriculum Committee: None
12. Policy Committee: None
13. School and Community Health: None
14. Safety/Transportation Committee: None
15. Negotiations Committee: Received a Letter of Intent to enter into Negotiations with HCUE.
16. Community Education Report: None
17. Building & Grounds Director Report: None
18. Principal's Report: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
19. Superintendent's Report: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
20. Approved to hire Eric Hill as Facilities Director for the 2023-2024 School Year. Upon approval, give notice to Deer River Schools to terminate the shared services agreement for Building & Grounds, effective June 30, 2023.
21. Approved hiring Izabella Bishop as Assistant Softball Coach for the 22-23 School Year as per the HCUE contract.
22. Approved hiring Joel Richards as Junior High Softball Coach for the 22-23 School year as per the HCUE contract.
23. Approved posting for Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2023-2024 School year per the HCUE contract.
24. Approved the Calendar for the 2023-2024 School year.
25. Discussed and Approved FY23 Revised Budget.
26. Discussed IASC Career Pathways
27. Approved the 2023 Pay Equity Compliance Report.
28. Approved Co-Op with Northland for Speech, One Act Play and Trap Shooting. Starting in the 23-24 School Year.

29. Board Members selected to present at Graduation: Jay Zapzalka, Joell Miranda and Sarah Kinglsey.

30. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: Policy Committee Meeting on March 15, 2023 at 9 am. School, Community Health Meeting on March 22, 2023 at 9 am, and Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2023

31. Meeting adjourned @ 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joell Miranda Clerk
These are Unofficial Minutes. Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.



City of Hill City Minutes
Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 pm
January 10, 2023
City Hall Community Room, 125 Lake Ave

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
Council Member Lange called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker
Michael Kearney introduced himself as the new District 5 Aitkin County Commissioner and if we need anything to contact him. He will leave his contact information with Clerk Meyer.

Oath of Office
Clerk Meyer gave the Oath of Office to Mayor Dave Lange, and Council Members Sean Lathrop, Tom Semler and Scott Brenny.

Consent Agenda
Motion made by Lathrop to approve the following consent agenda items minutes of the Regular Council Meeting 12/27/2022, Claim's, EFT's, & Transfer from 12/22 – 1/5 \$18,433.11, Department Reports – Public Works, Fire, Police, Clerk, and Resolution 2023 – 2 accepting donations second by Benson. MPU

Public Forum – 3-minute limit

Gary and Brenda Daudt were present to talk about the increase in the Waste Management garbage rates. They have a business out of town that they pay for garbage at and would like to take their garbage to the business instead of paying for garbage at two places. They would like the council to look at the ordinance for possible revisions. They think they should be able to decide who to have pick up the garbage not the city deciding for them. The council will look at the ordinance.

Gary also thinks that mail-in voting is against his right to vote. Council Member Lathrop informed him that at the last meeting the council went back to in-person voting.

Reports:
Mayor/Council

Mayor Lange would like any written reports to be under the consent agenda. If something needs to be discussed it can be pulled from the consent agenda. He also contacted the CPA to find out why the city audit won't be done until June. They replied that they do four municipal audits in January, then individual taxes until April 15th and then go back to city audits. Due to Hill City being one of their newer accounts, we are later in their schedule.

Personnel Committee – Has not met.
Facilities/Equipment Committee – has not met.
Land Use Committee – has not met.
Park Improvement Committee – has not met.

Events & Rec. Committee
The meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2023.
Mayor Lange said they are still waiting for the contract for the music for the 4th of July.

Old Business
KLM Pay Estimate #3 (Final) Viking Painting and KLM

The Viking Painting final amount is \$31,060 and KLM is \$1,997.95. Casper had talked with KLM about withholding money since there are still some punch list items that need to be completed. They are willing to withhold \$1,500 and not close out the project until the punch list is complete.

Motion made by Benson to approve paying Viking

Painting when we get the revised paperwork indicating the \$1,500 being withheld and to pay KLM in full second by Lathrop. MPU

Storage Container for Playground equipment

Clerk Meyer informed the council that the delivery of the playground equipment won't be until the 1st week in February and that it was coming in two delivery trucks. She wanted to know if the council still wanted the storage until this week as previously discussed and if they wanted to one or two units since it is being delivered by two trucks. The consensus was to get one storage container the 1st week of February.

DARE Training update

There is money available from the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training, Talent Development Program that will pay for the classroom part, \$1,250.00, of the DARE Training. Thank you, Mayor Lange, for finding this money.

New Business

Resolution 2023 – 1 – Setting Appointments

Motion made by Benson to approve Resolution 2023 – 1 setting the 2023 appointments second by Semler. Roll Call vote. Lathrop yes, Semler, yes, Benson yes, Brenny yes and Lange yes. MPU

Garbage pickup for weekenders

At this time, residents have to have garbage pick-up. The council will be looking at the ordinance for possible revisions.

Road Hazards – Sean

Council Member Lathrop brought up parking on city streets, specifically on Gill St. by the Manor. Public Safety Director Saxton will talk with HRA about it. And the council will look at the parking ordinance. The other hazard that was brought up was a woodpile right next to the road also on Gill St. Saxton will look into this also.

Training Request for Dave Lange

Mayor Lange and Council Member Lathrop would like to attend the League of MN Cities Training in Plymouth on February 24th & 25th.

Motion made by Benson to approve Lange and Lathrop to attend the training second by Semler.

MPU

Disconnect phone at Fire Hall – Jeremy

Fire Chief Nelson would like to disconnect the landline at the fire hall. The phone hasn't been used in a few years. The council is ok with disconnecting the phone line.

Saxton informed the council that both air compressors went out at the fire hall. The department approved up to \$3,500 from the equipment fund to get a new compressor and plumb it.

Speaker for Drive Through is broken

The speaker for the drive through quit working last week but Casper was able to get fix it.

Community Room Rental Overnight

A resident asked about renting the community room for an overnight birthday party. The council does not want overnight rentals.

Up Coming Meetings

January 24th – Work Session 5 pm – discussion on the garbage and parking ordinances.

January 24th – Regular Meeting 6 pm

Adjourn

Motion made by Lathrop to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm second by Benson. MPU

City of Hill City Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 pm

February 14, 2023

City Hall Community Room, 125 Lake Ave

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lange called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Present, Mayor Dave Lange, Council Members Sean Lathrop, Tom Semler, and Scott Brenny. Council Member Lin Benson was absent with notice.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Motion made by Lathrop to accept the agenda as presented second by Semler. MPU

Guest Speaker

Billy Becker with the American Legion Post 340 was present to talk to the council about suicide prevention and Veteran's. One of the Legion's

Missions is Suicide Prevention among Veteran's. Starting Jan. 17, veterans in suicidal crisis are able to go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for emergency care at no cost. This includes inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit. Help is also available 24 hours a day by calling 988 suicide and crisis lifeline.

There is American Legion suicide prevention training available for organizations and individuals to learn how to recognize suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative and proven suicide prevention. Becker said that if the council would be interested to contact him, he can get the training set up.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Brenny to approve the following consent agenda items, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and the Work Session on 1/24/2023, Claim's, EFT's, & Transfer from 1/19 – 2/9 in the amount of \$169,739.23, Public Works Report, Fire Report, Police Report, Clerk's Report, Mayor's Report, and the Events & Planning Committee minutes of 1/11 & 2/8 second by Semler. MPU

There were a couple of questions on the KLM bill that Clerk Meyer and Head of Maintenance Casper answered.

Public Forum

No one from the public spoke.

Reports:

Council

Council Member Semler ask Public Safety Director Saxton when the Relief Association Meets so that he can attend the meetings since he is an Ex Officio Member. Saxton informed him they are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

Personnel Committee – has not met.

Facilities/Equipment Committee – has not met.

Land Use Committee

Mayor Lange spent an hour with the Foreman doing the remodeling at the lodge at Quadna. He did a walkthrough of the lodge. They are hoping to be able to have an open house in May.

There is a property on the lake for sale and they asked about remodeling vs rebuilding. Mayor Lange did some research for them.

Park Improvement Committee – has not met.

Events & Planning Committee

The following are items discussed:

- A budget for the 4th of July.
- Someone to step up and take leadership of the Events and Planning Committee.
- Some of the events don't benefit the businesses. Winter at the Beach, Spring in the Park etc.
- Get CEDA involved.
- Softball Tournament is June 23-25. Steve Martin is the contact person.
- Dave is the alternate council person for the committee.
- Sean is the alternate council person for the Park Committee.

Old Business

Meal Reimbursement

Clerk Meyer informed the council what some other cities give for meal reimbursements.

Motion made by Lathrop to increase the meal reimbursement to \$60 for a half day and \$90 for a full day second by Lange. MPU

New Business

Council Monthly Meeting Pay & Training Reimbursement Request Approval

Approved all council monthly pay and reimbursements. They will get paid with the next regular payroll.

Training Request for Tami & Brandi

Motion made by Lathrop approving Clerk Meyer and Deputy Clerk Caverly to attend the MCFOA conference in St Cloud March 22 – 24, 2023 second by Semler. MPU

Training Request for Lin

Motion made by Lathrop approving Council Member Benson to attend the City Day on the Hill March 9, 2023 second by Semler. MPU

Clarification on Staff involvement for committees

Staff will continue to help as they have in the past for Events.

Temporary Help Pay

With Casper on light duty temporary help was/ maybe needed. There was discussion on what wage to pay the temporary help.

Motion made by Lathrop to pay temporary help \$23.00 per hour second by Brenny. MPU

Renting/Using Ben's Park for a wedding (July 28th)

Motion made by Lathrop to allow Ben's Park to

be used for the wedding second by Semler. MPU
Aitkin County Search & Rescue donation request –
in the past we have donated \$500
Motion made by Semler to donate \$750.00 to
Aitkin County Search & Rescue second by Brenny.
MPU

Hill City School Yearbook Ad – last year ½ page ad
Motion made by Lathrop to do a full-page ad in
the School Year book for \$200 second by Brenny.
MPU

Include the council names, city staff, and the new
police number.

Police Radios

Saxton's radio is over 10 years old and is not
working properly. He would like to order two
radios at a cost of \$11,456.50. One radio would
be \$5,678.00. There was discussion on how many
radios to get.

Motion made by Lathrop to purchase two radios
for the police department second by Semler. MPU
Up Coming Meetings

February 28th – 4:00 pm CIP Meeting

February 28th – 5:00 pm Work Session

February 28th – 6:00 pm Regular Meeting

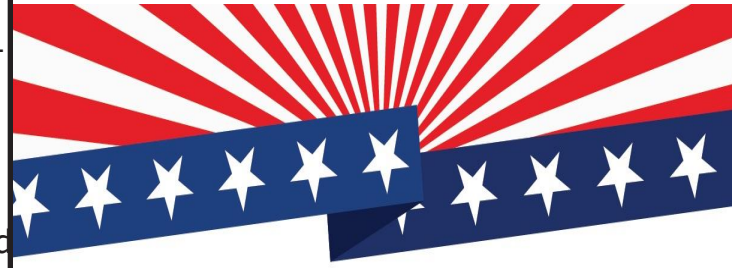
Adjourn

Motion made by Lathrop to adjourn at 7:48 pm
second by Semler. MPU

**The Hill City Events & Planning
Committee would like state their
appreciation to everyone who
helped or donated to concessions at
the Lion's Club Fishing Contest,
including but not limited to:**

**Jane Bristow, Caitlyn Jordahl, Tom & Marlys Mastemacher, Dave Lange,
Bill Klennert, Amanda Goodrich, Angie Klennert, Cheryl Foix, Jeanne
Fasteland, Lisa Jordan, Donna Doege, and Pat Efrom. We'd like to give
a shout out to the Hill Lake Café, Roadside, Harry's, and the Haypoint
Jackpine Snowmobile Club who each contributed in some way with
ordering/delivery of food, cooking, and the use of equipment.**

**What a fantastic group effort! Finally,
we would like to thank the customers
that donated money to our Fourth of
July celebration bucket, every bit helps!!**

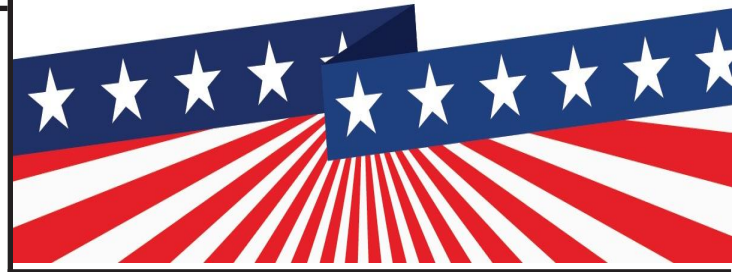


Attention

The Hill City Events & Planning Committee wants YOU!

We are currently in need of volunteers to help with our annual
Fourth of July celebration. If you would like to attend a
meeting, they are held the second Wednesday of each month at
5:00 p.m. in the city hall community room.

We would love to see our numbers grow and get some fresh
faces and perspectives. It takes a lot of manpower to pull off
the big events, the 4th of July being our biggest. We could use all
the help we can get! Planning will start at our next meeting on
Wednesday March 8th. We hope to see you there!



THANK
YOU

City of Hill City Minutes Regular Council Meeting -
6:00 pm February 28, 2023
City Hall Community Room, 125 Lake Ave

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lange called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Council present Mayor Dave Lange Council Members Scott Brenny, Lin Benson, Tom Semler, and Sean Lathrop. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Move CEDA up on the agenda to Public Forum. Under Old Business add container/conex update.

Guest Speaker

There were no guest speakers.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Lathrop to approve the following consent agenda items minutes of the Regular Council Meeting 2114/2023, Claim's, EFT's, & Transfer from 2/9-2/23 in the amount of \$22,850.81, CD's - 60-month in the amount of \$1,010,541.40, and the 9-month CD in the amount of \$504,360.55 second by Benson. MPU

Public Forum

CEDA update

Sarah Carling, Regional Director and Lisa Randall Community and Business Development Specialist from CEDA, Community and Economic Development Associates, were present to talk about the contract between the city and CEDA. Ms. Randall would be the city's Representative.

Motion made by Lathrop to approve the contract effective March 8, 2023, second by Lange. MPU
Engineer's Report

Andrew Beadell, Bolton & Menk, was present and discussed the below items.

- Transition Services • Waiting on information from SEH that was requested in the data request letter.
- Existing sewer televising received and created a map of all the areas that we received.
- Engineer and staff are working to get the remaining areas if televising is available.
- Airport CIP
 - o Worked with city staff to finalize questions about CIP.
 - o CIP uploaded to MnDOT Aeronautics the week of February 22th. The deadline for submittal was pushed back to March 1st .

- MnDOT TH 169 & TH 200 Roundabout Project
 - o Made contact with Michall Rush, Project manager with MnDOT
 - o Received original RAB concept layout (see attached)
 - o MnDOT just began their design process with their consulting engineer in February
 - o I asked the following questions:
 - The city has a force main that runs along the south side of TH 200 and crosses TH 169 to get to their wastewater treatment ponds. What is being required of utilities that are within the project area?
 - The city has a bituminous trail that parallels TH 169 on the east side of the road through the project area. How will this trail be rerouted around the roundabout?
 - There is a snowmobile trail crossing 200 feet west of the TH 169 & TH 200 intersection. How will this be affected and incorporated into MnDOT's design?
 - MnDOT's project website states that the construction will be completed in stages to avoid a detour. Does MnDOT have any layouts or concepts on how this will be done?
 - Are there any other questions or information that the city would like me to ask? Is there a
- Old Business
- GIS Mapping Proposal
- MN Rural Water collected the majority of the watermain and sanitary sewer systems. The city staff is working with Rural Water to make adjustments to the map for overall accuracy. Bolton & Menk's GIS Specialist would take this information that Rural Water collected and import it into a GIS database. This database is through ArcGIS. We propose to use an intern in the summer to collect the cities storm sewer system and add this to the GIS map as well. The base cost for getting the city's GIS Map setup with the city utilities would be \$17,778.00. There are a couple of additional options that can be added at anytime for a cost of \$4,920.00. These are to upload and create a link for the sewer line televising videos and the other is a 360-degree photo of each sanitary sewer manhole and lift station using GeoCP Viewer. ArcGIS has an annual subscription of \$900.

Casper asked if GIS Mapping the Street lights was a possibility. Beadell said that it could be done for a cost between \$2,000 - \$5,000.

Motion made by Lathrop to go ahead with the GIS Map for a cost of \$17,778 second by Benson. MPU
Parking Ordinance

Discussed during the work session. Set a committee to look at the ordinance for possible revisions.

Waste Management/Utility Billing Comparison
Discussed during the work session.

Blandin Grant

Discussed during the work session and CEDA will start working with the city on March 7th.

New Business

Approve resolution 2023-3 accepting Juneteenth as a Holiday

Tabled to get more information on if this has to be a paid holiday or not.

Approve Memorandum of Understanding

Tabled to get more information on the Juneteenth Holiday.

211 donation- past donation is \$500.00

Motion made by Benson to donate \$500.00 to First Call for Help 211 second by Brenny. Roll call vote Brenny yes, Benson yes, Semler yes, Lathrop abstained, and Lange yes. MP

Removal of trees on the South side of Greenfield Ave. at the corner of Greenfield Ave. and Pine St. The woodpeckers have damaged the trees and the homeowner would like to take them down and replace with smaller trees. The council said he can do it be it is not a city project and he has to clean up after the trees are taken down.

G. Casper vacation March 12th- 18th

Casper wanted the council to know he is going on vacation to Las Vegas for a Con Expo March 12th- 18th

This is the world's largest construction expo.

Council member Lathrop feels the city should pay for him to go. Casper stated this is a vacation and didn't want to be paid.

Motion made by Lathrop to pay for 16 hours of time while Casper is on vacation as he will be able to get valuable information for the city while he is there second by Benson. MPU

Approve LG220- Raffle permit for Woodland Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association
Need to order Front tires for the backhoe

Casper wanted to inform the council that he will be ordering front tires for the backhoe.

Council Monthly Meeting Pay & Training Reimbursement Request Approval

Clerk Meyer read the pay and reimbursement requests. Council Members Benson, Semler, and Brenny all had the monthly pay at \$125. Mayor Lange had his pay at \$175 and LMC training reimbursement at

\$197.81, Council Member Lathrop had his pay at \$125 and LMC training reimbursement at \$360.40.

Motion made by Lange to approve the pay and training requests with the exception of the meals for Lathrop second by Brenny).

Mayor Lange doesn't feel we should pay for Lathrop's meals because meals were included at the training. Lathrop said there was nothing he could eat at the training and we just approved meal reimbursement rate at the last meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion.

Roll call vote Benson no, Brenny no, Semler yes, Lathrop no, Lange no. Motion Failed. More discussion. Add to the next agenda clarification on the meal reimbursement.

Motion made by Lathrop to approve the pay and training requests as presented second by Benson.

Roll call vote Brenny yes, Benson yes, Semler yes, Lathrop yes, and Lange yes. MPU

Up Coming Meetings

Up Coming Meetings are as follows; March 8th- 5:00pm Events & Planning and March 14th 6:00pm Regular Meeting. The regular meeting will be moved to the fire hall due to Hill Lake Township having their Annual Meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Benson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm second by Brenny. MPU

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
HILL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Once Upon A Prom

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

OPEN TO 10TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
9TH BY INVITE

PICTURES & GRAND MARCH @ THE SCHOOL
DINNER, DANCE, & POST PROM
@ ARROWWOOD LODGE BRAINERD

\$50 PER TICKET
BUY YOUR TICKET IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY APRIL 21ST



Hill City Baton



Bring your baton and a smile.
Parents are welcome to attend the first class for a
short informational session.

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$30

Start Date: April 5th

Time: 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Instructor: Erin Boleman

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH CLASS FEES OR QUESTIONS
CONCERNING THIS CLASS,
CALL TAMI AT COMM ED 697-2394 X10172 OR
EMAIL AT tmeyer@isd002.org



Firearm Safety Class

Cost FREE

Students will NOT bring guns to class.

Where: Hill City School Community Room

When: April 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27.

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Range Day will be the 27th Go to range around

4:45pm & class will end at the Moose Willow Range.



Parent or Guardian must fill out
paperwork by start of second class

Registration is **REQUIRED**

Use the QR Code to sign up or type the link in

Sign up Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA5AA2DA3FD0-hill2>

HILL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Once Upon A Prom

SATURDAY, APRIL 29/30, 2023

4-5PM PICTURES BY 3 MONTHS SUN PHOTOGRAPHY
AT HILL CITY SCHOOL

(ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE)

5PM GRAND MARCH AT HILL CITY SCHOOL

5:30PM LOAD BUS

7PM DINNER AT ARROWWOOD LODGE BRAINERD

8-11PM DANCE AT ARROWWOOD LODGE BRAINERD

11-3AM POST PROM WATERPARK AT ARROWWOOD

LODGE BRAINERD

3AM LOAD BUS

4:30AM ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

COST IS \$50

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #15:
Positive
Peer
Influence**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their best friends model responsible behavior.

60%
*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Positive peer influence" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 4th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

Photos of Friends: Snapshots of Responsibility

The best way to encourage children to choose positive, healthy relationships is to model them ourselves. Take out an old yearbook or photo album. Look at pictures of the friends you had as a teenager.

Think about the friends who acted in ways you admired. Most people can remember at least one person who always sensed when things weren't going well and called, sent a note, or showed up to find out what was wrong. Often, these are the people who turned out to be lifelong friends.

How about people who weren't such true friends? Was there someone who spread rumors about you, or talked behind your back? Did you ever have a friend who tried to get you to do things you didn't want to do? The pain of these kinds of experiences often teaches young people a lot about how they want to be treated by others.

No one forced you to like people who were



good to you, or feel angry at people who hurt you. You had to make your own choices about who your friends were. In the same way, we can't control who our children choose as friends. They are exploring their world, themselves, and the people around them. Sometimes they're attracted to people we don't approve of (and that, deep inside, they probably don't approve of either). Other times they say the 'good' kids are boring. However, if we model responsible relationships, talk to our children about how others act, and are involved in their lives, gradually they'll see that friends who act, talk, and think in positive ways will bring out the best in them.

Helpful Hints

Tips that encourage your child to choose responsible friendships:

- **Get to know your child's friends and their families. Point out what you like about them.**
- **Get to know the parents of your children's friends. Share your values and rules with them and ask them about theirs.**
- **Don't jump to conclusions based on what friends look like.**
- **Be honest with your child when you're concerned about a relationship.**

time together

Three ways to help your child choose responsible friends:

- 1** *Make sure your kids get to know your friends. The best way to teach is to be a role model.*
- 2** *Include your child's friends in some family activities. Get to know them.*
- 3** *Talk about your childhood friends and why some friendships ended.*



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What's Responsible?

Our children may need our guidance in choosing friends who model responsible behavior. Use this "responsible" checklist with your child to evaluate each friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:

- Reliable**
- Equal**
- Self-controlled**
- Principled**
- Open-minded**
- Nurturing**
- Sensible**
- Intuitive**
- Brave**
- Lovable**
- Ethical**

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

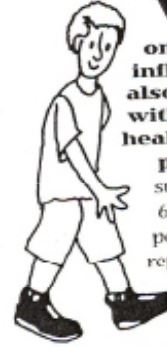
- Which of your friends do you most want to be like? Why?
- What bothers you about your friends? Why?
- How do you feel when you're with your friends? Do they bring out the best in you?

More Stuff You Can Use

Positive Peer Groups gives information on how to help youth work together to solve their own challenges. (Available from Johnson Institute, 7205 Ohms Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55439-2159; 1-800-231-5165.)

Quick Tip:
Examine your own friendships before you examine your child's.

Worth a Cheer



We often think of "peer pressure" only as a negative influence, but we can also think of time spent with friends who model healthy behavior as peer pressure. Of youth surveyed by Search Institute, 60% say they experience positive peer pressure, reporting that their best friends do well in school, don't use alcohol or other drugs, and don't get in trouble at school.

Final Word

"A friend is an extension of yourself, without which you are not complete."—Susan Polis Schutz, poet

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Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is a low-impact fitness program designed specifically for older adults to build muscle strength, improve balance and increase flexibility to maintain or regain an active lifestyle.

Sessions are 90 minutes, held twice a week, led by trained volunteers.

Open to adults of all ages at no cost.

- Hill City Fire Hall

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 am

- Jacobson Community Center

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Strength, balance and fitness for adults 55+

If you are interested in either attending as a participant and/or serving as a volunteer, please contact:

Audrah Huntley at audrah@eldercircle.org or 218-999-9233 x279

HILL CITY FIRE RELIEF ASSOC. ANNUAL FISH FRY

April 22, 2023

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

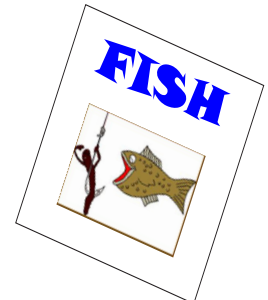
Fire Hall

Requested Donations

Adults - \$10.00

Children (6 - 12) - \$5.00

5 & under - Free



Includes: potato salad, cole slaw, beans, buns, and beverage



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu April 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	3 Bagel, Cream Cheese	4 Oatmeal, Cereal, Grahams	5 French Toast, Sausage Links	6 Cinnamon Roll	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
9	10 NO SCHOOL	11 Muffins, Cheese Stick	12 Bacon Egg Scrambler Pizza	13 Oatmeal, Cereal, Grahams	14 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	15
16	17 Strawberry Mini Bagel	18 Oatmeal, Cereal, Grahams	19 Breakfast Burrito	20 Cereal Bar, Nutrigrain	21 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	22
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Muffins, Cheese Stick	26 Breakfast Pizza	27 Oatmeal, Cereal, Grahams	28 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	29 Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Lunch Menu April 2023

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	3 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Coins, Mixed Veggies, Roll	4 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Salad Bar, Crackers	5 Beef Taco w/ Fixings, Refried beans, Rice	6 Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Baked Beans, Jo Jo Potatoes	7 NO SCHOOL	8
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	10 NO SCHOOL	11 French Bread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, California Veggie	12 Beef & Bean Burrito w/ Fixings, Rice, Black Bean Salsa	13 Chicken w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, Green Beans	14 BBQ Pork, Potato Coins, Baked Beans, Broccoli	15
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	17 Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Salad, Mixed Veggies	18 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick	19 Chicken Fajita w/ Fixings, Rice, Beans, Salsa, Corn	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread	21 Beef Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Roll	22 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Chicken Sandwich, L,T, Tater Tots, Green Beans	26 Pizza, Salad Bar, Corn	27 FARM 2 SCHOOL	28 Cheeseburger ona Bun, L.T., French Fires, Green Beans	29
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 OPEN GYM 6-8	3 SB vs Cromwell-Wright V JH HOME 4:30	4 SB vs Floodwood V JH HOME 4:30	5 OPEN GYM 7-9	6 BB vs McGregor V JH HOME 4:30 SB vs Nevis V JH AWAY 4:30	7 NO SCHOOL	8
9 OPEN GYM 6-8	10 NO SCHOOL	11 BB vs Nevis V, JV, JH HOME 4:30 SB vs Hink-Fin V JH HOME 4:30	12 OPEN GYM 7-9	13 BB vs Deer River V, JV, JH AWAY 4:30	14 SB vs Carlton v, JV, JH HOME 4:30	15 
16 OPEN GYM 6-8	17	18 BB vs Mesabi East V, JV, JH HOME 4:30 SB vs LaPorte V JH AWAY 4:30	19 OPEN GYM 7-9	20	21 BB vs W-H-A V JH AWAY 4:30	22 BB Deer River Tourney Varsity Only AWAY 9:00 am
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30 OPEN GYM 6-8			Check ACTIVITY CALENDAR for "HOME GAMES"		Schedule is Subject to CHANGE at ANY TIME	This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org