

### Slater Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Halverson at 7:30 P.M. on September 9, 2013, at City Hall, 101 Story St., Slater, Iowa. The roll being called the following council members were present as follows: Tim Locker, Ken May, Steve Ransom, John Kahler and Gene Staples. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kahler and seconded by Locker to approve the consent agenda, minutes from meeting on August 12, 2013, and bills totaling \$57,435.30 presented as follows:

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| ALLIANT ENERGY              | UTILITIES                         | 10,388.01 |
| AM SAN                      | SHOWER SOAP & HAND SOAPS          | 608.46    |
| ANNA LOAN-WILSEY            | BOOK                              | 15.00     |
| BALDWIN SUPPLY CO           | TIMING BELT                       | 316.68    |
| BALLARD ATHLETICS           | SIGN PAYMENT                      | 6,180.00  |
| BALLARD COMMUNITY SCHOOL    | FY 14 PAYMENT - LIGHTS            | 6,658.85  |
| CASEY'S GENERAL STORE       | FUEL                              | 378.19    |
| CENTRAL IA EMS DIR ASSOC    | DUES                              | 50.00     |
| CENTRAL IA PUMP & MOTOR     | PUMP GROUND REPAIR, CLOG          | 650.00    |
| CUSTOM STEEL SERVICE        | SIGN FRAME                        | 1,125.00  |
| DELL PREFERRED ACCOUNT      | COMPUTER                          | 789.64    |
| DITCH WITCH - IOWA, INC     | HOSE & HYD FITTING                | 46.80     |
| DKD CONSULTING              | COMPUTER UPGRADE AND INST         | 471.00    |
| FICA                        | FED/FICA TAX                      | 5,661.97  |
| FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY    | LIBRARY SYSTEM RENEWAL            | 550.00    |
| GALE CENGAGE LEARNING       | LP BOOKS                          | 191.13    |
| HACH COMPANY                | TEST STRIPS, BOTTLES              | 201.42    |
| HAWKINS, INC                | AZONE                             | 665.50    |
| HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE       | LP LEASE                          | 84.00     |
| HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS       | PHONE                             | 439.37    |
| INGRAM                      | AUDIO BOOKS                       | 280.14    |
| IOWA DEPT OF TRANS.         | TRASH BAGS                        | 159.72    |
| IOWA PARKS AND REC ASSOC    | ANNUAL DUES                       | 50.00     |
| IOWA PLAINS SIGNING         | PAINT                             | 98.40     |
| IPERS                       | IPERS                             | 3,464.59  |
| JOLLIFFE, BETTE             | SUMMER READING PROGRAM            | 187.92    |
| JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD        | CHILDREN'S BOOKS                  | 64.50     |
| KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES      | TESTING                           | 529.30    |
| KING'S THRONE, LLC          | RESTROOMS                         | 300.00    |
| M.J. MANUFACTURING          | WRENCH                            | 125.00    |
| PENWORTHY COMPANY           | CHILDREN'S BOOKS                  | 158.18    |
| PERKINS ELECTRIC            | UNDERGROUND WIRES TO WELL         | 260.74    |
| POSTMASTER-SLATER           | SEPT UTILITY BILLS                | 188.43    |
| QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK       | NUTS, NOLTS, WASHERS, PAINT, BITS | 237.75    |
| SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE    | INSPECTIONS                       | 1,590.00  |
| SECRETARY OF STATE          | NOTARY                            | 30.00     |
| SLATER ANIMAL HOSPITAL      | CAT                               | 65.00     |
| SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC  | CO-OP - LEAK, BIN COLLAPSE        | 147.00    |
| SNYDER & ASSOCIATES         | FOR NW PART OF TOWN               | 955.50    |
| SOUTH STORY BANK AND TRUST  | ELECTRONIC SIGN                   | 4,764.98  |
| STORY COUNTY TREASURER      | 421 TAXES                         | 246.00    |
| THE DES MOINES REGISTER     | SUBSCRIPTION                      | 276.02    |
| THE TRIBUNE                 | MINUTES                           | 107.97    |
| TOM WALTERS COMPANY         | 4TH OF JULY DUMPSTER              | 202.75    |
| TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET       | TOWELS, CLEANER, BUG SPRAY        | 43.21     |
| TREAS., STATE OF IOWA       | AUG SALES TAX                     | 3,534.08  |
| TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC    | OCT HEALTH INS                    | 3,716.56  |
| UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, INC | LIFE INS                          | 31.25     |
| VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT          | MIRROR                            | 124.29    |
| WELLMAN, MICHAEL            | BOOKS                             | 25.00     |

Expenses:

Motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

A resident asked the council to consider creating a separate tree board to promote planting and maintaining trees within the community. The board would seek grants and other funding to help purchase additional and replacement trees both for planting on public land and private locations. The council asked the resident to bring back more specifics at the next meeting as well as other people who might be interested in serving on the board.

The council reviewed a support letter for an application to the Prairie Meadows Grant for a possible building acquisition. Staples moved to approve the letter. Locker seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Water tower maintenance is underway. The company thinks it will take about 30 days to complete the sandblasting and repainting before it can be refilled. The City is using its backup water supply. The pressure is not as high during peak use times as desired, but it will suffice. The City will have to add another alternative water source before the next interior maintenance which is scheduled for 2022.

The updates to 421 Main St are still progressing. The grant should be closed out and transfer complete before the first of the new year.

The state is requiring all cities with annual expenditures over \$1 million to have an audit firm perform an annual review. The City sent out RFP's for several firms. The only response was from Bowman and Miller for \$4500.00 per year for FY 13-15. The City can choose to upgrade to a full audit any of those years if desired for an additional cost. Staples moved to accept their proposal. Kahler seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council discussed the pending donation of land from Craig Weeks. Weeks has offered land on the northwest corner of town for development of baseball and softball diamonds. Development will be at a future date. Snyder and Assoc created a possible layout what has many changeable options to give the council an idea of how much land would be required. Planning and zoning had reviewed the donation and recommended that they city proceed with the acquisition process. Ransom moved that we ask for approximately 18 acres and continue the process to acquire the land. Staples seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council reviewed Resolution 5 (2013-14) approving purchase of property for the 6.5 feet that is located beside 421 Main. It was discovered that the staircase was located on an easement given by the neighboring property. The owners of the neighboring property are willing to sell this section of property for \$1 to correct the property lines. May moved to approve Resolution 5. Locker seconded. Motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Ransom moved to adjourn. Staples seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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Mary E Sprouse, City Clerk/Admin.

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Gary Halverson, Mayor