

Slater City Council Meeting July 8, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:00pm on July 8, 2024 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Ken May, Joel Newman, Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: Sue Erickson. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for July 8, 2024 meeting; minutes from the June 25, 2024; and claims listed below totaling \$212,969.87. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 22,954.80
AQUACIDE COMPANY	AQUACID PELLETS	\$ 1,854.00
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 227.54
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	GARBAGE BAGS, GLOVES	\$ 967.00
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	1ST AID BOXES	\$ 629.56
CITY OF AMES	1ST HALF FY 2025 RR	\$ 8,101.00
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER INK & MAINTENANCE	\$ 78.65
CULLIGAN	WATER & COOLER RENTAL	\$ 49.12
D & D PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL -POOL	\$ 80.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	FORSTRY HOSE & COUPLING	\$ 350.66
DEDEE BIRDSALL ART	WINDOW ART / ADVERTISING	\$ 300.00
DRAINTECH	TV & WARTHOG TREE ROOTS	\$ 1,240.00
ECHO GROUP, INC	RAB LED WALLPACK	\$ 291.06
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2024 SEASON - INSPECTION	\$ 418.00
FASTENAL	NUTS & BOLTS	\$ 98.74
FELD FIRE	TRUCK REPAIR	\$ 404.97
FINCO	REMOVAL OF ASH TREE 5/28/2024	\$ 500.00
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 694.25
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 4,936.25
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	PAPER TOWELS	\$ 547.94
HOOPLA	FY 25 ADVANCE DIGITAL	\$ 3,600.00
INROADS PAVING, LLC	CEMETERY & TAMA CIRCLE	\$ 14,903.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	FY 25 WATER SUPPLY FEES	\$ 169.84
IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUND.	FY 2025 DUES HIGH TRESTLE TRAI	\$ 1,500.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	ENGINEERING FOR LT INDUSTRIAL	\$ 16,916.25
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	ACRY SHEET - POOL	\$ 167.96
LOCALIQ	PUBLICATION OF 6/25/2024MINUTE	\$ 300.03
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	COLD PATCH	\$ 532.00
MADRID TRUE VALUE	TOILET SHIM	\$ 8.58
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	SPORTS COMPLEX ROCK	\$ 12,564.92
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	\$ 686.55
MENARDS - AMES	FREEZER	\$ 548.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SEWER TESTING	\$ 198.00
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO., LLC	SEWER JETTING PROGRAM	\$ 22,977.94

MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	3' W350 DROPIN	\$	559.99
NITE OWL PRINTING	NEWSLETTER	\$	2,873.91
NORTHWAY WELL AND PUMP CO	WELL #3 INSPECT & REHAB	\$	5,825.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	O RING; SPUD CPLG, CLOSET SPUD	\$	74.95
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS - PARKS	\$	540.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	JULY 2024 UTILITY BILLS	\$	341.85
RACOM CORPORATION	FY 2025 COVERAGE CONTRACT	\$	561.80
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTION FEES	\$	40,752.65
SILVERSMITH DATA	FY 25 ANNUAL FEES & DATA PLAN	\$	1,850.00
SLATER COMMUNITY CLUB	2024 4TH OF JULY	\$	5,000.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	FEB-JUNE 2024 CALLS	\$	888.00
SLATER GARDEN CLUB	MULCH, MAIN ST FLOWERS, GAZEBO	\$	1,500.00
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	1ST QTR FY 2025	\$	26,412.31
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	98.79
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	FRAME KIT	\$	578.93
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	4,543.63
XENIA	WT USAGE 5/16/24-6/17/24	\$	771.45

July 2024 Expensed from above by category:

June 2024 Revenues = \$209,483.74

GENERAL	115,397.94
ROAD USE	18,188.36
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,642.42
WATER	29,347.85
SEWER	35,927.30
STORM WATER	425.00
RESOURCE RECOVERY	9,041.00

GENERAL	50,162.75
ROAD USE	24,601.90
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	21,706.87
WATER, SEWER, STORM & RR	113,012.22

A resident expressed his concerns that people are abusing the right to shoot fireworks, stating that there were some so loud it rattled homes and set off car alarms. He suggested that fireworks be completely banned. 2 other residents also expressed their concerns (1 in person and 1 at city hall prior to the meeting). It was also reported an animal was found dead due to injuries from fireworks.

A resident also reported seeing several under age/unlicensed teenagers driving golf carts/ATV's around town. Reminder: golf carts are allowed on Slater streets, driven by a LICENSED person (meaning if you cannot legally drive a vehicle/car you are NOT to be driving golf carts/ATV's), BUT are NOT allowed on any trail, R38, or Hwy 210, except to cross or driving directly to the gas station.

Reminder that FEH, the Architectural firm doing design work for the Community Center / Library, will be at City Hall Tuesday July 9th 2pm-6pm to work on scaling down the project. This is open to the public at 5pm. There was discussion/questions regarding donations and fundraising for the project. There are donations, fundraising money, and city allocated funds in the City's bank account for this project. According to the City Auditor, these funds cannot legally be moved the Friends of the Library.

Estrem has met with engineers regarding the sewer smell. The plan is to 1) add aeration – temporary pumps within the next 2 weeks and permanently within a couple of months, 2) blend & dilute by adding piping and control valves

to/from the small collection pond to the large pond by Spring 2025, and 3) adding variable pumps from the collection pond to the greenhouse – which are currently being installed.

There were several questions for Story Co Sheriff's office regarding fireworks, speeding, golf cart issues, and general patrol of Slater.

Strumpfer reported the Fire Department will be testing extrication equipment in September and there is a Chief's meeting this Wednesday – July 10th.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 11 calls in June – 100% of these were made; and they did standby/rehab for a big fire in the month of June.

Davies updated Council that the purchase of 321 Main St and 319 Main St is moving forward. Once the City has ownership the west wall will be stabilized (with grant dollars from the State of Iowa's Emergency Catalyst Grant-if approved), and then open it to the public for requests for proposals / selling to a new business owner. Information and progress of this project will be updated on the City of Slater's website: slateriowa.org. Check it out under the "Business" tab.

Conley reported he touched base with City of Sheldahl. The USDA funding for the sewer treatment facility is delayed due to change in staff at the USDA offices.

Christensen reported on a fence screen he would like ordered and installed at the public works fenced in area on the High Trestle Trail/corner of 1st Ave and N Carroll. This screen will be approximately \$5900. Motion was made by May, seconded by Conley, to approve said purchase with a NOT to exceed amount of \$5900 from City funds. (This cost might be shared with Community Club) Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed parking on Main Street. This will be a part of updating the City's comprehensive plan.

May updated Council on the plans for a dog park east of the public works building just off the trail. This project is being covered 100% by donations. Motion by Birdsall, seconded by Newman, to approve the installation of the Dog Park. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0. May Abstained.

Motion by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the 2024 Pool Staff –Noting Garret Davies is one of the pool managers. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. All Ayes.