

Slater Regular City Council Meeting March 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on March 7, 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: Ann Sobiech-Munson.

It was moved by Kahler and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the February 8, 2016, and bills totaling \$43,186.59 presented as follows:

ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7,909.16
AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILLING FEE	250.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	681.17
BEAUMONT SPECIALTY PRODUCTS	BUMPER, GRILL GUARD	1,050.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	403.51
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	INSURANCE NEW TRUCK	76.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	19.95
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	224.32
EAGLE ENGRAVING	NAME TAGS	40.42
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	LIGHT FIXTURES	139.69
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,577.58
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOKS	138.35
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	PUBLICATIONS	300.83
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS- AZONE	441.20
HORNBuckle, DARLA	REIMB VACUUM BAGS	31.79
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET, PHONES	370.58
IA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	CCR TRAINING	45.00
IA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICE	DUES/TRAINING	20.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL REGISTRATION	70.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	FEB 2016 SALES TAX	1,640.60
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	15.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	1,899.10
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	COLD PATCH	1,443.20
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	97.81
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	ROCK FOR MAIN BREAK	1,520.34
MARK ESTREM	SR CENT REFERBISH	51.49
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROCK	390.83
MET LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	62.31
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	232.35
MOVIE LICENSING USA	2016 MOVIE LICENSE	209.00
MUNN LUMBER	PARK SHED	1,867.18
NITE OWL PRINTING	PRINTING	442.00
PARTSMASER	COTTER AND LYNCH PIN	49.36
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	196.25
PERKINS ELECTRIC	TROUBLESHOOT WELL PUMP	70.00

POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY POSTAGE	206.85
PROSOURCE SPECIALTIES	SUMMER READING	113.45
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	RENOVATION MATERIALS	138.12
SERNETT, SUZY	REIMB NAPKINS AND DÉCOR	7.19
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	WASTEWATER TREATMENT	1,500.00
SOCCER CONNECTIONS	SOCCER NETS	371.50
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	REMODELING SUPPLIES	3,911.92
MARY BETH SPROUSE	MILEAGE /TRAINING REIMB	61.95
THORPE WATER DEVELOPMENT	WELL #4 PUMP REPLACEMENT	5,111.03
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	SRP WORKSHOP	111.81
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, INC	LIFE INS	31.25
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	BLOWER REPAIR	384.19
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONES	209.09
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INS	3,051.87

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	16,654.38
ROAD USE	5,157.64
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,129.18
WATER	11,443.99
SEWER	5,267.33
SEWER - PROJECT	1,500.00
STORM WATER	13.73
RESOURCE RECOVER	20.34

February Revenues:

GENERAL	15,917.37
EMP BENEFITS	104.84
ECON DEV	1,690.60
DEBT SERV	1,128.33
WATER	23,852.82
SEWER	17,385.07
STORM WATER	1,728.40
RESOURCE REC	3,047.40
Total	64,854.29

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The fire department reported that they have a list of residents that they will be providing smoke detectors to. They are no longer taking new requests. The department will deliver these detectors in the upcoming weeks.

City staff has proceeded with implementing a credit card processing system through Iowa Interactive. Equipment and training should be complete so that the city will be able to process credit cards by April 1st.

Mayor Halverson opened the budget hearing for the FY2016-17 budget at 7:41 pm. No comments were received by the clerk's office. No comments were heard from the public so the mayor declared the meeting closed. May moved to approve Resolution 9 (2015-16) adopting the FY 2017 budget. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The DNR is requiring the City to submit an antidegradation analysis as a part of plan which will upgrade or replace the sewage lagoon. This analysis was an optional item in the original engineering contract with Snyder and Associates and needs council approval before it can be done. Erickson moved to approve the antidegradation analysis for the wastewater treatment facility evaluation by Snyder and Associates. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The council reviewed Change Order #1 for the sewer main expansion project. This change order is for an additional \$10,200 and will cover soil borings in the area where the mains will be located and preparation of the State Revolving Fund loan request as well as some minor design updates to the sewer trunk line. May moved to approve Resolution 10 (2015-16), accepting change order #1 to the sanitary sewer improvements project in the amount not to exceed \$10,200. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Kahler moved to renew the animal control contract with the Boone County Sheriff's office. We are only charged if we use their service. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

There is an option to change the health insurance renewal to October, instead of December, that would allow the City to remain on its current plan through September 30, 2017. The council can still consider all options at the time of renewal; this just allows the option of keeping the current plan. Kahler moved to change the renewal date. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Public works director, Mark Estrem, informed the council the he was contacted by a group from Iowa State University that has asked to use Slater as a pilot location to study a new process using algae to remove ammonia from wastewater. The ammonia removal will be required under the new permit that was issued by the DNR that becomes effective in 2019. ISU is setting up a meeting with the DNR to see if Slater can be granted an extension to try this process instead of proceeding with the facility update/replacement study. The City will continue making progress on the study with Snyder and Associates to ensure compliance unless the DNR grants permission to try this experimental process, however, the lagoons will be used for the pilot program either way. A trailer will be placed onsite for up to a year.

The Senior Center renovation has been completed. The facility is again available for rent.

The city will be planting 200 saplings along the High Trestle Trail received through a grant. Kids Club will be doing the planting the week of April 18th.

The class from Iowa State University that is helping the City investigate the possibility of building a community center will be hosting a public meeting on March 30th. Everyone is welcome to attend and share their idea regarding the following questions:

Does Slater want/need a community center?

What should be included in a community center?

Where should a community center be located?

May moved to adjourn the meeting. Erickson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor