

Slater Regular City Council Meeting December 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on December 14, 2015, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Ann Sobiech-Munson, John Kahler, Steve Ransom, and Susan Erickson. Absent: Ken May.

It was moved by Erickson and seconded by Ransom to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the November 9, 2015, and bills totaling \$102,050.91 presented as follows:

AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	379.20
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	5,603.06
SUPPLYWORKS/AM SAN	LINE PAINTING MACHINE	4,779.80
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	556.08
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	STREET LIGHT FLAG BRACKETS	179.41
BENNETT SANITATION	NOV-DEC TRASH COLLECTION	320.00
BOWMAN & MILLER, P.C.	FY 15 AUDIT	7,800.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	119.76
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING,	GLOVES, WIPES, TOWELS	451.90
COUNTRY LANDSCAPES, INC	TRAILHEAD BATHROOMS	138.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	19.45
CYBRARIAN	ANNUAL LICENSE	495.00
CYCLONE AWARDS & ENGRAVING	SIGN NAME PLATES	100.00
DARRELL ROUT	STUMP REMOVAL	120.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL LICENSE	3,907.06
DAVE WHITE PLUMBING	WATER LINE - 104 TAMA	283.65
DEAN NEUBAUER	POINTS (1941)	15.89
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	352.95
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	STREET LIGHTS	9,853.40
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	8,410.08
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOKS	57.58
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	MINUTES	192.71
HAWKINS, INC	INDEX PLATE	58.70
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	390.46
IMPACT 7G INC	ASBESTOS TESTING	329.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	NOV SALES TAX, WH TAX	4,000.85
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	LOOPER TUBE ROAD CONES	803.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATI	2016 DUES	275.00
IPERS	IPERS	7,475.98
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	PSF FEES	15.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	708.40
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	150.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	HYD FILTER, OIL FILTER, WIPER	673.64
MAINSTREET DESIGNS	STREET LIGHT BANNERS	953.00
MET LIFE	LIFE INS	66.77
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE EQ.	SWEEPER PARTS	318.07
MOSQUITO CONTROL OF IOWA	2015 SPRAYING	6,180.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER METERS	2,890.11
NITE OWL PRINTING	DEC NEWSLETTERS	432.00
OLDENKAMP, DALE	BASEBALL REFUND	40.00
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	BOILER REPAIR	558.00
PARTSMASTER	SCREWDRIVER SET, CAP SCREWS,	538.86
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT	1 MONTH EDISPATCH	79.00
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	117.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	POSTAGE	205.10
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	BULBS	208.03
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	SHED - S CARROLL	60.35
SAM'S CLUB	MEMBERSHIP DUES	7.26
SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOC	FY 2016 SUPPORT	1,500.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	67 MEMBERS AUG-NOV	335.00
SMART APPLE MEDIA	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	259.40

SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	WWTP FACILITY PLAN	2,850.00
SOUTH STORY BANK CREDIT CARD	IEMSA TRAINING, BENCH, BIKE RACK	3,141.38
STAPLES	HANGING FOLDERS, TAPE	266.96
STORY COUNTY AUDITOR	2015 ELECTIONS	1,427.81
STUTSMAN, INC	SALT	3,526.94
TITAN MACHINERY	RELAY	38.42
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	SOUP & SONGS LUNCH	41.95
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS	31.25
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INS	3,010.49
XENIA	WATER	13,952.75

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	46,830.19
ROAD USE	10,371.25
ECONOMIC DEV.	329.00
RECREATION TRAIL	560.00
WATER	30,684.79
SEWER	11,687.29
STORM WATER	978.86
RESOURCE RECOVER	609.53

November Revenues:

GENERAL	19,678.33
ROAD USE	15,917.28
EMP BENEFITS	1,044.04
LOST	8,667.21
TIF 4	436.10
ECON DEV	948.42
DEBT SERV	11,304.90
WATER	28,031.42
SEWER	19,184.76
STORM WATER	2,081.91
RESOURCE REC	3,466.55
Total	110,753.56

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Deputy Quinn informed the council that extra attention is being given to the school crosswalks as some drivers aren't obeying the stop sign.

Sue Duvick and Margie McKinney informed the council that they are part of a program called "Helping Hands" that is a group of volunteers who are willing to help those in need with meals, yard work, transportation, shopping, etc. All services are at no cost. Anyone interested in being a volunteer or needing a "helping hand" is encouraged to call 515-414-4813.

Dale Peterson resigned from the fire department. Brennan Manful was chosen as his replacement with Trevor Loftus selected as an alternate who will fill the next opening. Ransom moved to approve the resignation and appointments. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Kahler moved to hold the third reading and adopt the ordinance to establish stop signs. Ransom seconded. The motion passed with a vote of, Aye: Kahler, , Ransom, Sobiech-Munson, Erickson. Nay: None. Absent: May.

Staff reported that the meeting with the regional manager of mega-sites for Syngenta went well. He, like the local site manager, is in favor of annexation because of the benefits the city can provide at this location. This location is slated to expand within the next 5 to 10 years and to do so must have access to city sewer. Staff will follow up with the regional manager this week.

The council reviewed possible curb and sidewalk designs for Main Street. The county grant will be used to replace the east most block of the commercial district on the south side. Discussion was held about what this may look like. The current design includes bump outs which allow room for handicapped ramps to be placed as well as light fixtures. They also help slow traffic and encourage angled parking. Drainage for storm water will be considered as the project moves forward. A concern was raised about having enough room for the Christmas tree once the bump outs are constructed with the new curbs. The tree may need to be smaller than the one that is in place this year to allow traffic to flow around it. The council agreed by consensus to proceed with this design.

The council reviewed a small parcel of land that was inadvertently not transferred in 2006 from Jim and Marigrace Sievers with the rest of the waterway and streets for the Prairie Creek Plat 3 & 4 project. Kahler moved to purchase Outlot S for \$1.00 to correct this oversight. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The council reviewed the FY 15 audit. No unusual activity was found and the city's cash funds have increased approximately \$112,000. A full copy of the audit is available for review at City Hall and the Slater Public Library. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve the audit. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The council reviewed the information from several credit/debit card processing companies. Staff is still gathering additional information and will talk to other cities that use these programs. Kahler moved to revisit the issue at the January meeting with the additional information. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The Sheldahl sewer meter is now working and has recorded 260,000 gallons in 14 days. There was a significant change during a large rainfall indicating that there are some inflow and infiltration problems. The rain event produced 5.6 inches in Slater over a period of 24 hours which was more than the storm and sewer systems could handle resulting in some back-ups as well as standing, pooled water. Most levels returned to normal within 24 hours.

The council reviewed the annual finance report for FY 15. A copy is available for review at City Hall. The council also discussed the FY 17 budget. No numbers are available yet, but departments will be working on budget requests shortly after the New Year.

The property located at 501 Main Street was found to have asbestos. Removal will be done as soon as possible and the council can then consider the future of the property. There is a business interested in purchasing the location and restoring the structure for a retail location. Paperwork is pending for the ownership transfer of 405 Main Street and the utility locates have been done for demolition. The recent rain event may delay demolition. The city is waiting on paperwork from the attorney to complete the acquisition of 404 and 406 Main Street.

Mayor Gary Halverson and council members Steve Ransom and John Kahler took their oath's of office for the terms beginning January 2, 2016.

Kahler moved to adjourn. Erickson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor