

### Slater Regular City Council Meeting January 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on January 11, 2016, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Ken May, Ann Sobiech-Munson, Steve Ransom, and John Kahler. Absent: Susan Erickson.

It was moved by Kahler and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the December 14, 2015, and bills totaling \$99,203.14 presented as follows:

AFFINITYCARE, INC	EAP SERVICES	21.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	189.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7,631.03
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSN.	2016 DUES	90.00
AMES FORD	BRUSH TRUCK 2016 F 350 SD 4X4	35,869.00
ANKENY AUTO ELECTRIC	REBUILD STARTER 1941 CHEVY	145.00
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	MILLTRONICS INFO SYSTEM REPAIR	1,482.25
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	702.12
BALLARD DOLLARS FOR SCHOLA	2016 SCHOLARSHIP	350.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	197.52
CENTRAL IOWA READY MIX	SERVICE LINE REPAIR	717.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	19.45
DEAN NEUBAUER	STARTER SWITCH FOR 1941	55.40
DES MOINES STEEL FENCE CO,	FENCE REPAIR ON SIEVERS TRAIL	175.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,450.61
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	AFR, NOTICE PUBLICATIONS	233.15
HALLETT MATERIALS	GRAVEL, SAND	497.69
HAWKINS, INC	AQUA HAWK, K PERMANGANATE, AZONE	1,809.95
HORNBUCKLE, DARLA	PAPER SUPPLIES	20.13
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	389.40
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	5,060.67
IOWA DOT	THREADED RODS	49.81
IPERS	IPERS	3,543.93
JISSOM	OUTLOT S PURCHASE (10TH AVE)	1.00
JORDAN & MAHONEY	LEGAL	100.00
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	PSF ANNUAL FEES	365.00
KADETH, INC	SERVER SERVICE	807.46
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	180.00
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	TAMA ST WATER LINE & TAP	4,045.31
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROAD STONE	111.66
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	43.77
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	203.70
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	TOILET SEAT	163.39
SENSUS	2016 FEES	1,838.00
SERNETT, SUZY	REIMB FOR SUPPLIES	49.44
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	WWTP FACILITY PLAN	3,500.00
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	BUILDING MATERIALS, HVAC, PLUMBING	2,268.75
STORY COUNTY SHERIFF	3RD QUARTER LAW ENFORCEMENT	20,537.03
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	CLEANER	24.15
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS.	31.25
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	SNOW BLADE EDGE	203.52
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	EOB BOOKS	30.00

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	68,812.48
ROAD USE	4,593.36
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	395.00
WATER	14,767.20
SEWER	10,606.77
STORM WATER	5.35
RESOURCE RECOVER	22.98

December Revenues:

GENERAL	24,248.02
EMP BENEFITS	333.21
LOST	16,967.69
TIF 4	75.76
TIF - Heartland	386.51
TIF - Ia Plains	386.51
ECON DEV	2,648.42
DEBT SERV	3,716.59
WATER	28,956.51
SEWER	20,700.97
STORM WATER	2,235.96
RESOURCE REC	3,535.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,191.76</b>

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Councilmembers from the City of Luther came to ask if the council would consider allowing Slater’s administrative staff to assist them with their office work. Their clerk has quit and they are exploring all options at this point. The City of Luther operates no utilities and is under the 200 resident threshold for the state which affects their reporting requirements. Some of the big issues they face include a storm water problem resulting in flooding and a request for a TIF program from the Co-Op that is planning a significant expansion. The previous clerk had no set hours. The city’s annual finance report is done, but budget has not been started. It is due to the state March, 15. Kahler moved that Slater’s administrative staff will help the City of Luther with their FY 17 budget process, but will have to consider any other long-term commitment at a later date. The City of Luther will pay the City of Slater \$25/hour for this work. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Slater Fire Department would like to hold their annual dance on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 11 pm in Nelson Park this year. They will offer activities in the afternoon before the dance as well as food and drink options. Waterball fights will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and the road will need to be closed from Tama to Benton. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve the dance in the park and the street closure. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0. The department also reported that the new truck has arrived and is being outfitted.

The council reviewed more information from regarding credit card processing. There may be a difference in the way Mastercard and Visa allow processing. Moneris processing company stated that Mastercard will allow a set transaction fee plus a percent of the transaction total which would allow the city to pass the processing costs on to the user exactly as the city is billed. Visa requires one set fee for all transactions instead of passing through the exact cost. More information will be gathered about this for the next meeting.

Syngenta has requested more information from the city including emergency response for confined spaces, location of a tornado siren, cost of a sewer meter, street lighting options, Hwy 210 speed limit, etc. Staff has provided them with written responses and had a conference call to go over those responses with Syngenta management. The council agrees that a signed annexation agreement would expedite the sewer main expansion project. Staff will continue to check in with Syngenta management regularly.

The asbestos removal for 501 Main Street is estimated to cost \$5-6,000. Council requested that the property be advertised so that once the removal is complete the property can be turned over to a new owner and renovation or demolition/construction can begin.

Ransom moved to approve Resolution 7(2015-16), setting policy for dishonored payments. The resolution updates the previous version by including all forms of payment (ACH, Credit Card) instead of just checks. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Slater’s public works department will begin renovations on the Senior Center. They will remove the paneling and drywall the walls. The ceiling tiles will be replaced and the carpet will be removed and laminate will be put down. The facility will still house morning coffee during this process, but will not be available for rent until the update is completed.

The city will conduct smoke testing of the sewer system later in the spring to help identify problem areas. The council discussed the priority of projects for the next bonds. Street repair was identified

as a top concern and public works will compile a prioritized list of possible street projects and issues for the next meeting.

The city will hold its annual budget session during the regular meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Staff reported that 405 Main Street has been transferred to Casey & Stacie Mallon. They hope to have the building demolished by the end of January.

May moved to adjourn the meeting. Ransom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

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Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

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Gary Halverson, Mayor