

**Slater Regular City Council Meeting May 11, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on May 11, 2015, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Susan Erickson, Steve Ransom, Ken May, Ann Sobiech-Munson, and John Kahler. Absent: None.

It was moved by Sobiech-Munson and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the April 13 & 15, 2015 meetings and bills totaling \$ 312,103.90 presented as follows:

AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	189.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	6,152.59
AUDITOR OF STATE	FILING FEE	175.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	706.69
BLANK PARK ZOO	SUMMER READING PROGRAM	90.00
BOWMAN & MILLER, P.C.	FY 14 AUDIT	4,500.00
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION	PATCH N PLUG SEALANT	392.81
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	374.68
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING,	HERBICIDE, WASP & HORNET SPRAY	356.32
CENTRAL IOWA PUMP & MOTOR	SLIP HOOK	128.72
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	F250	789.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	12.50
DEMCO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	215.64
DITCH WITCH - IOWA, INC	VAC RENTAL	665.00
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	BULBS	87.76
EVENSON, BARBARA	HARP PROGRAM	75.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,660.29
FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY	BARCODES	44.77
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOKS	80.77
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE, SODIUM HYDROXIDE	855.10
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	WEED & FEED	249.50
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	4 SETS OF PPE	6,114.31
HORNER, KEVIN	VENTRILOQUIST	349.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	APRIL PHONES	391.79
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOU	CERTIFICATE RENEWAL	120.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	APRIL TAX	3,482.52
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATIO	HYDROLIC FLUID	658.36
IPERS	IPERS	5,409.68
JORDAN & MAHONEY	EASEMENT FOR GAS LINE	80.00
KELTEK	FIX ARROW LIGHT	69.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	247.70
KING'S THRONE, LLC	RESTROOMS	150.00
MAD SCIENCE OF IOWA	SUMMER READING PROGRAM	250.00
MET LIFE	LIFE INS	102.77
MID IOWA SOLID WASTE EQ.	STREET SWEEPER BELT, BROOM	2,158.54
MIDAMERICAN BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	98.75
MIDWEST UNDERGROUND	KNIVES	191.49
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	UNION BALL	448.70
O THIRTY-TWO	INITIAL WEBSITE DESIGN DEPOSIT	2,638.00
PARTSMASER	THREADED ROD	93.63
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	170.68
PETTY CASH	START UP CASH	100.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	BALL VALVE, PVC CONNECTORS	552.51
POSTMASTER-SLATER	MAY POSTAGE	298.60
QUICKS HARDWARE	REPAIR MATERIALS, POOL SUPPLIES	339.61
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&T	TRAIL, W 6TH PERMITS	1,556.77
SERNETT, SUZY	DVD	23.95
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	FLOW METERS & REVIEW TELEVISIN	1,938.58
SOUTH STORY CREDIT CARD	GRASS SEED, WOOD, BOOKS, TRASH CANS	5,216.55
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	BONDS, ACH	251,901.25
STAPLES	PAPER, INK, BINDERS	204.11

SUPERIOR LAMP, INC	LIGHT BULBS	364.81
TREASURER,IOWA STATE UNIVE	HAZMAT/FF1 - STRUMPFER	50.00
XENIA	WATER - MARCH-APRIL	4,530.50
	Expenses FY 15:	

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Story County Sheriff's office received a response from Story County Secondary Roads regarding safety concerns at the intersection of 320<sup>th</sup> and 510<sup>th</sup> (Huxley blacktop & R38) stating it was re-designed the last time the road was resurfaced and is one of the safest intersections in the county. Many people who drive through that intersection regularly still feel that it is dangerous. The city has no jurisdiction over this intersection; however, anyone with concerns is invited to send both the county and the city a letter/email. The city will keep watching this intersection as it is heavily used by our residents.

Sheldahl approve the EMS Services 28E agreement and resubmitted it for approval. Kahler moved to approve the 28E agreement. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Alliant Energy has prepared the documents for the easement along the city property on 1st Ave for the gas regulator station. The council revisited the price for that easement and agreed to have staff negotiate a settlement within a range.

The City has received its new MPDS permit for its sewer treatment. The last upgrades to the lagoons were made in 2003. Significant upgrades are needed by the end of five years to be in compliance with the new permit. The city will want to weight the options of upgrading the existing lagoon to building a mechanical treatment facility. Per the 28E agreement, Sheldahl will be responsible for some of the upgrade expense. There are many different treatment types to be considered. Erickson moved to approve the contract with Snyder & Associates to complete a wastewater treatment facility plan. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

Staff confirmed that the first two parking spots on Marshall St at Main St fit the requirements to be designated as handicapped parking. The owner of 312 Main that requested the spaces is willing to have the signs placed on the building's wall. Kahler moved to approve 2 handicapped parking stalls be placed on Marshall Street just South of Main street on the East side in accordance with ADA regulations and that documentation of compliance shall be placed on file with the city. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The mayor opened the public hearing for the amendment of the FY 15 budget. No comments were made or submitted in writing. The mayor closed the meeting at 8:48 pm. May moved approve Resolution 16 (2014-15), amending the current year's budget. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ransom moved to hold the second reading of ordinance 259, reducing the parks and recreation board to 5 members. May seconded. The motion passed as follows Aye: Ransom, Erickson, May, Kahler, Sobiech-Munson. Nay: None. Ransom moved to waive the third reading and adopt ordinance 259, reducing the parks and recreation board to 5 members. May seconded. The motion passed as follows Aye: Ransom, May, Erickson, Kahler, Sobiech-Munson. Nay: None.

The Community Club requested street closures for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for the parade route, no parking on Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> between Tama and Benton, Tama between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Benton. A fireworks permit was also submitted for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Significant discussion was held regarding the no parking request on Main Street during the parade, the additional streets around the park and the date for fireworks. A motion was made for partial approval and withdrawn. All items will be referred back to Community Club for further discussion and clarification before being revisited at the regular June Council meeting.

The council discussed the typical speed of vehicles on several streets including 1<sup>st</sup> and Marshall and possible ways of slowing that traffic down. The speed trailer from the Sheriff's Office has been unavailable, but did seem to help when it was in town. Additional signage and pavement markings may be added to the worst areas as well as asking the Sheriff's office to concentrate their patrol there.

The council received a request to reduce a water bill do to “bad water”. A house on 1<sup>st</sup> had an episode of very discolored water on a Sunday morning. The water may have been affected into the following day as well. Public works was notified on Monday and has run several tests at the location since that time and not found any issues with the water. We have not been able to pinpoint what cause the episode but will keep looking at and near that location of any other signs of trouble. The City of Slater regrets any inconvenience and is dedicated to providing safe water to our residents. May moved to reduce the water bill by 10% (the equivalent of 3 days of use). Erickson seconded. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

Kahler moved to approve Resolution 17 (2014-15) setting wages for the pool staff for the 2015 season. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

Chandler Smith will be working part time in public works and Katie Hokel and Charles Angell will be managing the pool this year. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve these employees. May seconded. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

The council discussed salaries for FY 16. Kahler recommended 3% raises. Ransom seconded. A resolution will be prepared with figures increased by 3% for the June meeting.

Kahler moved to approve the cigarette permit for Casey’s General store. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

The grant requests for asbestos removal at 404, 405 & 406 Main Street were not approved. 405 is scheduled to be demolished this summer. There needs to be a plan for 404/406 so that their condition does not deteriorate to the point that nothing can be done. Staff will invite the owner of 404/406 to the special meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kahler moved to adjourn. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

---

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

---

Gary Halverson, Mayor