

Slater City Council Meeting September 9, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:02pm on September 9, 2024 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Joel Newman (arrived at 6:13 pm), Shawn Birdsall (via Zoom), and Craig Conley. Absent: None. 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 September 9, 2024 meeting; minutes from the August 12, 2024; and claims totaling \$370,711.45. (List below also includes payroll expenses and other regular/recurring items for a total paid in September of \$313,890.64). Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 203.52
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	UR PLAN - PRAIRIE CREEK PLAT 8	\$ 485.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 13,163.83
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 229.38
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,478.14
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	GLUCOSE STR, SOLUTION, SPLINT	\$ 44.76
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	LAWN ROLLER; OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,516.47
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 423.28
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	1ST AID SUPPLIES	\$ 395.95
CLINTON WEEKS	EASEMENT W/ JJC FOR SW EXPAN	\$ 3,000.00
COLE O'DONNELL	REFUND FOR 301 MAIN RENTAL	\$ 75.00
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	SET LAPTOP ON NETWORK	\$ 248.80
COPY SYSTEMS INC	MAINTENANCE & INK	\$ 137.87
CORE & MAIN	CHEMICALS	\$ 83.77
CORY WILLIAMS	INSTALL DUCT SYSTEM @ SEWER PL	\$ 550.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 56.87
D & K PRODUCTS	GRASS SEED/SPORTS TURF	\$ 6,030.40
DIAM PEST CONTROL	CITY HALL PEST CONTROL	\$ 99.00
DICK'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER	ANNUAL CERT & MAINTENANCE	\$ 651.45
DRAINTECH	SEWER LAGOON	\$ 650.00
ENGINEERED THERMAL INSULATION	L&M TO INSULATE PIPE REPAIR	\$ 1,860.00
FELD FIRE	1376000 SERVICE & TRANSDUCER	\$ 1,185.60
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 11,333.54
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	SERVICE RENEWAL & SUPPORT	\$ 1,221.44
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 575.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 2,160.32
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	REFUND OF CREDIT ACCT 4421000	\$ 573.81
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY, INC.	NIPPLE & BUSHING	\$ 9.76
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 625.46
INGRAM	BOOKS	\$ 131.00
IOWA DNR	WASTE WATER PERMIT FEES FY2025	\$ 210.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 1,534.10
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	OIL, WASHERS, SIGNS & TUBING	\$ 2,485.45
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY 2025 DUES	\$ 1,280.00
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 26.10
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 7,639.58
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 25.00
JASON BAKER	EASEMENT W/JJC FOR SW EXPANSIO	\$ 3,000.00
JEFF KOUDELKA	EASEMENT W/ JJC FOR SW EXPAN	\$ 3,000.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	ENGINEERING WT & SW INDUSTRIAL	\$ 11,978.50
JESSICA DAVIS	POOL PARTY REFUND (JULY 20,24)	\$ 160.00
KELLER EXCAVATING, INC	WT&SW LT INDUSTRIAL-PAY APP #3	\$ 143,165.76
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	TOILET KIT	\$ 52.97
LOCALIQ	AUGUST 12, 2024 MINUTES	\$ 356.40
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	MSA TIC REPAIR AND FREIGHT	\$ 690.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 14.34
MADRID TRUE VALUE	SEWER	\$ 6.28
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	PARKING LOT/TRAILSIDE PARK	\$ 1,601.74
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	\$ 3,403.32

MENARDS - AMES	PVC ELBOW & COUPLING, BRASSCAP	\$	22.74
MENARDS - CLIVE	SCREWS; APRON	\$	785.40
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$	687.00
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	\$	43.90
MOSQUITO CONTROL OF IOWA	ANNUAL MOSQUITO CONTROL	\$	7,705.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	M510MFITCXMI	\$	432.89
NITE OWL PRINTING	FALL 2024 SCOOP	\$	2,681.75
POLK COUNTY	WATERSHED COORDINATION	\$	250.00
PORTABLE PRO, INC	TAILGATE-PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$	1,130.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	SEPT 2024 WATER BILLS	\$	359.52
RK CONST. & DEMO	20 FOOT CONTAINER W SIDE DOORS	\$	7,000.00
ROGER WILLIAMS	INSTALL DUCT SYSTEM @ SEWER PL	\$	550.00
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	2,999.01
SLATER EMS	141 CALLS/RESPONSES	\$	910.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING - TRAILSIDE PARK	\$	7,716.91
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	TRASH PUMP, HOSES	\$	2,695.22
STORY COUNTY RECORDER	RECORDING OF EASEMENTS	\$	88.00
TEAM SERVICES	FIELD TESTING WT&SW INDUSTRIAL	\$	1,998.30
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$	59.67
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	190.83
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	WORK COMP ADJUSTMENT	\$	308.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER MAINTENANCE & INK	\$	61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	FILTER ELEMENT	\$	42.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	207.15
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	7,233.17
XENIA	XENIA WATER USAGE	\$	777.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$	276,764.46
Total Payroll Paid		\$	40,529.50
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$	317,293.96

September 2024 Expenses from above by category:

AUGUST 2024 Revenues = \$176,912.11

GENERAL	133,004.83
ROAD USE	26,611.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,682.42
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	908.04
WATER	45,706.11
SEWER	21,921.62
STORM WATER	334.12
RESOURCE RECOVERY	824.25

GENERAL	25,808.42
ROAD USE	16,204.84
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	23,799.49
PROJECT FUNDS	196.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	4,599.16
WATER, SEWER, STORM & RR	106,304.20

A property owner shared his concerns with water / sewer costs and shared comparables from other cities.

Pool Manager, Jaeda Davies, update Council on the 2024 pool season. It was an overall great year, with a young, positive, hard working group of employees. They only had 2 active saves for the entire season (meaning they had to help/assist individuals out of the water, but no life saving measures such as CPR was required). She also shared a list of issues / improvements to consider for next year; and has been to Park and Rec meetings to go into more depth with this list of issues/improvements.

Gogerty reported fall programing has started – kids and adults. The 1st meet and Eat program was Friday – Sept 9th with Slater Area Historical Society gave a presentation on the “History of SlaterMain Street.” Upcoming events/fundraisers for the Community Center / Library / City Hall project include: 1) Gather Dinner - Sept 21st and 2) Front Porch Concert at Calson’s on N Carroll Street – Oct 6th.

The building Committee for the Community Center/Library / City Hall project will be hosting public meetings on Thursday – Sept 26th and October 12th. They have been working on re-sizing the building, and putting out a survey to get more public input. Fundraising to date is approximately \$1.5 million in hand, plus proceeds from the current Library and City Hall once the new facility is built, and plans to write a grant for an additional \$1 million. Council is also aware of the publics concern for parking on Main Street. They are making plans to improve and expand parking in the Main Street area.

Sheriff’s Office reported they are making a more concentrated effort to be in Slater for traffic control. The speed trailer is scheduled to be here soon. Mayor Christensen made a request to add traffic control on ISU game days to help with the congestion.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 12 calls in August – 8 of those in Slater, 2 in Palestine Township, and 1 in Polk Co. The building committee is still meeting and discussing ideas. And Fleener is working on a service upgrade since we have trained staff on the Slater EMS department.

Strumpfer reported the Fire Department will be doing extrication training / testing equipment at the end of September. Many thanks go out to those who supported the fundraiser @ the Tailgate Event.

Estrem reported compressors are running at the sewer facility. He is working on getting a storage container for housing the pumps and estimates on upgrading power needs. Quotes are being submitted for the stabilizing of the west wall of 321 Main Street. Once the wall has been stabilized, the City will 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. Engineering update on Trailside park is planned for the week of Sept 16th. As a reminder: Chipping day is scheduled for Monday – October 7th– 2pm-6pm. Please bring limbs to the public works parking lot. Handicapped or elderly may contact City Hall to arrange pick up. Speed feedback signs have been ordered, updated speed signs have been added at all entrances to the City.

Water and sewer expansion to Sievers Light Industrial Area is moving forward. 500th Ave is now open. The entrance off of R38 to the Light Industrial Area will be getting started next week as well.

Davies reported the upgrade in accounting software is on hold for more information. The potential solar project is still waiting on quotes – the contact with the Solar Company has been out of the office for a few weeks due to personal injury.

Mayor Christensen spoke on the Story County Conservation \$25 million bond request that will be on the ballot this November. This project includes trail connections from Slater to Ames, and will include updates to the Conservation Center to include more classrooms, and much more. For more information contact Story County Conservation.

The Mayor would also like to see Council increase enforcement on nuisances around the community.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #7 (2024-2025): Pay App #3 for Water & Sewer Expansion to Sievers Light Industrial Area to Keller Excavating. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed at length the fireworks Ordinance. It was suggested a survey be put out to get the residents feedback on the issue.

Council discussed proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance, which included fines and setting decibel levels. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to table this issue to gather more information about decibel levels.

Council discussed Resolution #8: Second contract amendment with Sheldahl for sewer services. This amended contract is extending the term for an additional 20 years. Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Erickson, to table for further information.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #9: Revenue Purpose Statement for interest earned. Motion approved with of 4 Ayes, and Conley voting Nay.

Council discussed Ordinance #303: Rezoning of 106 3rd Ave from single family Residential to Multi-Family Residential. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to hold the 1st reading. Public hearing is scheduled for Oct 14th during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Certified letters will also be mailed to all property owners within a 2 block radius for the public hearing. Role call vote: Ayes: May, Newman, Erickson, Conley, and Birdsall. Nays: none.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to approve the closure of Main Street for the Gather Event – Saturday, Sept 21, 2024 from Story Street to Marshall Street from Noon to Midnight. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to waive the "No Parking" on the West side of N. Carroll for October 6th event at 445 N Carroll from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed at length the need for a 3rd position to be created in City Hall.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. All Ayes

Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk