

Slater Regular City Council Meeting August 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on August 8, 2016, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: John Kahler, Ken May, Ann Sobiech-Munson, and Susan Erickson. Absent: Steve Ransom

It was moved by May and seconded by Kahler to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the July 11 and 25, 2016, and bills totaling \$102,252.30 presented as follows:

ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	11,725.66
ANGELL, CHARLES	MILEAGE FOR CONCESSIONS STOCK	108.48
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	341.29
BENNETT SANITATION	JUL-AUG TRASH COLLECTION	320.00
BOLTON & HAY, INC	CHEESE, SYRUP	485.55
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	FUEL	224.95
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	TOWELS & SOLVENT	454.40
CENTRAL IOWA READY MIX	CONCRETE BASE FOR BENCHES	432.00
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	REFRESH 1ST AID SUPPLIES	566.88
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER FEE AND COPIES	183.84
CULLIGAN	WATER	26.45
DRAINTECH	CLEAN PUMP STATION	390.00
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE COMPANY	STREET LIGHTS	1,111.77
FASTENAL	CUT OFF WHEELS, ETC	405.29
FELD FIRE	COMPRESSOR SERVICE	600.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	9,904.06
GEMPLERS	TRASH TOOL, OIL FILTER	201.90
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	73.97
HACH COMPANY	SPECTROPHOTOMETER	4,623.70
HAWKINS, INC	CCH, FILTER AID, SODIUM	4,218.42
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	WEED KILLER, FERTILIZER	465.50
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY, INC.	MAIN ST LIGHT ANCHOR BOLTS	34.79
HORNBUCKLE, DARLA	STATE AND US FLAGS	44.48
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	472.37
IN THE SWIM	FLOAT	3.49
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY	BATTERY	49.50
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOU	ANNUAL DUES FY 17	210.00
IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUND.	FY 17 ANNUAL SUPPORT	1,500.00
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	13.50
IOWA PARKS AND REC ASSOC	FY 17 DUES	50.00
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	SHIRTS	133.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	940.50
KING'S THRONE, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	150.00
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	TAR	3,150.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	85.91
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	LOCATION PREP FOR PW BUILDING	9,080.00
MANATTS, INC	ALLEY 400 BLOCK SOUTH OF MAIN	4,853.00
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL - GAS	485.09
MARTIN PEST CONTROL	MOSQUITO SPRAYING	900.00
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	LEAK DETECTION	300.00
PARTSMASTER	RATCHET WRENCH COMBO SET	282.24
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	297.07
PEPSI-COLA	DRINKS FOR CONCESSION STAND	433.70
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	WATERSHED COORD FEE	150.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILTY BILL POSTAGE & STAMPS	291.54
PRECISION UNDERGROUND UTILITY	MAIN ST CONDUIT	505.68
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	MULCH, HARDWARE	74.47
SAM'S CLUB	CONCESSIONS STOCK	1,115.21
SLATER COMMUNITY CLUB	4TH OF JULY, 2016	5,000.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	WWTP FACILITY PLAN	10,140.00
SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST	ACH FEE	26.75

SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST	LIFE GUARD STANDS, TICKETS	9,326.26
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	CONCESSIONS STOCK, PROGRAM FOOD	869.66
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX - JULY	2,910.00
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	LIFE INS	31.25
UNITED STATES TREASURY	PCORI FEES FY 2016	6.51
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	ANNUAL MOWER RENTAL	3,951.11
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE UPGRADE	609.10
WEEKS CONSTRUCTION	ALLEY PAVING S OF MAIN ST 400 BLOCK	3,610.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,267.01
WIERSON, KAYLE	LESSON REFUND 2016	35.00

Expenses above by category:

GENERAL	56,226.53
ROAD USE	14,794.26
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,310.21
WATER	11,515.88
SEWER	5,618.80
SEWER - PROJECT	10,140.00
STORM WATER	173.32
RESOURCE RECOVER	473.30

July Revenues:

GENERAL	35,816.15
ROAD USE	13,857.51
EMP BENEFITS	55.59
L.O.S.T.	16,759.92
ECON DEV	1,158.42
DEBT SERV	598.45
PERPETUAL CARE	50.00
WATER	30,240.28
SEWER	19,341.36
STORM WATER	1,932.43
RESOURCE REC	3,157.87
Total	122,967.98

Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The library board submitted a request to allow their new hire to start work after being approved at their board meeting on August 15th. The summer interns will be returning to school and it is important to start training the new person before school early out days begin. The council will also approve this hire at the regular meeting in September. Erickson moved to allow the library board to hire and start new part-time staff. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0. The council also reviewed the reports from the summer reading program: 219 youth were registered, over 125,485 minutes were read and over 2080 attended the programs. Great Job Library!!

At 7:36 the mayor opened the public hearing for the sale of public property located at 501 Main Street. No correspondence was received by the City Clerk either for or against the sale. A resident presented the council with a petition stating opposition to selling the property for a lower bid. He indicated that he believed it was in the best interest of the city to sell the property for the highest bid regardless of what business placed that bid since there is no way to guarantee how much improvement will be made to the building after it is sold. Another resident asked why the city was willing to accept the bid for \$15,000 instead of the \$23,000 bid and suggested keeping the property for public works to use. Members of the council informed him that they want the property to be back on the tax roll to help support city functions. The council considered proposals from the two businesses that were selected from the group of applicants by the Economic Revitalization Committee. They considered the proposals from both companies and the long term implications each would have for Main Street. The council agreed with the recommendation from the Economic Revitalization Committee to select the bid from Craftsman Builders for \$15,000 because the business was a better fit for the location, had more proposed renovations to the property which will result in higher property tax income as well as help the aesthetics of Main Street and the business is more likely to create foot traffic which benefits the other businesses on Main Street as well. The mayor closed the hearing at 8:00 pm. May moved to approve Resolution 4 (2016-17), Approving the sale of public property located at 501 Main St. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Engineers from Snyder and Associates presented their options for the City’s sewer treatment facility. In June of 2015, the DNR issued the city a new permit. Since that time, the engineers have been collecting and analyzing data and preparing options that will treat the city’s wastewater so that what is ultimately released back into Fourmile Creek meets the new DNR regulations and requirements. The new permit requires the City to inform the DNR by September 1st of which option they are going to move forward with to treat wastewater. The council reviewed all of the options presented. The council feels that it is important that the option selected be a viable solution for the life of the

loan. The City of Slater is currently paying for the bonds that financed the last lagoon upgrades and with this DNR permit, will be required to make more upgrades before the last upgrade will be paid off. The least expensive upgrade to meet the DNR requirements has an estimated cost of \$5.725 million. However, the DNR has a rule that states if there is an option available that will produce a better end product AND doesn't cost more than 115% of the option that the City would prefer to choose, then the option that will produce the better result must be chosen and the city will have to incur the additional expense. Due to this 115% rule the city will have to select a SBR (sequencing batch reactor) plant, which is a mechanical plant instead of a lagoon. The estimated cost is \$6.617 million. Significant discussion was had between the city council, engineers and representatives from Sheldahl, who are also under contract to share some of the expense of any wastewater treatment upgrade. Erickson moved to select option 4, the SBR with ultraviolet disinfectant. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0. Snyder and Associates will complete the required paperwork and submit it to the DNR by the September 1st deadline.

Kahler moved to approve Resolution 5 (2016-17), Approving the FY16 Annual Street Finance Report. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

May moved to approve the Liquor License for Casey's General Store. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The council discussed submitting a REAP grant for the sports park development that is planned on the land that was donated by the Craig Weeks family on the Northwest corner of town. The proposed grant would be for initial grading, drainage and some trail surfacing. REAP grants offer a 2 year window after the award date in which to spend funds. Kahler moved to submit a 2016 REAP grant. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Erickson moved to approve Resolution 6 (2016-17), Appointments to the Polk County E911 board. May seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

The areas along Siever's Trail where the grass was killed off and replanted with wildflower seeds are growing. It just looks like tall grasses right now and per the instructions will be mowed off at the end of the growing season. It may take 2 to 3 growing seasons before flowers appear.

May moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51. Sobiech-Munson seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Mary E. Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor