

Slater Regular City Council Meeting May 12, 2014

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on May 12, 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, John Kahler, and Susan Erickson.

It was moved by May and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on April 14, 2014, and bills totaling \$471,191.94 presented as follows:

ACCO	PRESSURE TESTING	1,400.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7,317.73
AM SAN	TRAFFIC CONES, TAPE	174.53
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	FLOW METER REPAIR	256.75
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	154.13
BSN SPORTS	TENNIS NET STRAPS	90.93
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	523.81
CENTRAL IOWA DIST.	DEGREASER, CLEANER	256.70
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	INSURANCE 2014	50,829.00
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE	FIXTURES TRAILHEAD BATH	943.20
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	RADIO REPAIR	109.95
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	2,487.56
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	BOOKS	91.96
HALLETT MATERIALS	SAND	368.11
HAWKINS, INC	BALL VALVE	49.70
HORNBUCKLE, DARLA	PAPER TOWELS, KLEENEX	32.09
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	415.47
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATIO	GAS CANS	206.02
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	BOND PAYMENTS	116,611.25
JISSOM	TIF JUNE 2014	31,701.52
JORDAN & MAHONEY	LEGAL	80.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	537.00
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	230.00
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	HYDRANT REPAIR	500.00
MOMAR	INSECTACIDE	728.32
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	HYDRANT	584.55
MUNN LUMBER	WOOD FOR BENCHES	336.30
PARTSMATER	SOCKETS, BITS, DRILL	363.31
PERKINS ELECTRIC	WIRE FOR LIGHTING	598.59
PETTY CASH	START CASH	100.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	MAY UTILITY BILLS	196.18
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	CONNECTORS, PIPES	473.60
SAFE BUILDING COMP.	1ST AVE	65.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	APRIL CALLS	157.00
SOUTH STORY CREDIT CARD	SINK, SHELVES, REWIND PUMP,	3522.95
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	BOND PAYMENT 6/14	244869.50
MARY BETH SPROUSE	REIMB OFFICE SUPPLIES	159.56
STRAUSS	DOOR CLOSERS	344.78
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	COFFEE, PROGRAM SNACKS	65.17
TOYNE, INC	TRUCK 212 VALVE ACTUATOR	270.19
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	HEALTH INS	2,958.28
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, IN	LIFE INS	31.25

Expenses:

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

A resident asked the council about the possibility of locating a safe room somewhere in the City of Slater. The city is aware that there are residents in the mobile home park as well as some apartments and houses that do not have an appropriate place to seek shelter in the case of bad weather. The

council will discuss it further at the next meeting. The resident also made the suggestion that the parks and rec form a sub-committee to focus on trees starting with the report that was recently submitted to the City by the DNR.

The first responders submitted a purchasing policy and new member application for approval. The council discussed the purchasing policy and feels that it is a bit confusing. Kahler moved that Sobiech-Munson and Ransom assist the first responders with this policy. Erickson moved to approve the application without the background page as it needed a minor revision. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0. The first responders wish to change their official designation to EMS. Significant discussion was held about this proposed change. The department currently consists of members with various levels of certification and May expressed concern that the name EMS may imply a higher level of training than what the responders on our department have. May moved that the first responders consider remaining Slater first responders or change to either Emergency Medical Responders or Emergency Response Service. Ransom Seconded. Motion passed with the follow votes: Aye – May, Ransom, Sobiech-Munson Nay – Kahler, Erickson

The Fire department will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary this summer. A parade of fire trucks will be held on June 28th at 11:00. The trucks will then be parked for display. A full day of events is scheduled with fireball fights, live bands, and food. The department is requesting that all streets around Nelson Park be closed from approximately 7 am to 5 pm. Kahler moved to approve the street closures around Nelson Park, a liquor license and a parade route down starting at the west end of Main Street and traveling East to Benton and then South to the park as long as the businesses along the route approve the temporary closure as well. If businesses are opposed, an alternate route will be considered at the June meeting. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council reviewed the expense sheet for the building rehabilitation project at 421 Main St. The city expended approximately \$164,000 or which \$65,000 was reimbursed by grants leaving \$98,000 for the economic development loan from the city to the new owners. An addition \$12,000 is still owed on its purchase price, but is forgivable if the other conditions of the economic development loan are satisfied.

This spring the city cleaned wells # 1 and 2. Upon video inspection of well #2 a hole was located in the casing at 133 feet down. There are several options. A sleeve can be inserted and cemented into place inside of the current casing. The city could also opt for a new well. A well could be dug in the same vicinity, but the raw water isn't high quality. There is a location in Grimm park that would be possible but likely has the same water. The City may wish to investigate what water might be available to the north and west of town. A better vain does exist to the West at a depth of 300 ft, but it is unknown how close it comes to the city.

The first step of investigating reverse osmosis water treatment is underway. The results of this step will indicate if the city's water can be effately treated by and RO system. If it can be, the city will survey the residents and/or host public meetings to see what interest they may have in making this change.

The council discussed the contract from Ames Resource Recovery. The length of contract in the draft was incorrect. The term will be for 20 years. The council had a lengthy discussion with the Resource Recovery representative. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve Resolution 17 (2013-14), approving the contract with Ames Resource Recovery, with disappointment that a lesser time comment was not an option. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

The mayor opened the public hearing for the amendment of the FY 2014 budget at 9:30 pm. No questions or comments were heard or had been presented to the clerks' office. The mayor closed the public hearing. Kahler moved to approve Resolution 18 (2013-14), approving the amended budget for 2013-14. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council reviewed a smaller handbook that contains only information that applies to volunteers. Ransom moved to approve the volunteer handbook. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The library submitted the request to hire Hannah Astarita as the summer intern. She will be primarily assisting with summer programming and start at \$7.25/hr. Erickson moved to approve the request. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council was presented with the Story County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan by the office of Emergency Management. May moved to approve Resolution 19 (2013-14) to adopt the plan. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The city generally increased water and sewer rates by a small amount annually to keep up with increasing production costs. Rates did not increase during 2013. The proposed cost increase is \$0.03/100 cubic feet for both water and sewer. Erickson made the motion for the first reading of Ordinance 256, establishing water rates. Ransom seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Aye – Erickson, Ransom, May, Sobiech-Munson, Kahler. Nay – none. May made the motion for the first reading of Ordinance 257, establishing sewer rates. Erickson seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Aye – May, Erickson, Ransom, Sobiech-Munson, Kahler. Nay – none.

Mayor Halverson recommended that Shawn Birdsall be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board. Ransom moved to accept the appointment. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Kahler moved to approve the liquor license, street closures, parade and fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration. The Celebration will be held July 3-6. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Testing was completed on the pool and there are several repairs that have been suggested to correct leaks. Mallon excavation will be starting work as soon as possible in the hope the pool will be able to open as scheduled. The decking will be removed and pipes will be replaced between the pool and the mechanical building. Repair plans may change once pipes are uncovered. Crews will also be looking for any signs of wash-out or damage done by the previous leaks.

The High Trestle Trail committee presented the city with a Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU will replace the previous 28E agreement. Kahler moved to approve. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

The property located at 700 1st Ave N has been sold and during the sale, the title search found that an incorrect legal description was used during a land transfer in 2005 for the adjacent property. The description included part of this parcel. The City's legal counsel is determining how to best clear up this issue and there is a potential that a public hearing would be needed. May moved to set a public hearing for June 9th to dispose of City property. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Ransom moved to adjourn. May seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor