

Slater Regular City Council Meeting August 13, 2012

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on August 13, 2012, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Tim Locker, Ken May, Gene Staples, John Kahler, and Steve Ransom. Absent: None.

It was moved by Ransom and seconded by Locker to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on July 9, 2012, and expenditures totaling \$118,447.63 as follows:

ACCESS SYSTEMS	COMPUTER FIX	105.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	MOVE POWER LINE POLE	13,120.56
BALLARD COMMUNITY SCHOOL	1ST 1/2 PAYMENT FOR LIGHTS	24,883.78
BENNETT SANITATION	JULY & AUG	320.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	325.86
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LP BOOKS	25.17
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	TOWELS	320.80
CENTRAL POWER	4TH OF JULY GENERATOR	819.06
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	158.14
CITY OF SLATER	POOL STAFF EXP	154.50
CULLIGAN	WATER	5.50
DARRELL ROUT	STUMP GRINDING	230.00
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	CAN LIGHTS	181.12
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	REPAIR 136WGJ3794	128.90
FEDERAL TAX	FED/FICA TAX	11,721.09
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	LP BOOK	26.39
GUNTHER SALT COMPANY	SALT	3,260.65
HAWKINS, INC	3/4 HP PUMP 1 PHASE	4,934.18
HEARTLAND CONST EQUIPMENT	BACKHOE RENTAL	150.00
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	WEED KILLER	95.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	446.95
INGRAM	BOOKS	156.57
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL NPDES PERMIT 12-13	210.00
IOWA DOT	TRASH BAGS	27.05
IOWA LIBRARY SERVICES	WILBOR SUBSCRIPTION	434.01
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	22.50
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	MARKING PAINT	175.00
IPERS	IPERS	3,395.24
JANNI, REBECCA	PAJAMA PARTY	125.00
JENNIFER DAVIES	CLERK'S INSTITUTE	106.81
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	313.55
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	315.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	PARTS	8.49
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	4TH AND BOONE	7,361.54
MANATTS, INC	SIDEWALK PAVEMENT	900.00
MATT PARROTT & SONS CO.	WATER BILLS	399.51
MOODY ELECTRIC, INC	ELEC TO PRESS BOX	194.00
NITE OWL PRINTING	JUNE NEWSLETTER	448.00
OUR IOWA	2 YR SUBSCRIPTION	32.98
PASLEY AND SINGER LAW FIRM	GOLF CARTS, W/SW ORD, 421 MAIN	755.00
PERKINS ELECTRIC	SE OFFICE POWER	60.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	AUG BILLS	158.48
PREMIER AUTO SOLUTIONS	TRANSMISSION	1,700.00
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	PAINT, NUTS, BOLTS, CAULK	259.75
RITTER'S AUTO SERVICE	TRANSMISSION FLUSH	233.76
ROBERT WEBSTER	EARNEST PAYMENT	1,000.00
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	933 TRAIL, 409 2ND, 1120 W1ST	1,510.00
SERNETT, SUZY	JULY & AUG	340.00

SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	CALLS	136.00
STAPLES	POSTING BOARD	110.87
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION	99.45
STEVE SCHOENHORST	PUMP REPAIR	218.61
STORY COUNTY HOME INSPECS	BUILDING INSPECTION 421 MAIN	175.00
STORY COUNTY SHERIFF	1ST QRT LAW ENFORCEMENT	18,426.38
THE DES MOINES REGISTER	YR SUBSCRIPTION	216.02
THE TRIBUNE	MINUTES	230.06
TOM WALTERS COMPANY	DUMPSTER FEE	247.05
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	CUPS, PLATES, SUGAR, ETC	229.93
TREAS., STATE OF IOWA	JUNE	8,522.00
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	HEALTH INS	6,913.42
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, IN	LIFE INS	31.00
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	SPREADER & HOOD	668.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	168.70

Expenses:

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 -0.

The Sheriff's Office informed the council that they are offering Stranger-Danger classes through the Slater Library.

The owners of 421 Main St informed the council that they had considered the Council's offer of \$42,000 and were willing to sell the property as is at that price.

Ransom moved to approve Resolution 2 (2012-13), a resolution to purchase real estate and authorize staff to take the required steps to complete the transaction. Staples seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

The Council listened to a presentation about refinancing the City's bonds by Northland Securities. Interest rates have dropped so low that the City could save a significant amount of money by refinancing at this time. Staples moved to proceed with the bond refinancing at this time. Kahler seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The council discussed joining the Fourmile Creek watershed management authority. This management authority is a cooperative effort between the entities who have property within the Fourmile Creek watershed area. It may present the city with better grant opportunities. To modify the watershed area. May moved to approve joining the watershed management authority upon review of the 28E agreement once it is in its final form. Locker seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The council was briefed on the potential to connect the city's water system with Xenia to provide a back-up water supply. There is currently ¼ mile between systems. Xenia's board is expected to approve a connection and inform the city of what rates would be before the next regular meeting. The city is also investigating other back-up sources.

The council reviewed proposals from two law firms who are interested in representing the City. Staff will gather information about both firms from cities that they currently represent and report back at the next regular meeting.

The council discussed the comprehensive plan. Several updates are needed regarding business names and city's desire to expand toward the west. The council also held a work session on capital improvement projects. The council will continue to refine the list and prioritize it as project cost estimates are received however, none of these projects will be included in the bond refinancing. Staples moved to approve a \$900,000 cap for the bond refinancing. Locker seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Staples moved to adjourn. May seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor