

Slater Regular City Council Meeting March 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on March 9, 2015, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Steve Ransom, Ken May, Ann Sobiech-Munson, Susan Erickson, and John Kahler. Absent: None.

It was moved by May and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the February 9, 2015 meeting and bills totaling \$47,634.90 presented as follows:

ACCO	CPO CLASS AND CONT ED	320.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	189.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	8,033.48
AM SAN	NUT DRIVER SET, HEX WRENCHES	308.04
AUTOMATIC DOOR GROUP	SWING ARM LINKAGE	100.39
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	REPLACE MICROLOGIX 1000	1,554.75
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	507.43
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	318.92
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	TOWELS	111.30
CULLIGAN	WATER	12.50
EAGLE ENGRAVING	ID TAGS (3)	18.20
USBORNE BOOKS	BOOKS	161.86
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	EXIT/EMERGENCY LIGHTS	458.96
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	DEFIB PADS, SUCTION UNIT BATT.	248.92
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,179.50
GEMPLERS	ENTRY MAT	301.35
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE, SODIUM HYDROXIDE	750.80
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	LP FOR GENERATOR	35.21
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY, INC.	PICNIC TABLE SCREWS, NUT	63.53
HORNBuckle, DARLA	CLEANING SUPPLIES	21.38
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES/INTERNET	386.11
IA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	15-16 DUES	526.01
IN THE SWIM	DECK CHAIRS	2,819.82
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	ANNUAL REGISTRATION	70.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	MARCH SALES TAX	2,742.11
IOWA DOT	PUMP WRENCH, SOCKETS	155.42
IPERS	IPERS	3,615.32
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	72.75
KABEL BUSINESS SERVICES	PSF	15.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	289.50
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	OIL/SEA FOAM TREATMENT	69.24
MET LIFE	MET LIFE	66.77
MIDAMERICAN BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	98.75
MOVIE LICENSING USA	MOVIE LICENSE	194.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	BULK WATER VALVE	805.00
O THIRTY-TWO	LOGO AND TAG LINE	1,440.00
PARTSMASr	THERMAPOD, HOOK SET	218.90
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT	MARCH 1 - AUGUST 31 2015	474.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	POSTAGE & STAMPS	245.52
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	TAPE, CLAMP, SEALANT	285.77
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	3RD, BENTON	245.41
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL	30.00
SLATER ANIMAL HOSPITAL	STRAY CAT	13.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	END SEPT - FEB CALLS	225.00
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	FEB ACH	26.75
SOUTH STORY CREDIT CARD	LUMBER, PAINT, REQ. SIGNAGE	2,307.84
STAPLES	3 HOLE PAPER, SHARPIES	70.27
STEPHENS MEDIA	PUBLISHING	105.26
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	SOUP & SONGS, STORYTIME	85.19
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS	31.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE BILL	226.82
XENIA	FEB & MARCH WATER	10,982.00

Expenses FY 15:

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The EMS Chief presented the council with a summary of calls for service from 2014. There were 75 total calls of which 55 were attended, 8 were disregarded and 12 were missed due to lack of coverage. Two Slater residents wish to join the department. Kahler moved to approve Jalisa Combs and Ryan Vincent. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Members of the Slater Firefighter's Association were in attendance to ask the council about the possibility of converting the Sr Center into a fire themed museum. The association is exploring costs and options to renovate the existing structure back to the look it had when it was the Fire Station. It would then house the 1941 Fire Truck and other collectables. The Association has already presented the idea to the group of seniors that gather in the building daily for coffee. The Association would welcome the group to still gather there for coffee daily. The building would no longer be a rentable public space but would be open for special events and in coordination with the Historical Society. The council didn't have any immediate opposition but would like to know more information regarding the cost of the project and how it would be funded.

In old business, the Kelley City attorney made 2 changes to the Clerk Services 28E agreement and resubmitted it for approval. May moved to approve the 28E agreement. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Alliant Energy has asked the city for an easement along the west fence of the city property located at the intersection of 1st Ave and N Carroll. They are updating the service to Slater and surrounding areas and would like to put a substation at this location. The location needs to be at least 15 ft by 18 ft and will be fenced in. The City's attorney had expressed some concerns about liability. Representatives from Alliant will provide the City with Alliant's attorney to discuss the liability issue. The representatives also informed the city that the new substation should not have an odor unless something is wrong, unlike the current substation at 6th and Linn which smells often. May moved that the city proceed with preparing the documents for an easement if approved by the city attorney once she has contacted the attorney from Alliant. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The mayor opened the public hearing for the fiscal year 2016 budget. No comments were made and nothing was submitted to the City Clerk. At 8:41 the hearing was closed. Kahler moved to approve Resolution 13 (2014-15) adopting the FY 16 budget. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Kahler made the move to renew the contract with Boone Area Humane Society. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council discussed the costs associated with the proposed sewer expansion projects. The project could be completed in phases. The pump station and force main connecting to the existing sewer line will cost \$395,000. The sanitary sewer line going West to County line will cost about \$355,000. A sanitary sewer line going North to Ryen Road will be approximately \$500,000. These could be paid for with TIF, grants, or bond funds. The City's sewer fund also has some available balance to assist in financing these projects. The council is interested in looking for ways to be able to do these projects as soon as possible and passing an ordinance requiring existing properties to hook up to utilities within 1 year once they are constructed to their location.

The council discussed the annexation of Syngenta. Their construction project has stalled and therefore there is no urgency on their part to finish the annexation process. There is a process for involuntary annexation that the City can precede with that may take up to 18 months to complete. Kahler moved that the city should move forward with the involuntary annexation process. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council revisited the issue of nuisance properties. Last fall the council agreed on several items that needed to be cleaned up by spring. Once property has been sold and is waiting for the results of a grant and then will be demolished. The other property remains in similar condition to what it was

last fall. A letter will be sent to the owner requesting his presence at the next council meeting in April.

The council discussed some Main Street development ideas. There are several lots available ranging in size from approximately 3500 to 10,000 sq feet. The council discussed several options that could help draw people to the Main Street area.

Erickson moved to adjourn. Ransom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor