

Slater Regular City Council Meeting December 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on December 9, 2013, 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 Staples and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on November 11, 2013, and bills totaling \$ 147,340.30, presented as follows:

ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7,675.39
BANKERS TRUST	BOND PAYMENTS	9,676.25
BEISSER LUMBER	LUMBER	2,847.69
BENNETT SANITATION	TRASH	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	333.02
CULLIGAN	WATER	18.75
CYCLONE AWARDS & ENGRAVING	GAVEL, NAME PLATES	107.00
ECIVIS	ANNUAL FEE	1,000.00
FELD FIRE	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	196.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	2,452.65
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOKS	114.35
HAWKINS, INC	AQUA HAWK	2,772.29
HEARTLAND CO-OP	DEC 2013 PAYMENT #1	15,663.68
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES	294.07
IA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTILIT	WORKSHOP	100.00
IOWA DOT	DIESEL OIL	1,034.52
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	BOND PAYMENTS	9,233.75
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC	2014 DUES	250.00
J TOWN AUTO	CARB REPAIR '76 FORD	500.45
JH CONSTRUCTION	DOWNPAYMENT FOR CIRC DESK	8,000.00
JISSOM	TIF PAYMENTS	33,120.97
JJK HOLDINGS LLC	TIF PAYMENTS	2,699.64
KELLER EXCAVATING	WATER CONNECTION	9,804.00
KELTEK	2 PAGERS	853.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	457.90
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOM	90.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	OIL FILTERS, HEADLIGHT	210.39
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	MAIN BREAK 2ND AVE	375.00
MANATTS, INC	CONCRETE	5,992.25
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROCK	368.41
MATT PARROTT & SONS CO.	BILLS	998.94
NITE OWL PRINTING	PRINTING	333.00
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	FURNACE SERVICE	150.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY BILLS & STAMPS	281.10
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	FLASHING, FILTERS, FURNACE PIP	422.81
RAKER RHODES	ENGINEERING	1,400.00
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	CEDAR, LINN, 1ST	413.75
SAM'S CLUB	MEMBERSHIP	78.30
SLATER ANIMAL HOSPITAL	CATS	130.80
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	BOND PAYMENTS	7,643.25
SOUTH STORY CREDIT CARD	BOOKS, DVD'S, EMS CLASS, FILTER	2,304.87
SPECK USA	WINDOW SILLS	1,147.96
STORY COUNTY RECORDER	RECORDING FEES	104.20
STUTSMAN, INC	SALT	3,423.43
THE TRIBUNE	MINUTES	116.11
TREAS., STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,977.42
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES	INSURANCE	2,705.43
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS	31.25
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	SAW	76.44
WEEKS CONSTRUCTION	GRADE, FOAM, CONCRETE	4,728.00
WILCOX-CONLEY, KYRA	GRANT PROJECT REIMB.	261.80
WOLFE EYE CLINIC	EYE TREATMENT	50.00

Expenses:

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

A business owner asked the council for clarification as to what will be plowed and what will be left snow covered along the City Trail/High Trestle Trail for snowmobile use. It was decided that the City Trail would be left snow covered from 1ST Ave. to the baseball diamond to allow snowmobile access. The High Trestle Trail will be plowed from 1st Ave. to Hwy 210 for walkers to use during the winter months as snowmobiles are forbidden on this trail.

The council held a recognition ceremony for outgoing council members Tim Locker and Gene Staples. Locker served the city for 6 years and while Staples was a council member for 16 year. The City thanks them both for their time. Recently elected officials were also sworn in at this time. Gary Halverson will start his 4th consecutive term as Mayor and Ken May will 3rd term on council beginning January 1, 2014. Joining the council will be Susan Erickson and Ann Sobiech Munson.

An informative presentation was given by the Ames Resource Recovery Plant. The Recovery Plant processes almost all of the waste produced in Story County. Current service contracts expire in 2014 and new 28E agreements will be mailed to the cities soon for review.

Kahler moved that Resolution 8 (2013-14), a change order for the back-up water connection project, be adopted. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ransom moved that Resolution 9 (2013-14), a pay application for the back-up water connection project, be adopted. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

May moved that Resolution 10 (2013-14), accepting the back-up water connection project, be adopted. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ransom proposed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 255, an ordinance limiting speed to 35 mph on N. Carroll from 1st Ave to the City limits. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a roll call vote as follows: Aye – Ransom, Kahler, Staples, May Nay – None.

Kahler moved that Resolution 11 (2013-14), appointing City Officers, be adopted. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

The council discussed the option of council member receiving pay when assisting city staff in duties that are different than regular council duties; examples include plowing snow, mowing, manning city offices, etc. The council also discussed the possibility of changing the ordinance to allow council members the option to refuse payment for meetings. After a lengthy discussion, Ransom moved to allow council members to have the ability to declare if they wanted to be paid for their involvement or not. Staples seconded. The motion failed with a vote of 1-3.

The Library board will have a vacancy as Susan Erickson becomes a council member. May moved to appoint Kyle Munson to her seat on the Library Board. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

The council reviewed the Park & Rec board's long range plan. Significant discussion was had about the funds given to help offset sport registration costs.

Staples moved to adjourn. Ransom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor