

Slater Regular City Council Meeting September 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:31 P.M. on September 12, 2011, at City Hall, 105 Greene St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Steve Ransom, Ken May, Brad Essick and Gene Staples.
Absent: Tim Locker.

It was moved by Staples and seconded by May to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on August 8, 2011, and expenditures totaling \$85,304.03 as follows:

Ahlers & Cooney	Pool litigation	2,936.50
Ahlers & Cooney	TIF	3,145.00
Alliant	Utilities	9,509.86
American Legion	P&R board donation toward shelter	500.00
Ames Outdoor Power Equip	Mower blades, weed whacker cord	94.08
Anderson, Jeremy	Carb work on Fire truck #412	80.00
Arnold Motor Supply	Parts	14.99
Boone Area Humane Society	Animal control	126.00
Building Inspectors	Co-op, Tama, 1st, Main	6,050.00
Casey's General Store	Fuel	449.50
Center Point Large Print	LP Books	78.46
Computer Resource Specialists	Computer installation	1,204.93
Cyclone Awards and Engraving	Name sign	8.00
Demco	Book Covering supplies	78.35
Des Moines Register	Newspaper subscription	138.27
Door and Fence Store	Fence repair	4,159.80
EDC Educational Services	Usborne books	75.59
Follett	Destiny renewal	550.00
Gale Cengage Learning	LP Books	49.58
Hawkins	Chemicals	1,613.38
Heartland Const Equip	Digger	150.00
Heartland Co-op	Annual LP tank lease	126.50
Hills Bros Asphalt	Street patching	3,800.00
Huxcomm	Phone/Internet	100.86
IDOT	Spray paint, trash bags, brackets	398.51
IMFOA Fall Meeting	Training	50.00
Ingram	Books	213.20
Junior Library Guild	Books	41.85
Kahler Construction	Concession stand window repair	150.00
King's Throne	Portable restrooms	273.00
LawnPro	Tree clean-up	1,950.00
Madrid Auto	Parts	430.62
Mallon Excavation	Hauled rock, gravel & main breaks	3,031.41
Martin Oil Wholesale	Fuel	2,540.46
Martins	Flags	395.59
Matt Parrott	Water bill forms	738.08
Midwest United Benefit	Life Ins	62.50
Minn Valley Testing Labs	Testing	303.50
Municipal Supply	Clamp	493.80
Perkins Electric	City Hall wiring	579.57
Postmaster	PO Box, utility bills, stamps	298.71
Quicks Hardware	Caulk, staples, adhesive, aloxite paper	67.33
R.S. Stover	Magnetic meter	2,784.39
Redeker's	Carpet	12,763.99
Slater Firefighters Assoc	Calls & Mtgs (July & Aug)	1,066.00
South Story Credit Card	mixed	852.89
Sprouse, Mary Beth	Reimb for TP and paper towels	38.35
Stolte Construction	Tennis court bounce- board	1,906.24
Story Co Treasurer	101 Story Property taxes	5,393.00
Suzy Sernett	Cleaning contract	170.00
The Tribune	Legals	119.66
Tom Walters Co	Dumpsters, RAGBRAI, Library carpet	444.57

The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

The council discussed the possible locations for the food pantry. The pantry has been working with the Lutheran Church to find a place to move, should the city hall building be sold. They may need a temporary location. The council agreed to provide a temporary location if needed so that there would be no disruption in service to those in need.

The council reviewed the public hearing notice regarding the sale of 105 Greene St. Ransom moved to adopt Resolution 5 (2011-12) ratifying and approving the publication of the hearing notice. Staples seconded. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

Mayor Halverson opened the public hearing for the sale of 105 Greene St, the current city hall building, at 7:58 p.m. No written comments had been filed. The council had a discussion with a resident from the immediate neighborhood about the potential for parking, noise and trash issues. They discussed possible parking regulations for the adjoining streets. The potential new owners were present to hear concerns regarding trash and noise and agreed to mitigate issues as much as possible. They discussed the benefits of property tax income and bringing additional people into town who might then use the other local businesses as well. At 8:20 the Mayor closed the hearing. Ransom moved to adopt Resolution 6 (2011-12) accepting the offer to dispose of real property located at 105 Greene St. Staples seconded. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. Staff will work with the realtors to finish the contracts. The new owners asked to have several items placed on the next agenda.

The council had previously been approached about opening a burn site somewhere near Slater for tree and organic debris. After discussion of regulations and available land, Ransom moved not to further pursue a burn site. Staples seconded the motion. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Constitution Week, Sept 17-23.

Staples moved to hold beggar's night on October 31st from 6 to 8 PM. Essick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

The library board informed the council the Kathleen Brace has resigned from the board. The council accepted her resignation. Essick moved the Scott Huisinga be appointed as a replacement to the library board. Staples seconded. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

May moved to hold the first reading of Ordinance 250 establishing stop and yield signs. Essick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

Staples moved to approve Resolution 7(2011-12) rededicating 5th Ave and the associated right-of-way between Linn St and Benton St. May seconded. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

Staples moved to approve Resolution 8(2011-12) approving the revised services agreement with Safe Building Compliance and Technology, formerly The Building Inspectors. May seconded. The motion passed with a record vote as follows: Aye: 4 Nay: 0.

The council had a lengthy discussion about the need for sidewalks in town. They reviewed a map of current sidewalks and would like to put in place a plan to construct sidewalks on at least one side of each road.

The council talked about the possibility of connecting the city water supply to the Xenia water line. This would provide a backup water source for when the main city system is down for maintenance or repair.

Staples moved to adjourn. Essick seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Mary E. Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

Gary Halverson, Mayor