

# Slater City Council Meeting

February 10, 2025

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:01pm on February 10, 2025 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Joel Newman, Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: None. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem-Public Works Director.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for February 10, 2025 meeting; claims totaling minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting; claims totaling \$108,114.04 (Table below includes additional payroll expenses for a total paid of \$140,013.66 paid in February); approval of the FY 2024 Audit Report; Approval of Resolution #32-FY 2026 Law Enforcement Contract; Approval of Resolution #33-Appointing Jennifer Davies as representative to Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance; Approval of Resolution #34- Setting date for public hearing of March 31, 2025 for Max Levy Rate for FY 2026 Budget. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$	203.52
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	URBAN RENEWAL PLAN	\$	172.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$	24,358.33
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$	154.44
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSN.	3/1/25 THRU 2/28/26	\$	95.00
ASCENDANCE TRUCK CENTERS	OIL & FUEL FILTERS; WT/FUELSEP	\$	179.42
AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILLING FEE-FY 2023	\$	250.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE(AVESIS)	VISION	\$	85.88
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$	682.16
BALLARD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIST	GIRLS TENNIS 2024-COACHING	\$	350.00
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	COUPLER & HYDRAULIC FLUID	\$	182.29
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	CORD AND WARMING BLANKET	\$	591.47
BOWMAN & MILLER, P.C.	AUDIT/ANNUAL REVIEW	\$	15,000.00
BRANT STRUMPFER	MICROSOFT ANNUAL SCRIP	\$	74.89
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	STAIN, PRINTER, POSTAGE, LIB PROGRAMS	\$	5,478.37
CARLSON, AMY	LEVELING SAND & PLANTS - POOL	\$	98.60
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$	215.20
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	DISINFECTANT; GEL; ACET; ALEVE	\$	120.27
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS	RENTAL-TRENCH BOX & SLING	\$	428.00
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER / TONER	\$	49.16
CORE & MAIN	CHEMICALS	\$	474.72
CULLIGAN	BOTTLED WATER	\$	96.36
DANIELLE WOLFE	CANDYLAND CRUISE	\$	31.13
ECHO GROUP, INC	LIBRARY	\$	19.77
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$	10,334.70
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$	480.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	SAND - WATER MAIN REPAIR	\$	318.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$	1,418.53
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	FOAM SOAP	\$	186.84
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$	511.96
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	BATTERY	\$	506.93
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$	1,046.90
IPERS	IPERS	\$	7,067.03
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$	25.00
JORDAN & MAHONEY	LETTER TO AUDITOR	\$	60.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	FUSE HOLDER, RECEIPT,CAULK,TAPE	\$	67.77
LEAF	LIBRARY COPIER	\$	122.89
LOCALIQ	BOA PUBPLC HEARING-201 3RD	\$	81.86
MADRID TRUE VALUE	15A/2 POLE OUTLET	\$	35.97
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	HAULING OF SAND & ROCK-WTBREAK	\$	792.84
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROCK & SAND	\$	1,206.37
MENARDS - AMES	UTILITY PNL, PVC TRIM	\$	2,281.51
MENARDS - ANKENY	STAIN & TRIM	\$	212.10
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$	901.75
MIDLAND PRAIRIE VET SERVICES	JAN 2025 BILL BACK TO AVERAGE	\$	510.85
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	COMMAND LINK, COUPLING, CLAMPS	\$	2,003.08

POSTMASTER-SLATER	FEB 2025 UTILITY BILLS	\$	361.76
REFLECTIONS GLASS & MIRROR	GLASS REPAIR-TRACTOR	\$	480.00
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING PERMITS	\$	10,614.26
SERNETT, SUZY	EK CRAFT- CANDY & COTTON BALLS	\$	15.56
SLATER EMS	CALLS / RESPONSES	\$	1,295.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	ROGUE TRAINING	\$	800.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING - SPORTS COMPLEX	\$	2,155.03
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	134.00
THEIA MANAGEMENT CONSULTING	ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW	\$	2,145.64
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	\$	3.48
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	152.23
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	207.35
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	6,038.78
XENIA	WATER USAGE	\$	765.90
Payroll Paid 2/05/25 & 2/18/25	PAYROLL	\$	35,280.81

February 2025 Expenses from above by category: \$355,132.62

GENERAL	69,376.60
ROAD USE	14,727.42
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,141.17
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	24.22
WATER	16,914.90
SEWER	29,413.97
STORM WATER	1,473.16
RESOURCE RECOVERY	1,942.22

Gogerty reported on a meeting with the County Supervisors- the plan is to increase library's annual allocation by 5%; new lights have been installed at the Library; the Young Entrepreneur program is having a Youth Craft show on March 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon.

Fire is considering 2 new candidates to fill openings on the department.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 17 calls in January with 16 attended.

Estrem reported they have changed testing companies due to an issue with the previous company that resulted in a violation for the City; and there have been 7 main breaks already this year.

Davies reminded Council/public that proposals to purchase 321 Main Street are due Friday, February 14, 2025.

Council discussed water deposits and a concern a resident had with having to pay a deposit after moving from one address in Slater to another and having lived here for more than 20 years.

Mayor Christensen reported Hawkins may NOT build new in Slater. They are investigating less expensive alternatives.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Conley, to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 302: Noise (to include decibel levels and times). Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Conley, Birdsall, Erickson, and Newman.

Council discussed Resolution #35: Proposal / Contract with Iowa Code Enforcement LLC – a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to deal with nuisance issues such as mowing, junk, junk vehicles, and / or dilapidated structures. Council would like to start this contract on July 1, 2025 in order to hold a city wide clean up day, and to inform the public of the increased enforcement of these City Codes. Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to tabled the approval of the contract in order to get more information and to develop the public notice information. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council reviewed department budget request and incomes for FY 2026. Capital projects/purchases for FY 2026 will only be fulfilled by using fund balances. Davies was directed to move forward with the budget process using these budget numbers and information presented.

Council discussed new/additional staff needed at City Hall. Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to proceed with the hiring of a City Manager by holding a special meeting on February 24, 2025 to meet with and hire a special consultant to help perform the job search.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. All Ayes

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Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk