

Slater Regular City Council Meeting February 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:01 P.M. on February 8, 2016, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Ann Sobiech-Munson, Susan Erickson, John Kahler, Ken May, and Steve Ransom. Absent: None.

It was moved by May and seconded by Ransom to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the January 11, 2016, and bills totaling \$68,352.34 presented as follows:

AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	189.60
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	TIF SET UP	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	8,112.89
ANKENY AUTO ELECTRIC	GENERATOR 1941	125.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	710.86
BENNETT SANITATION	JAN & FEB 2016	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	188.49
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	ICE MELT	91.00
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALIST	PASSWORD & LAPTOP	45.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	6.95
DATA TECHNOLOGIES	TAX FORMS	104.33
EAGLE ENGRAVING	ID TAGS - MANFULL, LOFTUS	13.60
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	LIGHT FIXTURES	474.38
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	TOURNIQUET, GAUZE PADS	181.20
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,609.94
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	BARCODES AND LABELS	84.76
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	MINUTES, ORDINANCE, WAGE REPOR	312.49
HACH COMPANY	TESTING SUPPLIES	367.67
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE, SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1,167.88
HEIMAN	SLIDE IN UNIT - BRUSH TRUCK	11,840.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX JAN, W/H TAXES	2,851.57
IOWA DOT	BATTERIES	164.23
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	8.10
IPERS	IPERS	3,718.58
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	PSF INSURANCE	15.00
KELTEK	PUSH BUMPER	1,259.48
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	894.10
LONG, JULIE	LEGO SETS	45.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	RELAY	32.98
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	TILE REPAIR - 600 BLOCK LINN	1,150.00
MALLON FINANCIAL	PURCHASE - 404/406 MAIN ST	18,000.00
MARK SCHAUDT H.V.A.C. SERV	FAN MOTOR REPLACEMENT	481.00
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	800.00
MNG INC	GRAPHICS - BRUSH TRUCK	500.00
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	FURNACE BLOWER MOTOR SEIZED	138.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY POSTAGE AND STAMPS	352.45
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	READY MIX, PRIMER	253.81
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	MEETINGS 2015 213 MEMBERS	606.00
SOUTH STORY CREDIT CARD	RENOVATION MATERIALS, RECORDER	5,291.50
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	ACH FEES	26.75
THORPE WATER DEVELOPMENT	REMOVED PUMP & MOTOR BLUK H2O	668.50
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	COOKIES	27.78
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS	31.25
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	UNIVERSAL DRIVE	379.36
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	208.87
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	HEALTH INSURANCE	461.99

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	30,608.45
ROAD USE	4,741.44
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	476.99
ABSOLUTE TIF	40.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	18,000.00
WATER	8,828.37
SEWER	4,680.47
STORM WATER	650.00
RESOURCE RECOVER	326.62

January Revenues:

GENERAL	18,797.59
ROAD USE TAX	16,066.63
EMP BENEFITS	554.63
LOST	16,967.69
TIF 4	1,382.54
ECON DEV	2,001.42
DEBT SERV	6,181.90
WATER	24,997.15
SEWER	18,434.40
STORM WATER	1,905.92
RESOURCE REC	2,749.80
Total	110,039.67

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

A community member informed the council that the Model T Club might be interested in the property at 501 Main. The club could renovate it as a museum. The City Council reiterated its position that they will be considering all offers and will be making their decision based on the potential for job opportunities, income and an appropriate fit on Main Street.

A resident expressed his concern regarding the news article about the lights on the High Trestle Trail between Slater and Sheldahl. The council explained some inaccuracies in the article and that they may consider lighting Slater’s part of the trail at a later date with lighting that is more appropriate for the setting. At the time, the project and its associated costs were too vague and the council felt that it had other projects with higher priority for funding. Slater did install low level lights in Grimm Park through a grant and something similar may be considered for the High Trestle Trail.

The City Council reviewed the officers that were elected by the City boards that will serve for the next year. Sobiech-Munson moved to accept the officers as elected. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0. Recommendations for the Cemetery Board opening will be presented at the next meeting.

The council reviewed more information about credit and debit card processing. Only companies who participate in the “Education and Government” program can pass through the processing fees to the user at the same rate they are charged. Both GovNetPay and Iowa Interactive participate in this program and are offering free equipment, however, Iowa Interactive does not yet have chip readers available. The council compared the processing rates and found them to be very similar. Council agreed that staff should find out if Iowa Interactive is willing to upgrade the readers at no cost and then select a program and start the implementation process.

Syngenta has presented signed annexation papers to the city along with a service agreement that outlines what the city intends to provide for Syngenta including the location of an outdoor warning siren near the property, connection to the sewer system, etc. Kahler moved to approve the service agreement. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0. As the city is waiting for annexation to be approved through the state, staff will work with the engineers to update the sewer expansion plans, if needed, and get them ready for bid letting. The expansion consists of a connection line up to a lift station in Grimm Park and the sewer main which will run west from the lift station to 500th Ave.

The council discussed the administrative services agreement that it has with the City of Kelley. At the last Kelley meeting, Kelley’s council confirmed again that they recognize that any work done beyond the original contract will need to be paid for in addition to the contract payment. At no time will work for the City of Kelley be paid for by Slater tax dollars. Hours spent on work for Kelley is tracked separately, just like each department within the city is tracked separately. Kelley’s council increased the base payment amount for the FY 17 budget to \$20,000. Some discussion was held regarding changing the contract to monthly billing and payment so that the City of Kelley wouldn’t be surprised at the end of year when the contract needed to be reconciled. Staff will ask the Kelley council if they are interested in changing to this process.

The council also inquired about the budget assistance to the City of Luther. Two members of the Luther council were present and conveyed how thankful they are for the help. Their budget is almost complete with their hearing scheduled for February 23rd.

Ransom moved to approve the liquor license renewal and change of license ownership for Nite Hawk Bar and Grill. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The city has received a lot of interest in the property at 501 Main St and many potential bidders have walked through the building. Since the building is on Main Street, the city will consider all economic impacts when selecting a bid. Bids must be submitted with an offer, business plan, list of building improvements or plan for demolition and reconstruction and, if applicable, the information required for the Revitalization Incentive Fund Loan Program by March 15th. The revitalization incentive fund advisory committee will review and prioritize a list for the council to consider at the April 11th meeting.

There is too much snow on the curbs currently to be able evaluate their condition. Once the snow is clear, staff will put together the prioritized list of streets and curbs that need repair for consideration in the upcoming bonding project. Some water mains may be included in this project necessary, but the main focus will be repaving streets.

Erickson moved to approve the FY 17 law enforcement contract with the Story County Sheriff's office. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council reviewed the budgets sheets that were submitted by the departments. The city is able to meet operating budget requests at the same levy rate as the previous years as well as funding capital improvement projects. Capital improvement projects for the proposed budget include replacing the boom truck, an additional outdoor warning siren for the NW corner of town, electrical service upgrade at Nelson Park, additional sidewalk in Grimm Park, and new flag lights at the Cemetery. The council discussed the need to expand the public works building. Equipment is currently being stored in the building that the council is accepting bids on. Once it is sold, that equipment will need to be relocated. The current shop space is tight, especially since newer equipment is bigger than what it replaced. The council discussed ways of financing a building addition and added it to the FY 17 budget. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve Resolution 8 (2015-16) setting the time and date for the public hearing of the budget as March 7th at 7:30 pm. The city levy is proposed to remain the same at \$14.35. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at City Hall and the library on February 24th.

There is a meeting on Thursday with the engineers regarding the sewer project. The budget will be updated to reflect any changes since it was originally designed.

The council briefly discussed the drop-box locations and decided to leave all 3 active. As a reminder, City drop boxes are available at the post office, in the entry way of City Hall and a there is a drive up box on the back of City Hall.

The City will be closing on the properties located at 404 and 406 Main Street around February 15th. They buildings will be city property in time to submit the derelict building grant by the 26th.

May moved to adjourn the meeting. Erickson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor