

Slater Special City Council Meeting November 21, 2011

A special meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 5:16 P.M. on November 21, 2011, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Ken May, Tim Locker, Gene Staple, and Steve Ransom. Absent: None.

Staples moved to approve the agenda. May seconded. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

Mayor Halverson gave the Oath of Office to recently elected council members, Steve Ransom and John Kahler. Ransom received the most votes and takes the seat that was vacated by Mike Higgs. Kahler took Ransom's then vacated seat.

The following are claims that were approved at the regular meeting on November 14, 2011 totaling \$135,411.17 as follows:

Expenses:

The council took a call from attorney Jim Wainwright to discuss the city's current position in the swimming pool litigation and repairs. They also discussed the settlement offer from MER Engineering regarding their work on the pool. May moved to adopt Resolution 12(2011-12), a resolution approving the compromise and settlement of litigation between the City and MER Engineering. Ransom seconded the motion. Motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 5 Nay: None

The Ballard Boosters are interested in replacing the scoreboard at Nite Hawk Field where the Jr. and Sr. High Baseball teams play. The City has historically shared costs for this field and is interested in helping fund the scoreboard as well. The council looked at the scoreboard that had been chosen by the Booster Club. They discussed adding signage to the scoreboard. Staples moved to make an offer to the Booster Club that the City would fund ½ of the cost of the scoreboard and pay for signage saying "Ballard Bombers" and "Nite Hawk Field". Locker seconded. Motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 5 Nay: None

The council reviewed the recommendation from the economic development committee to grant a loan for \$75,000 to Nite Hawk Bar and Grill. The council reviewed the business plan that was submitted with the application and a lengthy discussion ensued. Staples moved to accept the recommendation of the committee and give the 0% interest loan for \$75,000 for a term of 10 years to the Nite Hawk Bar and Grill with the stipulation that the City holds the first lien against the property as collateral.

Locker moved to adjourn. May seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor