

Slater Regular City Council Meeting June 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:32 P.M. on June 9, 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 Erickson and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on May 12, 2014, and bills totaling \$ 85,936.86 presented as follows:

ACCO	PAINT	654.19
ACTION ACCENTS	SWIM SUITS-POOL	566.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	7,062.08
AM SAN	TRAILHEAD RESTROOM	1,410.02
AMES LOCK AND SECURITY	KEYS, KEY BOX	109.95
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	147.77
BANKER'S TRUST	BOND PAYMENT	24,676.25
BENNETT SANITATION	GARBAGE	320.00
BLANK PARK ZOO	SUMMER READING	90.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	212.09
DEMCO	BOOK COVERS	327.00
DKD CONSULTING	COMPUTER CONSULTING	176.00
DRAINTECH	LEAK TESTING	390.00
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	TRAILHEAD RESTROOM	96.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	6,148.45
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOK	50.38
HAWKINS, INC	CHLORINE, FILTER AID	5,507.60
HEARTLAND CONST EQUIPMENT	DIGGER RENTAL	100.00
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	WEED KILLER	272.53
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	MAY PHONE	370.33
I ELITE SPORTS	T SHIRTS AND HATS	1,655.05
IN THE SWIM	CLOCK	129.53
INDEPENDENT SALT COMPANY	SALT	1,741.27
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	BATTERY	19.95
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	TAXES - MAY	3,631.00
IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION	18.95
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	23.70
IPERS	IPERS	3,295.71
JASON HUNEKE	JUGGLER - SUMMER READING PROG	250.00
JERICO SERVICES, INC	DUST CONTROL	987.69
JOHN HERNANDEZ	TENNIS BALLS	46.60
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	223.90
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	230.00
MARK ESTREM	PAINTING SUPPLIES, CONCRETE	104.67
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROCK	514.56
MIDAMERICAN BOOKS	BOOKS	44.90
MR S AND THE SANDBOX	SUMMER READING	125.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	METERS	3,191.00
PARTSMASER	POLISHING DISH, CUT OFF WHEEL	371.99
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	152.27
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	TRAILHEAD BATHROOMS	461.70
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY POSTAGE	193.46
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	VALVES, SUMP PUMP	396.29
R. R. METAL WORKS	WELDING REPAIR SLIDE BOX	460.00
ROTHAMEL FARMS INC	SOD FOR POOL REPAIR	300.00
SAM'S CLUB	BATH TISSUE	14.98
SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA	SUMMER READING	150.00
SLATER LITTLE LEAGUE	INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	750.00
SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	SRP SUPPLIES	2,611.75
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	FY 14 STRAYS	161.00
THE TRIBUNE	PUBLICATIONS	280.34
THORPE WATER DEVELOPMENT	CLEANING OF WELL #1 AND 2	11,516.50

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 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.

Deputy Combs reported that assault charges have been filed in regards to an incident that occurred in Earl Grimm Park, and he will get more information on the incident at the Library, as Council was concerned why a deputy was not dispatched to the library.

The Fire Department reported the parade route for the June 28th Firemen's Centennial Parade will run east on Main Street to Benton, and then southbound on Benton St to Nelson Park.

The mayor opened the public hearing for the disposal of property located as part of 700 1st Ave N. at 7:44 pm. City code specifies setback for light industrial is 25' for rear yard and 20' for side yard. There was discussion of how much right of way should be left along the trail. There were several questions of where exactly the property lines are and how close they are to the City's trail. The mayor closed the public hearing at 8:06. May moved to approve Resolution 20 (2013-14), approving the disposal of property located as part of 700 1st Ave N. Mayor Halverson declared the motion failed due to lack of a second. A motion was made by Ransom and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to find the survey pins and figure out exactly how close the property is to the City trail. Motion carried with a vote of 5 – 0.

Public Works Director Mark Estrem updated the Council on the repairs to the pool. The heater is working well. It is currently losing 17,000 gallons of water per day verses the 30,000 gallons of water per day that it lost on average during the 2013 pool season. Repairs to the piping were less than estimated.

Given the new information from the state and understanding that these changes are in accordance with state changes, a motion was made by Sobiech-Munson and seconded by Ransom to approve the re-naming of Slater 1st Responders to Slater EMS. Motion carried. Ayes – 4 Nays – May.

Al Munsterman from Snyder and Associates reported that they are still gathering information, preliminary data, and doing testing with Des Moines Water works for our possible upgrades to the Slater water system. Estrem reported he is currently blending water with Xenia and experimenting on the percentage of this blending. The City is working towards a contact with Xenia for this usage.

Matt Mahler from Snyder & Associates was introduced and is officially the City of Slater's contact. It is agreed that services from Snyder & Associates will continue as before. There will be contracts established for big contracts, and small projects will be billed hourly – there will just be a new face – Matt Mahler.

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. May made the motion for the second reading of Ordinance 256, establishing water rates. Erickson seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Aye – May, Erickson, Ransom, Sobiech-Munson, Kahler. Nay – none. May made the motion for the second reading of Ordinance 257, establishing sewer rates. Ransom seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Aye – May, Ransom, Erickson, Sobiech-Munson, Kahler. Nay – none. A motion was made by May and seconded by Kahler to wave the third reading. Roll call vote was as follows: Aye May, Kahler, Erickson, Ransom, Sobiech-Munson. Nay – none.

A motion was made by Ransom and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve Resolution 21(2013-14) writing off of \$77.34 of bad debt. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by May to approve Resolution 22(2013-14) the annual transfer of funds for the purpose of budget control pursuant to chapter 3 of the Slater Code of Ordinances. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Ransom and seconded by Erickson to give a 3% salary increase for City Staff. A resolution outlining specifics will be presented at the next Council Meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve the cigarette permit for Casey's General Store. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Erickson to accept the resignation of April Estrem from the Park & Rec Board and to accept the appointment of Kelli Payne to the Park & Rec Board. Motion carried with the vote of 5 – 0.

Ransom moved to adjourn. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor