

Slater Regular City Council Meeting December 10, 2012

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:32 P.M. on December 10, 2012, 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, and Gene Staples. Absent: Tim Locker.

It was moved by Kahler and seconded by Ransom to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on November 12, 2012, and bills totaling \$124,354.91 presented as follows:

AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES FOR REBONDING	10,867.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	5,830.39
	HANGING UNIT, PRESSURE	
AMES HEATING & COOLING	SWITCH	90.95
BANKERS TRUST	TAXABLE B 12 1 12	9,987.50
BENNETT SANITATION	NOV, DEC	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	355.73
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LP BOOKS	48.94
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALIST	SERVER SET UP	90.00
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	INSURANCE	414.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES	ACH BILLING	663.75
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING MATERIALS	137.22
DKD CONSULTING	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	461.00
DOOR & FENCE STORE, INC	GARAGE DOOR	1,160.00
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	MAGAZINES	535.77
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	CEILING FANS	190.77
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	BASE RADIO REPAIR	106.20
FEDERAL TAXES	FED/FICA TAX	4,606.78
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOK	14.39
GOGERTY, JENNIFER	INK	22.99
HEARTLAND CONST EQUIPMENT	SCOREBOARD SET UP	100.00
HILL BROS ASPHALT CORP	STORY ST	13,350.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES	419.17
IA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFIC	FALL CONF	140.00
INGRAM	BOOKS	39.69
IOWA DOT	LIGHT BULBS	57.60
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	DEC 1 2012	15,795.00
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	26.10
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC	2013 DUES	250.00
IPERS	IPERS	2,988.97
JISSOM	PRAIRIE CREEK 4 6/12-10/12	40,562.98
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	64.50
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	270.00
MANATTS, INC	SIDEWALK PATCH	251.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO	FLAG POLE PARTS	44.45
NITE OWL PRINTING	NEWSLETTER	237.50
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	FURNACE CHECK	324.00
PENWORTHY COMPANY	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	97.71
POSTMASTER-SLATER	DEC BILLS	293.20
SCHULING HITCH CO, INC	RECEIVER TUBE	86.50
SERNETT, SUZY	CHAIR TIPS	181.86
SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASS	ANNUAL FUNDS	1,436.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	CALL	124.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	XENIA CONNECTION	586.50
SOUTH STORY CREDIT CARD	POSTAGE, BOOKS, ANTENNA, ETC	738.22
STAPLES	SCANNER	324.99
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	PAPER TOWELS AND H2O	15.89
TREAS., STATE OF IOWA	NOV TAX	3,084.00
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	INS	2,798.92
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, IN	LIFE INS	62.50
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	RETURN CREDIT	2,755.24

Expenses:

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

Representatives from the Slater First Responders updated the Council on the maintenance issues of their vehicle. After considerable discussion, Kahler moved to approve taking the vehicle to Karl Chevrolet for further repairs up to \$3000.00 and authorized staff to approve any higher estimate that may be presented. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0. The council would like the responders to plan a replacement in future budgets.

The final draft of the contract for Xenia Connection was presented. There was some discussion of other options and the future of Xenia. A motion was made by Staples to accept the contract as presented. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

A request for an Economic Development Loan was presented. The Request was from Brent Selix and Marcia Henry with the intention of creating a Bed & Breakfast at 101 Main Street, Slater, Iowa. This specific business would be a “home based business” and because this was not the intent of the program it raises issues that have not been previously addressed with the City Loan program. After considerable discussion, May made a motion to table a decision for this request, have the Loan Review Committee come back with recommendations concerning these issues, and make a definite recommendation for this specific request. Staples seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

May moved to approve Resolution 22(2012-13) accepting the FY 2012 audit report. Ransom seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

Due to concerns of temporary signage around town, the council reviewed the City’s sign code and discussed the necessity of implementing a city wide signage program. Staff was directed to review some alternatives and present these at the next council meeting.

Motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Ransom to accept 1) the resignation of Steve Gaul – effective 12/31/12 and 2) the appointment of Jonathan Thompson – effective 1/1/13 on the Park and Recreation Board. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0. Motion was made by Kahler and seconded by May to purchase and plant a tree for both Evy Raes and Steve Gaul in honor of the more than 20 years of service to their community through the Park & Recreation Board. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Staples moved to adjourn. May seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:52P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor