

Slater City Council Meeting May 13, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:00pm on May 13, 2024 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Joel Newman, and Shawn Birdsall. Absent: Craig Conley. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for May 13, 2024 meeting; minutes from the April 22 & April 25, 2024; and claims totaling \$903,089.73. List below also includes \$18,842.25 in additional regular and recurring payroll expenses, for a total expenses paid in May of \$921,769.98.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SHELDAHL SEWER CONTRACT	\$ 147.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 14,951.27
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 206.77
APE COGNITION & COMMUNICATION	APE COGNITION & COMM	\$ 425.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,028.34
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	CONE SIGN, REFLECTIVE SIGNS	\$ 2,114.05
BLANK PARK ZOO	ZOO TO YOU PROGRAM	\$ 120.00
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	PLANTER; POOL SUPPLIES; POSTAG	\$ 3,861.98
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 166.46
CENTRAL PUMP & MOTOR, LLC	SEWER LAGOONS LIFT STATION	\$ 2,116.74
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	1ST AID BOX	\$ 900.51
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER INK & MAINTENANCE	\$ 96.03
CORE & MAIN	CHEMICALS	\$ 536.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 40.37
D & D PEST CONTROL	307 MAIN	\$ 225.00
D & K PRODUCTS	DIMENSION	\$ 1,743.50
DRAINTECH	BENTON & MAIN - WATER JET	\$ 425.00
ECHO GROUP, INC	PRE SEASON POOL REPAIRS	\$ 684.35
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST	GENERATOR SERVICE	\$ 321.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 8,738.34
FONZIBA KOSTER	AFRICAN DRUMMING	\$ 350.00
GARBAGE GUYS	1ST AVE / CARROLL	\$ 2,397.25
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 518.32
IN THE SWIM	LIFEGUARD UMBRELLA	\$ 386.07
INROADS PAVING, LLC	MILL/PREP/PAVE 10TH AVE	\$ 46,636.00
IOPONICS	ANIMAL PRESENTATION	\$ 246.25
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SEWER PLANT	\$ 483,006.03
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	SOLAR CROSSING BEACONS	\$ 5,704.00
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 20.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT & SW TO SIEVER LT INDUSTR	\$ 10,360.00
JOHNSON, ALYSSA	2023 BIKE PRIZE	\$ 93.02
LOCALIQ	TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE	\$ 282.39
MADRID TRUE VALUE	KEYS, GALV WIRE, THREADLOCKER	\$ 57.51

MANATTS, INC	SEWER	\$	318.00
MARTIN OIL WHOLESAL	FUEL	\$	1,240.88
MENARDS - AMES	SEWER OFFICE	\$	336.60
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$	787.25
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	SURVEY SYSTEM ON HYDRANTS	\$	200.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	PLUMBING SUPPLIES	\$	1,206.60
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE BATHROOMS-PARKS	\$	360.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	MAY 2024 UTILITY BILLS	\$	340.79
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	3,754.48
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	WATER FIGHTS	\$	300.00
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	4TH QTR - FY 2024	\$	25,768.10
TALEWISE	SCIENCE HEROES 6/13/2024	\$	400.00
TIM READ	SUMMER PROGRAM JULY 18, 2024	\$	165.00
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	TP & CLEANER	\$	70.36
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	124.14
UMB BANK NA	PRINCIPAL-STREET PROJECT 18/19	\$	265,875.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	LIB COPIER MAINTENANCE/INK	\$	61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	RAKE	\$	806.12
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	165.64
WEEKS CONSTRUCTION	REMOVE/REPLACE CONCRETE PO&ST	\$	583.00
Payroll Paid	5/01/2024 & 5/15/2024	\$	30,001.89

May 2024 Expensed from above by category:

April 2024 Revenues = \$628,920.84

GENERAL	70,857.33
ROAD USE	63,249.87
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	106.72
DEBT SERVICE	265,875.00
WATER	10,720.19
SEWER	507,372.93
STORM WATER	787.41
RESOURCE RECOVERY	2,800.53

GENERAL	491,945.50
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,553.33
ROAD USE	17,651.21
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	21,994.73
WATER, SEWER, STORM & RR	95,776.07

Sheriff's office reported on the increase of presents in Slater.

A property owner complained that at the last meeting someone else was allowed more than 3 minutes to talk; and that minutes do not have much detail.

Property owners shared their complaints about parking issues and noise (loud music and food truck generators) associated with The Station.

Gogerty reported they had 1400 people visit the Library in April; summer reading program kick off is June 6th. 257 kids are already signed up. The theme is "Wild about Reading" and is 100% funded by sponsorships; the new website was launched at the beginning of May – and they have rebranded with a slogan of "MORE than just a Library."

Strumpfer report the Fire Dance is scheduled for June 1st – with music by the Kraft Brothers and Standing Hampton.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 16 calls in April; EMS and Fire have resumed meetings to discuss a new building that would include both entities; there is a meeting set up with Mary Greeley medical director for upgrading services; May 19-25 is EMS week – they will be at Public House the morning of May 22 for coffee AND have a hands on training for the public in the evening of May 22 at the log cabin.

Estrem reported additional speed limit signs are being installed on Hwy 210; pool is moving forward for a June 1st opening; and asphalt work is being completed at the Cemetery.

Mayor Christensen updated Council on 321 Main Street- there is currently a potential buyer; more debris from the brick / stucco wall is on the ground; and 1 of the front windows is now broken. The newly expanded Slater Economic Development Group is reviewing/updating the zero interest loan program. The Daycare is still waiting on some final dollars to move forward. Syngenta has submitted a building permit for an \$32 million expansion. And information is being gathered for a potential solar project for the City.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #35 (2023-2024): Accepting (corrected) Plat submittal for Siever's Industrial Park – Plat 1. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed signage for Chiropractor. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #36 (2023-2024): Allowing portable reserved parking signs for purpose of providing a courtesy parking spot for individuals with medical needs/limited mobility. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to approved Resolution #37 (2023-2024): Approval of engagement letter with Ahlers Cooney for New TIF plan and Development agreement. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #38: Approval of FY 2025 Animal Control contract with Story County. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0. May abstained.

Council discussed the potential solar project for the City. Information is currently being gathered. Right now there is a 30% tax rebate being offered and other Federal incentives. The Council agreed by consensus to release energy bills in order to get an estimate and project details.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Newman, to approve Shari Buehler for the Deputy / Utility Clerk position @ \$28.00 per hour, plus benefits. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to approve Jerry Weeks for the part time / on call public works employee @ \$27.55 per hour (without benefits). Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Garret Davies as a driver / in training EMS member. Fleener noted he also intends to use the Scholarship funding to take the EMS training in the fall when a class is available. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to approve the liquor license for the Firemen's Dance planned for June 1, 2024. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve street closure of 4th Ave from Benton to Tama from Noon till 6pm on June 1, 2024 for the Fireman's fun raising activities in and around Nelson Park. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed FY 2025 salaries.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.