

Slater City Council Meeting

January 13, 2025

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:00pm on January 13, 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 May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for January 13, 2025 meeting; minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting; claims totaling \$323,127.75. (List below includes additional payroll expenses for a total paid in January of \$355,132.62); and approval of liquor license renewal for Public House 421. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 203.52
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	URBAN RENEWAL PLAN	\$ 483.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 16,531.23
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 321.64
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 941.23
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	3 LEGGED CONE	\$ 386.56
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	OIL & FUEL FILTERS	\$ 214.43
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	NEEDLE KIT, CATHETER IV,CURAPX	\$ 159.64
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	TRAINING, LIB PROG, OFFICE SUP	\$ 2,437.48
CENTRAL IOWA PUMP & MOTOR	TRANSDUCER & NEW JUNCTION BOX	\$ 3,500.35
CENTRAL IOWA TOWING	CHRISTMAS TREE	\$ 300.00
CLEARSPAN FABRIC STRUCTURES	SEWER GREENHOUSE REPAIR	\$ 13,000.00
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	CREDENTIAL RESET VIA PHONE	\$ 22.50
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 76.94
CYBRARIAN	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPT FEB25-JAN26	\$ 529.95
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EXTRICATION TOOL	\$ 33,945.00
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 176.28
ECHO GROUP, INC	NEW LIBRARY LIGHTS	\$ 3,137.59
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 10,386.37
FLEENER, CHAD	SHELVING	\$ 174.91
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES-DESMOIN	FUEL FILTER INSERT	\$ 118.71
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 465.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 10.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 511.96
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 1,052.45
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BELTING RUBBER	\$ 146.72
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 7,058.02
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 25.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	ENGINEERING WT & SW LT INDUSTR	\$ 1,328.50
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	PAINT SUPPLIES	\$ 101.93
LEACHMAN LUMBER COMPANY	OAK PLYWOOD FOR SHELVING	\$ 420.56
LEAF	LIBRARY COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 217.89
LOCALIQ	DEC 9, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES	\$ 468.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 122.98
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	DELIVERY OF SAND/WT MAIN BREAK	\$ 254.40
MENARDS - AMES	STRAPS, HOLE SAW, SER CAP,WIRE	\$ 800.44
MENARDS - ANKENY	LADDERS;SEAT; WINDSHIELD WASH	\$ 313.55
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SEWER TESTING	\$ 633.75
MOECKLY CONTRACTOR LLC	GRADING FOR TRAILSIDE PARK	\$132,073.00
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	WATER LEAK DETECTION	\$ 1,000.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	SS REPAIR CLAMP; SRII 4W 10 CF	\$ 1,447.52
OMNISITE	ANNUAL FEE-ALARM MONITORING	\$ 694.00
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	SAFETY SWITCH/GAS CONTROL VALV	\$ 1,133.50
P & M APPAREL	3 HI-VIZ JACKETS	\$ 75.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	JAN 2024 UTILITY BILLING	\$ 361.20
PREMIER COPIERS PRINTS IT SERV	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 104.85
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 12,869.46
SENSUS USA INC	ANNUAL SUPPORT/LICENSE FEE	\$ 3,700.00
SERNETT, SUZY	VAN, PINE CONES, HARDBOARD	\$ 15.52

STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	AIR COMPRESSOR RENTAL	\$ 9,604.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	UTILITY BILL FORMS	\$ 1,127.50
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	FY 2025 3RD QTR POLICE PROTECT	\$ 26,412.30
THEIA MANAGEMENT CONSULTING	STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION	\$ 1,263.52
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	DEC 2024 MEET & EAT	\$ 50.62
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	MET LIFE	\$ 74.84
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	ANNUAL CONSULTING FEE	\$ 1,000.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER MAINTENANCE-FINAL	\$ 152.54
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	OIL & AIR FILTERS/ELEMENTS	\$ 678.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 207.35
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,895.91
XENIA	WATER USAGE 11/15 - 12/16/2024	\$ 777.00
Total Payroll Paid-Dec 23; Jan 8; & Jan 22	PAYROLL	\$ 54,435.75

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

GENERAL	258,996.86
ROAD USE	15,477.12
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,920.91
WATER	20,605.20
SEWER	53,330.49
STORM WATER	269.23
RESOURCE RECOVERY	532.81

DECEMBER 2024 Revenues = \$ 1,192,254.60

GENERAL	51,908.14
ROAD USE	17,705.10
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	21,114.51
ECON DEV	3,586.66
WATER	23,874.26
SEWER	1,068,873.52
STORM	2,055.63
RESOURCE RECOVERY	3,136.78

The Sheriff's office reported it has been quiet and cold.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 153 calls in 2024. This is down from 2023 due to reduction in responses to Kelley area. The building committee is getting a 2nd engineers opinion/bid for the potential construction of a new FIRE / EMS building.

Davies reported the FY2024 Audit exit interview was held January 8th. Council will plan to review and approve this Audit at the February Council meeting. Davies is researching other accounting software before a final decision is made. Sheldahl's payment for the sewer upgrade has been received.

Strumpfer reported the Fire department is considering a program that will allow them to recoup some of their costs for calls – looking for Council approval to move forward; election of officers was held in December – all officers stayed the same for the Fire department; extrication equipment is in hand.

Mayor Christensen reported the Request for Proposals for the sale of 321 Main Street are due February 14, 2025 – there have been 7 people interested in the building; Syngenta is moving forward on construction of their new building; and per the auditor, sewer rates need to be reevaluated in order to stay compliant with the bond requirement to collect 110% of bond payments. Councilman May informed Council there are new liability laws for sidewalks being implemented at the State level.

Roger Wheeler presented a request from "Homes by Advantage" for the Council to consider doing a developers agreement utilizing TIF for infrastructure improvements in order to split the current lot into 2 lots and building 2 single family housing units at what is currently known as 106 3rd Ave (across from the Log Cabin). The developer also requested the Council consider investing Low/Moderate Income (LMI) dollars towards these 2 homes. Council discussed at length these 2 requests and decided they could NOT make a decision on LMI at this time. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall to pursue a developers agreement outlining a maximum reimbursement of \$25,000 per lot (maximum of \$50,000 for the 2 new lots) for site/infrastructure improvements to

106 3rd Ave to be paid to the developer upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and reimbursed to the City through the use of TIF over 10 years. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0. Details and specifics shall be outlined in the legal documents drafted by Slater's TIF legal counsel, and to be approved as necessary through future Council actions.

Council discussed Ordinance 302: Noise. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to table this item for more revisions. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to waive the 2nd reading and hold the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #307: Addition of Stop & Yield signs in Prairie Creek – Plat 8. Roll call vote: Ayes: Erickson, Birdsall, May, Newman, and Conley. Nays: none

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to waive the 2nd reading and hold the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #308: No parking on Four Mile Dr (Prairie Creek – Plat 8). Roll call vote: Ayes: Erickson, Newman, Conley, Birdsall, and May. Nays: none

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve the Goal Setting/Strategic Planning Report and to further plan implementation of suggestions and goals outlined in the report. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Conley, to approve Resolution #27 (2024-2025): Story County County Emergency Management 5 year Plan. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed at length the contract proposed for the use of City pool by Ballard Sharks. Points of discussion included the fee of \$2500 for the season, that lifeguards must be staffed at all times Ballard Sharks are on the premises, and liability insurance. There were other suggested additions to the contract and corrections that need to be made. These items will be amended and the contract will be sent the City Attorney for review. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to table Resolution #28 for review by Attorney. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Conley, to approve Resolution #29: Appointment of Mayor Taylor Christensen (as Representative), Shawn Birdsall (as alternate #1), and Chad Fleener (as alternate #2) to Story County Emergency Management Commission. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution #30: Appointment of Taylor Christensen (as Representative) to Polk County 911 Service Board. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed options for a new City Attorney. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Newman, to table Resolution #31: Appointment of new City Attorney for more information / options. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council reviewed and agreed to additional meetings through April in order to complete FY 2026 budget process.

Council began discussions and review of proposed FY 2026 budget. Each department is to submit an operating budget only and identify what capital projects/purchases they are planning for in the future, how much the costs will be.

Motion was made by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. All Ayes

Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest: _____

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk