

Slater Regular City Council Meeting April 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on April 14, 2014, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Ken May, Ann Sobiech-Munson, Steve Ransom, and John Kahler. Absent: Susan Erickson.

It was moved by Kahler and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on March 10, 2014, and bills totaling \$77,408.18 presented as follows:

ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	9,097.09
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	316.06
BELLOMA MASONRY	TRAILHEAD BATHROOM BLOCK	7,398.00
BENNETT SANITATION	MARCH/APRIL TRASH	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	282.77
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	EMAIL ISSUES	180.00
DRAINTECH	JETTING 9TH	770.00
ELECRTICAL ENGINEERING EQUIPME	LIFT STATION REPAIR	2,768.35
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	NEW LIGHTS	1,883.78
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	BOARD REPLACEMENT	144.95
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,192.02
FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY	BARCODES	90.30
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOK	51.18
HACH COMPANY	BART TESTER	592.14
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE, SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1,623.20
HORNBUCKLE, DARLA	VACUUM PARTS	42.39
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES	419.41
IA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	14-15 DUES	541.18
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	BATTERY	15.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	TAX APRIL	3,241.53
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	STEEL TUBING - SPRAYER	302.80
IPERS	IPERS	5,026.34
JENNIFER DAVIES	BIKE CONFERENCE	20.00
JORDAN & MAHONEY	WARRENTY DEED 421	50.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	221.90
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	230.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	FUSE HOLDER, WIRE	98.72
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM.	FOAMING ROOT CONTROL	288.25
MARTIN'S FLAG CO	FLAGS	391.57
MUNN LUMBER	DOOR FOR WATER PLANT	356.87
NITE OWL PRINTING	NEWSLETTERS	504.00
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	#112 RADIATOR PARTS	443.74
PARTSMASTER	CUT-OFF WHEELS, GRINDER	264.89
PERKINS ELECTRIC	TROUBLE SHOOT PUMP	53.50
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE, RECORDING FEES	44.95
POSTMASTER-SLATER	POSTAGE & STAMPS	343.52
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	CABINET/COUNTER OVERHAUL	479.80

RITTER'S AUTO SERVICE, LLC	#112, COOLING SYSTEM, OIL	957.28
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	N CARROLL PERMIT	842.50
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	FEB/MARCH CALLS	124.00
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	COUNTERS, SINK, CABINETS	3,103.26
STAPLES	FOLDERS, RUBBER BANDS, PENS	60.14
STORY COUNTY SHERIFF	4TH QTR LAW ENFORCEMENT	19,357.00
STUTSMAN, INC	SOFTENING SALT	3,394.73
THE TRIBUNE	BUDGET, MINUTES	436.32
THORPE WATER DEVELOPMENT	WELL CLEANING	1,038.06
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	SOS PADS	3.98
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	HEALTH INS	3,164.96
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, INC	LIFE INS	31.25

Expenses:

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Erickson arrived at 7:37.

Parks and Recreation Board sent information to the council regarding the proposal to reimburse Slater residents participants directly to help keep registration fees affordable, rather than providing additional funds to the sport programs themselves. Little League and soccer participants would be eligible for a \$20 rebate from the city by presenting proof of registration. President, Heather Frederick, was present to answer any questions. The Parks and Rec board also requested direction from the council for the future of the pool. A company will be at the pool within the next week to try and locate the source of the leak and determine a cost for repairs. Sobiech-Munson moved that the Parks and Rec Board start a pool exploratory committee to determine if the community is interested in replacing the pool and if so, with what kind of facility. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council was updated on several economic development programs that the county has implemented. The city has also been working with several classes at ISU, one of which will be presenting their market analysis and branding ideas on May 1st. The completion of the trailhead project, funded by a REAP, is underway. Bathrooms should be fully functional by mid-summer and then signage and lighting will be installed.

The council discussed the tour of the water plant facilities. The reverse osmosis system looks promising to treat our water but a study is need to determine if it will be effective. The study will cost \$6,200. After the study a pilot test would have to be run before the DNR would allow the system to be installed. The cost for that step is \$6,800 for engineering plus the cost of the equipment. Ransom moved that the city proceed with the first step and determine if RO would be effective for Slater water. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council discussed the westward sewer expansion. Annexation will likely take a few more months. No construction will be done until the annexation process has started. The city will proceed with an agreement at this time which details the terms of the sewer easement.

The grants for 421 Main are complete and the property has been transferred to Denny and Shelly Bernholtz. They are finishing up interior construction and expect to hold an open house late this summer. The county approved the transfer of ownership of 501 Main to the City. Plans for this property have not yet been made.

The council reviewed the proposed budget amendment for FY 14. May moved to set the public hearing for the amendment for the next regular meeting, May 12, 1014. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Kahler moved to approve Resolution 16 (2013-14), wages for the 2014 pool season. The resolution details the wage to be received by duties and years of experience. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council acknowledged the resignation of Denise Carrel from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Revitalization Incentive Fund Advisory Committee as she has moved out of state. The council received a letter of resignation from Gene Staples from the Parks and Recreation Board. Kahler moved to accept the resignation. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of Aye: 4 Nay: Ransom.

The council discussed the Take Down Bar & Grill. It is scheduled to be sold at sheriff's sale on June 3rd. The council will take no action until after that date.

The council was briefed regarding the issue of lights on the trail between Slater and Sheldahl after several members will be contacted by a few people who have been working on the project with Sheldahl. The council remains united that it is not a project they want to undertake in this manner at this time.

Kahler moved to adjourn. Ransom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor