

Slater Regular City Council Meeting October 17, 2016

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Steve Ransom at 7:30 P.M. on October 17, 2016, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Ken May, Steve Ransom, John Kahler, Ann Sobiech-Munson, and Susan Erickson. Absent: Gary Halverson

It was moved by Sobiech-Munson and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the September 12, 2016, and bills totaling \$117,542.79 presented as follows:

AFFINITYCARE, INC	EAP HEALTH SERVICES	21.00
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	189.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	8,932.98
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOC	FY 17 DUES	224.00
AMMON GINGERICH CONSTRUCTION	PW BUILDING ADDITION	32,718.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	1,079.98
BENNETT SANITATION	SEPT - OCT TRASH COLLECTION	320.00
BUTTZ, MEGAN	TRAIN TABLE AND ACCESSORIES	60.00
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	RENTAL - OVERSEEDER	185.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	154.14
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER CONTRACT	56.31
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	NEW TITLE BOND 1990 FORD PU	100.00
CULLIGAN	COOLER RENTAL AND WATER	19.95
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIP	EJECTION UNIT/CONNECTOR	815.85
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	348.79
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	SHOP ADDITION - LIGHTING	1,452.55
FELD FIRE	PUMP TEST & SERVICE	980.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	6,102.12
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOKS	135.15
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	PUBLICATIONS	43.32
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INS	147.94
GOGERTY, JENNIFER	MILEAGE REIMB - ZEARING	43.20
HACH COMPANY	PH TESTER, SAMPLE CELL SET	737.62
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS, AZONE, SODIUM	1,010.32
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	TRIMEC	424.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	411.82
IA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS	DUES/TRAINING	60.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	2017 WATER USE FEE	66.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	1,120.00
IPERS	IPERS	4,068.85
JORDAN & MAHONEY	PROPERTY OWNERSHIP	140.00
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	30.00
KENNEDY, RYAN	TOW STRAPS, LED LIGHT, ALARM	215.13
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	278.10
KRIZ-DAVIS CO.	MAIN ST PROJECT - ELECTRICAL	280.97
MANATTS, INC	MAIN ST SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT	1,030.00

MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	502.10
MARTIN PEST CONTROL	SPRAYING - SEPT 2,10,23	1,350.00
MCCANN, LINDA	AUTHOR SPEAKING FEE	50.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	FITTINGS, NEW TRUCK 612	470.85
MUNN LUMBER	RETAINING WALL	666.17
NITE OWL PRINTING	PRINTING	362.25
OGLE'S GREENHOUSE	2016 KIDS FOR TREES GRANT	3,620.00
PARTSMASTER	WIRE STRIPPER, CRIMP&SHRINK	332.12
PELLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	BOOK CLUB TRIP	45.00
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	472.39
PETTY CASH	START UP CASH - BINGO	150.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY POSTAGE, STAMPS	295.96
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	SOD CUTTER, FABRIC, SOD	190.20
RAKER RHODES	STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT	1,000.00
OSSIAN, ROGER	SHEATING, LUMBER	5,963.39
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	TRAIL DR, 1ST AVE, 3rd AVE	4,967.82
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL	30.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	CALLS & MEETINGS	360.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	WWTP FACILITY PLAN	1,800.00
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	MONTHLY ACH FEE	26.75
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	BOOKS	2,729.23
STAPLES	PAPER, FLAGS, PENS, FLASHDRIVE	296.07
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	LIBRARY SUPPORT CERTIFICATION	40.00
STORY CO EMS ASSOC	FY 17 DUES	25.00
STORY COUNTY SHERIFF	2nd QTR LAW ENFORCEMENT	21,154.97
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	2015 TAXES MAIN ST	480.20
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	CLEANING SUPPLIES	128.72
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SEPT SALES TAX	2,544.74
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, INC	LIFE INS	31.25
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	CHAIN SAW TRUCK 612	309.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	209.17
WASHER SYSTEMS OF IOWA	PRESSURE WASHER NOZZLE, GUN	280.75
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,655.72

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	78,580.93
ROAD USE	3,531.68
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,802.89
ECON DEVELOPMENT	7,441.59
WATER	9,495.94
SEWER	3,251.47
SEWER - PROJECT	1,800.00
STORM WATER	10,258.81
RESOURCE RECOVER	379.48

September Revenues:

GENERAL	22,970.21
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,190.60
L.O.S.T.	16,665.04
TIF - COMM	8,607.41
TIF - IA PLAINS	7,017.37
ECON DEV	5,625.00
DEBT SERVICE	14,400.81
WATER	20,393.22
SEWER	11,304.37
STORM WATER	1,258.86
RESOURCE REC	1,783.88
Total	112,216.77

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

EMS reported that Ryan Vincent has resigned from the department due to moving out of town. Kahler moved to accept the resignation. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Mayor Pro-tem Ransom opened the public hearing for the environmental impact of the sewer main expansion project at 7:52. The City engineer reviewed the project details for the council. No significant impact was found and no comments were made or received by the clerk’s office. Mayor Halverson arrived at 8:03 and closed the hearing. The council went on to discuss possible alternate sewer line routes due to a proposed wetland. More information will be available at the November meeting regarding the wetland, but the council is concerned that the timeframe for the construction of this sewer main expansion not be significantly altered.

Ransom moved to hold the second reading of Ordinance 267, setting water rates. The connection charge remains the same at \$12.16 and the charge per 100 cubic feet increased \$0.02 from \$4.53 to \$4.55. May seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Ayes – Ransom, May, Kahler, Sobiech-Munson, and Erickson. Nays – None.

Erickson moved to hold the second reading of Ordinance 268, setting sewer rates. Due to the impending wastewater treatment facility, the connection charge will be increased from \$10.50 to \$21.00 and the charge per 100 cubic feet will increase from \$3.83 to \$4.50. Ransom seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Ayes – Erickson, Ransom, Sobiech-Munson, Kahler, and May. Nays – None.

The council reviewed health insurance renewal options. The City’s current health insurance plan will go up by 12.24% this year. There is no change to the cost of the current dental plan. There are three city employees currently on the health insurance plan and three who have selected the cash-option instead. Since the cash-option was adopted in 2011, the city has saved over \$80,000 in premiums and an unmeasurable amount by not paying partial-self funding costs on all non-covered members as well as seeing a reduction in plan costs due to fewer employees contributing to risk and demographic factors. The council discussed various options including employees sharing in this expense in the future. The increase makes the monthly cost of a family plan \$1,030.52. The monthly cost was as high as \$1265 per family in 2012. Sobiech-Munson moved to renew the current plan with the

increase. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote as follows Ayes: Sobiech-Munson, Ransom, May, Erickson. Nays: Kahler.

The Council discussed the sale parameters for the buildings at 404 & 406 Main St. The City currently owns the buildings and has received a grant to get them repaired and stabilized. It may be beneficial to work with the end user during this phase so that the work done will be compatible with the function of the resulting business. Staff will list the buildings for sale on the city website, facebook page, and Zillow. Applications to purchase the building are due to the city by February 1st and MUST include a business plan as well as the offer. The plan needs to detail the applicant's investment in the property both in planned improvements and business equipment. The applications will be considered based on the overall value of the building and what the business will bring to Main Street.

Kahler moved to approve the firework permit and street closures for Christmas on Main, December 4th. The north side of Main Street will be closed from 2:30 to 5:30 pm in front of the Fire Station. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council discussed moving additional funds into the economic development loan program for potential future projects. This will provide the funds necessary for the Revitalization Incentive Fund Committee to consider and award new projects. A tentative budget amendment will be proposed at the next regular meeting. Sobiech-Munson moved to hold a public hearing for the first budget amendment to the FY17 budget at 7:30 on Monday, December 12th. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Slater was awarded the Story County Urban Renewal Area Projects grant for the north side of Main Street between Marshall and Tama. This grant for the streetscape will pay for new sidewalk, curb, lighting, and ADA compliant corners. Reconstruction of this area is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2017.

Kahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53. May seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Mary E. Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor