

Slater Regular City Council Meeting August 11, 2014

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:31 P.M. on August 11, 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. Ken May was absent.

It was moved by Kahler and seconded by Ransom to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting and bills totaling \$102,745.71 presented as follows:

AFFINITYCARE, INC	EAP INSURANCE	14.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	258.72
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	11,489.85
AM SAN	SHOWER SOAP	128.70
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	560.61
BAUMGARDNER, BARB	TOYS FOR STORYTIME	15.00
BENNETT SANITATION	JUL-SUG TRASH	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	673.96
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SOLVENT	382.70
CSB INSURANCE GROUP	VEHICLE INSURANCE	300.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	6.25
DARRELL ROUT	TREE REMOVAL	590.00
DAVE WHITE PLUMBING	TRAILHEAD BATHROOMS	6,465.00
DEMCO	BOOK PROCESSING SUPPLIES	281.74
ESCHLIMAN ENGINEERING	SURVEY FOR 700 1ST	470.00
FELD FIRE	AIR TANK REPAIRS	711.50
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	8,278.45
FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY	RECEIPT PAPER	169.47
HAWKINS, INC	CHLORINE	3,469.22
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	WEED KILLER	592.28
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	446.05
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOU	2015 NPDES PERMIT	210.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX JULY	3,802.80
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATIO	TRASH BAGS, TOILET BRUSHES	161.66
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	17.10
IOWA PARKS AND REC ASSOC	ZOO CONSIGNMENT TICKETS	138.00
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	ORANGE SAFETY FENCE	195.00
IPERS	IPERS	3,684.63
JOLLIFFE, BETTE	SUMMER READING SUPPLIES	39.31
JORDAN & MAHONEY	PROPERTY ISSUE	200.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	424.10
KRIZ-DAVIS CO.	WIRING FOR SIGN	19.49
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	TAR	3,966.73
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	CONDENSER #412	22.08
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	RUBBERIZED COATING	92.00
MARK SCHAUDT H.V.A.C. SERV	A/C REPAIR	97.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROAD STONE	420.05
MARTIN OIL WHOLESale	FUEL	711.92
MIDAMERICAN BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	144.65
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO.	JET CLEANING SEWERS	7,580.76
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	METER WIRE	220.00
NITE OWL PRINTING	ENVELOPES	76.00
PARTSMASter	SOCKET SET, PLIERS, WELDERS	280.01
PERKINS ELECTRIC	TRAILHEAD BATHROOMS	2,699.54
POSTMASTER-SLATER	POSTAGE	292.48
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	PAINT & SUPPLIES	217.56
RITTER'S AUTO SERVICE, LLC	WINDOW MOTOR #612	130.63
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	ELEVATOR, 2 HOUSES	5,800.50
SAM'S CLUB	TP AND PAPER TOWELS	44.31
SLATER COMMUNITY CLUB	2014 CELEBRATION	5,030.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	60 MEMBERS - 6 CALLS	280.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	RO SYSTEM STUDY	1,632.00

SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	TRAILHEAD, COLDPATCH, UTILITY BOX	5,909.99
STEPHENS MEDIA	PUBLISHING	138.26
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	INSPECTION	413.00
STRAUSS	TRAILHEAD BATHROOMS	6,672.09
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	WASP SPRAY	7.51
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	DENTAL INS	103.34
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	2015 MOWER RENTAL	3,412.20
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONES	76.80
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIE	HEALTH INS	4,030.21
XENIA	JUNE & JULY WATER	7,728.50

Expenses FY 15:

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Slater EMS presented the council with policies covering meetings, communications, lights, leave of absence, license, membership, and records. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve the policies as written. Erickson seconded. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

Kahler made a motion to adopt Resolution 3 (2014-15), application for the Prairie Meadows Grant. If awarded, the grant would be used to start renovations on a building on Main Street. Ransom seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The council discussed the property at 700 1st Ave. The city trail sits .07 ft into the property. The options to correct it are to have the trail edge trimmed off so that the trail is all on city owned property or to acquire 1 additional foot to the East at the South pin. The council considered other locations in town that were adjacent to trails, what structures are on them and their placement in relation to the trail edge. Erickson moved to acquire 1 ft to the East from the South pin in a straight line to the existing North pin. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0. The council discussed possible restrictions for properties adjacent to trails. The proposed ordinance would prohibit the construction of any structure, placement of any objects or planting of any vegetation within a specified distance away from each trail edge. Both 5 foot and 10 foot restrictions were discussed. Kahler moved to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance 258, prohibiting construction adjacent to the trails within 5 feet of the trail edges. Ransom seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Kahler, Ransom, Sobiech-Munson, and Erickson. Nay – None. Absent – May.

The City of Slater has been blending water from Xenia since May of 2014. The process is working well and should allow the city to delay the construction of a well to replace #2 that was taken offline this spring. The city is currently using about 35,000 of xenia water per day. Xenia presented the City with 2 contract options. One has a buy-in cost of \$213,696 with water being billed at \$2.43 per 100 cu ft, the other has no buy-in cost with water being billed at \$3.18 per cu ft. Sobiech-Munson made a motion to sign the water purchase agreement with Xenia without the buy-in cost. Ransom seconded. Motion carried with the vote of 4 – 0.

The council discussed the nuisance properties located at 900 6th and 405 Main. The owner of 900 6th was present and informed the council that the house on the trailer will be removed by fall and that the weeds would be cleared as soon as equipment was back on site. He is unable to demolish the East building at this time due to expenses related to relocating the power. Council will check back on this property in the spring. The owner of 405 Main St has settled with insurance regarding the property following a fire but will not be making further plans until the contents claim has been settled. The building is not secured and is a health hazard. Erickson moved that the council begin the process of condemnation citing health, safety and welfare as the primary concerns at this attractive nuisance. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion carried with the vote of 4 – 0.

A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Sobiech-Munson to approve the liquor license for Casey's General Store. Motion carried with the vote of 4 – 0.

A motion was made by Sobiech-Munson and seconded by Kahler to appoint Jill Rahner to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried with the vote of 4 – 0.

Kahler moved to approve Resolution 4 (2014-15) appointing the city clerk as paying agent for bonds. Ransom seconded. Motion carried with the vote of 4 – 0.

The council reviewed an update set of fees. This includes permit costs, administrative fees, etc. Peddler's permits will be charged on an annual basis and resolution wording will be added to clarify that time frame. Sobiech-Munson moved to approve Resolution 5(2014-15) setting city fees. Erickson seconded. Motion carried with the vote of 4 – 0.

The council discussed some of the updates needed and items of interest in the Comp plan. The plan will now be referred to P & Z for work on those items. Sheldahl will also be contacted since Slater's growth is mainly in that direction. Revisions from P & Z will be presented to the council at a future date for approval.

The council will hold its regular meeting on September 8th and set a work session for the capital improvement plan for September 22nd at 7:30 pm.

The county board of supervisors will be hearing Slater's Urban Renewal grant request at their meeting on August 26th at 10:00 am. Slater's project is a \$1.6M renovation of the Main Street Corridor.

Erickson moved to adjourn. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor Pro-Tem