

**Slater Regular City Council Meeting May 9, 2016**

The Slater City Council met for a work session at Slater City Hall at 7:00 pm on May 9, 2016, to hear presentations from two companies interested in purchasing 501 Main St. Chad and Mary Carpenter of Blades Lawn Care informed the council that they would relocated their lawn care business in the building. The business also does snow removal and may expand into selling lawn art made from recycled materials. They plan to power wash and paint the building the existing, as well as replace the doors and windows. They intend the fence the yard of the property to house trailers and trucks. Roger Ocean of Craftsman Builder’s informed the council that his business is making mail order “Craftsman” style wood kids that he will mainly sell online. The line consists of coffee tables, coats racks, etc. He plans to remove the tin from the existing structure and reside the building with the front sides being cement siding and the back sides being metal as well as replacing the doors and windows. He also would like to concrete the driveway areas.

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on May 9, 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, Steve Ransom, John Kahler, and Ken May. Absent: None

It was moved by May and seconded by Erickson to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the April 11 and 13, 2016, and bills totaling \$348,402.11 presented as follows:

ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7,809.19
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	567.24
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	159.96
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	CLEANERS, AIR FRESHENER	240.10
CENTRAL IOWA READY MIX	BATTING CAGE CONCRETE	4,546.00
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	VEHICLE INSURANCE	3,897.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	26.45
CUSTOM STEEL SERVICE	COUNTERTOPS - STAINLESS	220.95
DATA TECHNOLOGIES	TRAINING	170.00
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	LIGHT BULBS	59.70
FASTENAL	FASTENERS	58.85
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	5,884.84
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOKS	55.98
GATE HOUSE MEDIA	PUBLICATIONS	320.88
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	455.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	JUNE 2016 TIF REBATE	17,187.78
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	FIREFIGHTING FOAM	892.95
HORNBUCKLE, DARLA	CLEANING SUPPLIES	29.44
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	414.96
IOWA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS &	2016 INSPECTION FEE	67.50
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1,110.00
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	26.30
IPERS	IPERS	3,828.75

JISSOM	JUNE 2016 TIF REBATE	17,301.79
JJK HOLDINGS LLC	JUNE 2016 TIF REBATE	2,111.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	784.50
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	150.00
MET LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	133.54
NITE OWL PRINTING	PRINTING	592.40
OLDENKAMP, DALE & SARA	REBATE	40.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILTIY BILL POSTAGE	204.40
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	RENTAL	146.97
RANSOM, WES	REBATE	60.00
RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY	DIVING BOARD	1,112.97
SERNETT, SUZY	SUPPLIES	35.83
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	MARCH & APRIL CALLS	330.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	WWTP FACILITY PLAN, MAIN	10,879.20
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	JUNE 2016 BOND PAYMENTS	254,905.75
	FRIDGE, CONC STAND,	
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST CREDIT	BOOKS	3,591.85
SUPPLYWORKS	SOAP, PAPER TOWELS	260.04
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	POPCORN FOR BINGO	11.91
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	APRIL SALES TAX	1,582.63
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, IN	HEALTH INS	31.25
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	WINDSHIELD - GATOR	551.06
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	209.47
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIE	HEALTH INSURANCE	5,345.23

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	21,125.94
ROAD USE	6,599.09
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,448.00
DEBT SERVICE	291,480.07
SEWER MAIN EXP.	2,119.20
WATER	7,476.43
SEWER	4,791.41
SEWER - PROJECT	8,760.00
STORM WATER	484.62
RESOURCE RECOVER	117.35

April Revenues:

GENERAL	180,459.70
EMP BENEFITS	9,873.06
L.O.S.T.	14,347.31
TIF #4	14,026.96
TIF - HEARTLAND	17,576.03
TIF - IA PLAINS	386.55
ECON DEV	835.00
DEBT SERV	111,175.16
WATER	20,905.13
SEWER	17,915.28
STORM WATER	1,898.70
RESOURCE REC	2,669.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>392,102.67</b>

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The Sheriff’s Office reported that an enforcement project would be happening soon that will specifically target seatbelt use.

The owner of 509 Marshall St approached the council with a question about the lot line between that property and 505 Marshall. Their building permit for a fence located on the property line had been

denied due to a question about the actual location of the line. City workers were unable to locate a lot pin. The owner of 509 Marshall states that the owner of 505 Marshall had started the process of having it surveyed but does not have any official paperwork. Both owners agree about the line's location and placement of the fence. The Council strongly urged the owners to complete the process of having a survey done and pins located. The owners indicated that they would be going ahead with the fence in the location that was agreed upon between them and their neighbors. They were informed that if the fence was proven to be over the property line in the future by any owner of 505 Marshall that they would be required to move the fence at their expense.

Matt Rouse, a coach from Slater Little League, informed the council of a meeting for Little League parents on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Log Cabin at 7:00 pm regarding the proposed merge into Ballard Little League. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

The cemetery board needs two members to replace those whose terms have expired. Ransom moved to appoint Mike Zenor and Nathan Franksain. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0. The council reviewed the rules and regulations proposed for the columbariums by the cemetery board. A recommendation was made to clarify that the size of the niches is in inches. May moved to approve the rules and regulations. Erickson seconded.

The library board has changed their open position from general part time to a position for a student intern. The board will meet on May 24<sup>th</sup> and would like permission to approve the hiring of the intern with her start date to be June 3<sup>rd</sup> so that she can be trained before the Summer Reading Program starts. The council will then approve her at their next meeting. Ransom moved to allow the library board to hire the student intern and start her training. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The mayor opened the public hearing for the amendment of the 2015-16 budget. No comments were made and nothing was received by the clerk's office. At 8:15 Mayor Halverson closed the hearing. Erickson moved to approve Resolution 12 (2015-16), adopting the amendment to the FY16 budget. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

May moved to go into closed session under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5J "to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property". Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council returned from closed session at 8:56 pm. May moved to offer the property at 501 Main to Craftsman's Builders at a price of \$20,000 due to the business being a better fit for a Main Street location. A lawn care type business doesn't fit the location as well, has fence limitations in the C1 district that may not adequately hide outside equipment, both for security and aesthetic reasons, and would be better house in the C2 or industrial districts. Ransom seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0. Sobiech-Munson moved to set the date for the public hearing for the sale of said property should Craftsman's Builders accept the offer, for the regular meeting on June 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

The consultation meeting for the annexation of 287 acres of land west of current city limits was held with no objections being recorded. Kahler moved to set the public hearing for annexation for the regular meeting on June 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council reviewed the proposed wages for the summer staff which includes all concession and pool staff. Erickson moved to approve Resolution 13(2015-16), setting the wages for the 2016 summer staff. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council briefly discussed salaries for FY 17. Staff will return a proposal for increases for additional training and certifications at the next meeting for further consideration.

The council reviewed the list of street closures, parade route and fireworks permit for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve the list. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The council discussed the request from Laura Weems to close Benton Street between Main and 1<sup>st</sup> for a block party on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 10 pm. Erickson moved to approve the request. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Casey's General Store submitted an application to renew their cigarette and tobacco sales license. Kahler moved to approve. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Public Works had advertised for a part-time position. Kahler moved to approve the hiring of Jason Krause at \$10.00 to fill that position. Ransom seconded. Krause will start immediately as Brennan Manful as already left for his internship.

The sewer main project is proceeding. The council looked at various routing options. The east side of the High Trestle Trail is a straight connection from the lift station that will be located in Grimm Park to the sewer main located at the end of Trail Drive. Staff will continue to work with the engineers on this project for further details on the design options.

Public Works completed the first stage of smoke testing and found some areas to investigate further. Other areas of town may be tested later this summer.

The city received the option to further delay making changes to health insurance allowing the city to keep the current plans until December 31, 2017. Kahler moved that we approve the delay. Sobiech-Munson seconded.

The DNR derelict building grant request has been approved in the amount of \$50,000. The city will use these grant dollars to stabilize and rehabilitate the buildings located at 404 and 406 Main Street.

May moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58. Ransom seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

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Gary Halverson, Mayor