

Slater Regular City Council Meeting April 13, 2015

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on April 13, 2015, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Steve Ransom, Ken May, Ann Sobiech-Munson, and John Kahler. Absent: Susan Erickson.

It was moved by May and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting and bills totaling \$122,081.49 presented as follows:

AFFINITYCARE, INC	EAP INSURANCE	21.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7095.67
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	700.83
BENNETT SANITATION	TRASH COLLECTION	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	415.07
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	TOWELS	199.90
CONTRACT SPECIALTY	CHALK	443.00
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	INSURANCE	41,869.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	6.25
DARRELL ROUT	STUMP REMOVAL	300.00
DEMCO	CARPET SQUARES	205.43
DES MOINES STEEL FENCE CO	REPLACE OUTFIELD FENCING	4890.00
DKD CONSULTING	COMPUTER SERVICING	336.00
DOUBLE D ENTER. OF IOWA	INTAKE SECTIONS, TILE	179.50
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	LAMPS, WATER PLANT	941.24
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5254.86
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	402.58
HACH COMPANY	DO FIELD KIT	2150.39
HAWKINS, INC	TUBING	92.40
HEIMAN	LETTER PANELS	64.51
HORNBUCKLE, DARLA	CLEANING SUPPLIES	155.18
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES	386.95
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UP. IA	BATTERY TRUCK 112	18.95
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	NO TRESPASSING SIGNS	436.00
J TOWN AUTO	HEAT HOSE/PUMP, EXHAUST	729.66
JH CONSTRUCTION	BATHROOM TILE INSTALL	1680.00
JORDAN & MAHONEY	UTILITY EASEMENT	40.00
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	PSF	15.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	278.30
KING'S THRONE, LLC	RESTROOMS	150.00
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	POTHOLE PATCH	635.60
MET LIFE	LIFE INS	133.54
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE EQ.	GUTTER BROOMS	542.84
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO., LLC	SEWER JETTING	7520.12
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	MAIN REPAIR PARTS	664.55
NITE OWL PRINTING	MARCH NEWSLETTER	462.00
PARTSMATER	ROD COUPLERS	51.26
PERKINS ELECTRIC	TROUBLESHOOT MOTOR	60.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	BATHROOM PLUMBING	136.13
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	199.58
PROSOURCE SPECIALTIES	SUMMER READING	59.75
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	TAPE, CLAMP, SEALANT, TEF	377.06
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	TRAIL DR, W 6TH AVE INSP.	6041.97
SAM'S CLUB	SOUP & SONGS	33.03
SENTIMENTAL	DVD	30.00
SERNETT, SUZY	DVD	24.96
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	MARCH AND APRIL CALLS	390.00
SMITH, ZACH	CPR REIMBURSEMENT	60.00
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	DECOR, PAINT, LIGHTING	4468.80
STAPLES	INK, PAPER, FOLDERS, PENS	441.77

STOREY KENWORTHY	DESKS, CHAIRS, CABINETS	5750.12
STORY COUNTY SHERIFF	LAW ENFORCEMENT	19,937.71
TONKA WATER	MOTOR	45.59
TOWN & COUNTRY	PROGRAMMING SUPPLIES	130.32
TREAS, IOWA STATE UNIV.	TRAINING	150.00
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS	31.25
UNITED RENTALS	DRUM ROLLER	387.61
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONES	185.01
XENIA	WATER	3353.25

Expenses FY 15:

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Story County Sheriff's office informed the council that they will be hiring for a road position. Also, they have just completed training for an abducted child emergency situation.

Members of the Slater's Firefighters Association returned and informed the council that the Firefighter's Association wished to abandon the idea of renovating the Sr. Center due to the opposition voiced by community members. A member from the Slater Area Historical Association invited the Fire Association to place their fire memorabilia with the Historical Association. They are kicking off an expansion campaign soon. A resident expressed his wish to have a community center in the city which would provide rental space for family gatherings that both the Sr. Center and log cabin are used for currently. Another resident recapped the original proposal and wanted to point out that the Sr. Center is currently being used including this past weekend. He also noted that not all of the fire department members were in favor of the renovation as it was proposed and would prefer to leave the 1941 fire truck where is currently is in the fire station. Consideration also needs to be given to the donations from Ed Sydnes and Mike Mikelson that renovated the old city hall building into the Sr. Center. The resident emphasized that he fully supports the fire department and all the good work that they do, but that this is not only an issue for the fire department and he would like the council to gather input from the entire city. He also indicated that he would be in support of making changes once there is a community center that people could use. He went on to ask further questions about the city minutes and publications. Minutes are available fifteen days following the council meeting in accordance with State Law. They are published in the Ames Tribune since it meets circulation requirements and has more available printing days for legal publications. The city is also working on a new website which will be easier to use.

The TIF paperwork for the commercial expansion is ready and the council will meet in special session on Wednesday the 15th at 7:30am to set the date for the public hearing.

Sheldahl approve the Fire Services 28E agreement and resubmitted it for approval. Kahler moved to approve the 28E agreement. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Last summer the council looked at the property condition of 900 W 6th Ave and decided to revisit it this spring. This property is zoned industrial and its current use fits within those guidelines. The house will be leaving this spring. Iron has been sorted and will be trucked out, however, this process will recur as it is part of the business. The grass is mowed and a 25 ft. grass buffer space has been maintained on the west side of the property. Several council members had been out to look at the property and noticed that it is more organized. The owner volunteered to bring in more concrete dividers to help hide the materials on the property. The council saw no further issues with this property at this time.

Alliant Energy has prepared the documents for the easement along the city property on 1st Ave for the gas regulator station. Alliant has not yet been successful in locating a space for the other regulator station near 6th and Linn. They are pursuing other locations, but asked that the city potentially consider locating it on the park land at 5th and Linn. The council would prefer not to use that location if possible and will wait to see if any of the other locations work out.

Flow meters have been installed and readings are being taken. They will be in through the summer. There may be grants available for the sewer projects and are being investigated.

The funeral home at 312 Main has requested 2 handicapped parking spaces adjacent to their building. The layout of the streets makes handicapped spaces possible on Marshall. There is too much slope on Main St. The council would like more information on sign placement, future use of the side door of the funeral home and handicapped space regulations and will make a decision at the next meeting. The council also discussed painting lines on all of Main Street. Most people who park there now

make an attempt to pull in at the correct angle regardless of the direction they are coming from. There are some who do not when they are coming from the opposite direction and they end up taking up a lot of space and causing problems with other parked cars.

There will be at least one budgeted fund that will need to be amended for the current fiscal year. Kahler moved to set the date for the public hearing of the 2014-15 budget amendment for May 11th. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Kahler made the move to approve the liquor license for the Fireman's Dance. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The parks and recreation board submitted a resignation from Shari Hernandez. Sobiech-Munson moved to accept the resignation. Kahler seconded. The board also made the request to the council that their members be reduced from 7 to 5 through attrition and that this vacancy not be replaced. Over the years it has been difficult at times for the board of 7 to have a quorum for meetings which just delays items. The board has several large projects on the horizon and special interest committees headed by the parks and rec board will be a more effective way to get them done. Ransom moved to hold the first reading of ordinance 259, reducing the parks and recreation board to 5 members. May seconded. The motion passed as follows Aye: Ransom, May, Kahler, Sobiech-Munson. Nay: None. Absent: Erickson.

Councilman May briefed the council regarding the hwy 69 reconstruction project. The project will be done in several phases. The south edge of Huxley to Hwy 210 will be done in May. The next phase will do from the country club going north to the south edge of Ames. These sections will be closed during this time and detours will be in place. Within Huxley city limits will be done sometime during the second phase and will have a pilot car. All of this reconstruction will be asphalt.

Ransom moved to adjourn. Kahler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor