

Slater City Council Meeting November 11, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:00pm on November 11, 2024 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson (via zoom), Ken May, Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: Joel Newman. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Everyone joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance. In recognition of Veteran’s day, Mayor Christensen Thanked all those who have served, and are serving this country.

Motion by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for November 11, 2024 meeting; minutes from the October 14, 2024 meeting; and claims totaling \$208,739.27. (List below also includes payroll expenses and other regular/recurring items for a total paid in November of \$231,690.24). Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 101.76
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	DA FOR JISSOM	\$ 4,367.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	321 MAIN STREET	\$ 26.32
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 601.70
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,181.97
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	AUGER BIT	\$ 140.00
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	SPRAYER, POSTAGE, PROGRAMING	\$ 7,449.97
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	SONOTUBES	\$ 424.80
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 93.77
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	INVERTED PAINT	\$ 190.00
CITY OF KELLEY	CC PYMT RAN THROUGH SLATER	\$ 324.21
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE & INK	\$ 162.54
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	RESCUE 42 JUNIOR ENGINE COMBO	\$ 6,021.24
DIVERGENT GROUP INC	321 MAIN STREET-WEST WALL	\$ 108,500.00
ENVIROTECH SERVICES	DUST CONTROL	\$ 3,825.00
FEH DESIGN	BOND REFERENDUM SUPPORT	\$ 2,676.11
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 10,219.37
FINCO	4 TREES PLANTED IN PARKS	\$ 400.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	HMAO & FIRE FIGHTER 1 TRAINING	\$ 150.00
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 575.00
GREENLAW, REGGIE	PROGRAMING	\$ 75.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 10.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	FIRE BOOTS	\$ 250.70
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 442.14
I-80 CONCRETE DESIGN LLC	CONCRETE-PARKS, SW, STREETS	\$ 1,113.75
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 704.87
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 57.60
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	2025 DUES	\$ 355.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 3,250.32
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 25.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT & SW EXPAN TO INDUSTRIAL	\$ 4,594.00
KADETH, INC.	WEBSITE MIGRATION WORK	\$ 370.42
KATE BAX	COSTUME PARADE	\$ 59.95
LOCALIQ	OCT 14, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES	\$ 378.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	MSA GAS CYLINER	\$ 439.80
MADRID TRUE VALUE	EXT CORDS; BATTERY	\$ 672.69
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL & DEF @ SEWER	\$ 8,432.24
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SEWER TESTING	\$ 651.25
MIDWEST CRITICAL POWER	LAGOON LIFT STATION SERVICE	\$ 1,854.80
MSA SAFETY SALES, LLC	ANNUAL FEE FOR GAS MONITOR	\$ 1,242.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	METER READING SMART POINTS	\$ 1,590.09
NITE OWL PRINTING	OCTOBER 2024 SCOOP	\$ 2,422.88
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	POOL MAINTENANCE	\$ 79.00
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS - PARKS	\$ 630.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	NOVEMBER 2024 UTILITY BILLS	\$ 362.32
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 4,424.52
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	AIR HOSE & COMPRESSOR RENTAL	\$ 2,481.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL 7/1THRU9/30/24	\$ 50.00

STORY COUNTY RECORDER	RECORDING OF EASEMENT	\$	22.00
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES ON 321 MAIN	\$	502.00
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	TAKE & BAKE - LIB PROGRAM	\$	118.56
TRAFFIC LOGIX	SPEED CONTROL SIGNS	\$	5,016.00
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	182.23
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER MAINTENANCE & INK	\$	61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	OIL FILTER & ELEMENT	\$	69.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	207.35
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	5,888.40
XENIA	WATER USAGE	\$	710.40
Total Payroll Paid		\$	34,463.12

November 2024 Expenses from above by category: \$231,690.24

GENERAL	57,841.75
ROAD USE	20,116.77
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,020.79
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	111,176.11
WATER	8,101.98
SEWER	26,450.77
STORM WATER	1,309.42
RESOURCE RECOVERY	672.65

October 2024 Revenues = \$ 775,685.08

GENERAL	621,830.78
ROAD USE	17,283.72
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	27,576.11
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3,106.66
WATER	27,189.63
SEWER	72,930.48
STORM	2,227.75
RESOURCE RECOVERY	3,539.95

A Slater resident shared his concerns on the traffic and speeding around South Side Park due to the number of walkers, kids, and bicyclist. It was noted that the Park & Recreation Board received a grant in the amount of \$6827 for more playground equipment at South Side Park. There were also concerns with people leaving junk on curb.

The Sheriff's report was reviewed. Total of 63.15 hours spent in Slater for the month of October.

Gogerty reported the Library held 45 programs in October with almost 2000 people in attendance. Ames Library received a grant to provide hot spots/tablets/etc to 11 of the communities in Story County. The building Committee for the Community Center/Library / City Hall will plan to attend the Community Goal Planning session being held December 3rd to discuss the future of the project. Where do we go from here?

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 11calls in October with 100% response. That makes 124 calls for the year so far. 58.8% of those were in Slater. Service upgrade and change in transport services are almost complete. The building committee has reached out to an engineer for more detailed information and to take the next steps in the construction of a new FIRE / EMS building.

Strumpfer reported Slater Fire is currently waiting on the extrication equipment to arrive. 2 very long time fire fighters have officially retired - THANK YOU so much for your service.

Estrem reported dirt work on Trailside Park / Sports Complex should begin this week.

Davies reported Sheldahl has approved the contract with Slater. We are just waiting for signatures. There was some discussion of the meters being replaced in order to get accurate readings for billing. Davies also noted upgrading the city accounting software is on hold until the company can work out the numerous issues with the new software.

Mayor Christensen reported there is discussion of Ames building a transfer station somewhere in Ames and then contracting with another landfill for garbage disposal. City of Slater will continue to be a part of these discussions, while investigating other options. Reminder: Goal Planning Sessions are scheduled for November 25 and December 3. These are open to the public and input is not only Welcome but encouraged.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to hold the 2nd reading of Ordinance #304: No parking on the East side of Greene Street between 2nd Ave heading north to the alley that is between Main Street and 2nd Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Birdsall, Erickson, and Conley. Nays: none

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing on the proposed Prairie Creek – Plat 8 Residential Urban Renewal Plan at 6:56pm. Davies reported no written or verbal comments, questions, or concerns have been received at Slater City Hall in regards to this Urban Renewal Plan. Conley expressed his concerns with the amount of rebate given. Having no further questions from those present, and no further discussion by Council, Christensen closed the public hearing at 6:57pm. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #16 (2024-2025): determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Prairie Creek Plat 8 Residential Urban Renewal Plan. Motion approved. Ayes: Birdsall, May, and Erickson. Nays: Conley

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to hold the 1st Reading of Ordinance 305: for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for Prairie Creek Plat 8 – Residential Urban Renewal Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Birdsall, and Erickson. Nays: Conley

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Rogers Enterprises, Inc. at 7:06 pm. Davies reported no written or verbal comments, questions, or concerns have been received at Slater City Hall in regards to this Development Agreement. Conley again expressed his concerns with the amount of rebate given. Having no further questions from those present, and no further discussion by Council, Christensen closed the public hearing at 7:07pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #17: Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Slater and Rogers Enterprises, Inc. Motion approved. Ayes: May, Birdsall, and Erickson. Nays: Conley.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing on the proposed Sievers Light Industrial – Plat 1 Urban Renewal Plan at 7:08pm. Davies reported no written or verbal comments, questions, or concerns have been received at Slater City Hall in regards to this Urban Renewal Plan. There was discussion of the proposed development agreement. Conley expressed his concerns with the amount of rebate given. Having no further discussion or questions from those present, and no further discussion by Council, Christensen closed the public hearing at 7:23pm. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May to approve Resolution #18 (2024-2025): determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Sievers Light Industrial – Plat 1 Urban Renewal Plan. Motion approved. Ayes: Birdsall, May, and Erickson. Nays: Conley

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to hold the 1st Reading of Ordinance 306: for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for Sievers Light Industrial – Plat 1 Urban Renewal Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Birdsall, and Erickson. Nays: Conley

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing on the proposed Development Agreement with JISSOM, Inc. at 7:37pm. Davies reported no written or verbal comments, questions, or concerns have been received at Slater City Hall in regards to this Development Agreement. Having no further discussion or questions from those present, and no further discussion by Council, Christensen closed the public hearing at 7:38pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #19 (2024-2025): Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Slater and JISSOM, Inc. (with correction in completion date of infrastructure if necessary). Motion approved. Ayes: May, Birdsall and Erickson. Nays: Conley.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2025 Budget Amendment #1 at 7:38pm. Davies reported no written or verbal comments, questions, or concerns have been received at Slater City Hall in regards to this Amendment. Conley had questions on expenses for Trailside Park. Having no further discussion or questions from those present, and no further discussion by Council, Christensen closed the public hearing at 7:40pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution #20 (2024-2025): Adoption of FY 2025 Budget Amendment #1. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council would like more information from Story County Sheriff's office on how to enforce / implement municipal infractions.

Council discussed and debated at length decibel levels to add to the Noise Ordinance. It was suggested anything above 85 decibels between 8pm – 7am, Sunday through Thursday, could be issued a citation.

And anything above 95 decibels between 11pm – 7am, Friday and Saturday, could be issued a citation. Formal verbiage will be added to Ordinance 302 and presented at a future meeting for review and possible approval.

Wolfe presented the results of the Fireworks survey. It was discussed that the number of responses was too low to determine a fair result.

Davies reported that the City of Kelley will meet tomorrow night (November 12, 2024) to discuss the contract with Slater, but they are moving toward hiring their own Clerk.

Council discussed siding 321 Main. Questions: 1) do we need get it weather tight now? 2) will it affect approval of grant applications? 3) Concerns that it is not in compliance with City Ordinance of Facades on Main Street? Motion was made by Conley, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #21(2024-2025): Change Order for 321 Main Street by accepting Option “C” (which is to install tin siding on both the West and North elevations for an increase in contract amount of \$9,520.00) Motion approved. Ayes: Conley, May, and Birdsall. Abstained: Erickson.

Council discussed allowing snowmobile use on the High Trestle Trail from behind Nite Hawk Bar & Grill to the west edge of Slater City limits. The Snowmobile club is also talking with other entities to have the High Trestle Trail open for snowmobile use from Slater to Madrid (NOT including the Bridge). Slater Park and Recreation Board is recommending approval. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve as outlined above. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the 2025 Library Calendar as presented. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Greg Piklapp from Story Co Alliance presented a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sale of 321 Main Street. This will be released the 1st week of December in conjunction with Christmas on Main; with a due date of February 14, 2025. Motion was made by May, seconded by Conley, to approve the RFP as presented. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed proposals for Slater’s banking. Motion was made by Conley, seconded by May, to approve moving City money out of IPAIT and back to South Story Bank with an interest rate slightly lower than IPAIT, but with other banking options not previously offered. Motion approved with a 4-0.

Motion was made by Conley, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the Street Finance Report (aka Road Use Tax Report). Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed the estimates for microphones and speakers for Council Chambers. Moving forward on this purchase failed for lack of a motion.

Council discussed estimates for different printers for the Scoop/Newsletter. There are some questions on the lowest estimate. Wolfe will follow up.

Chad Fleener and Davies updated Council on Security Cameras the City may want to update and add around the community. Tabled for more information.

Review of Code on Water and Sewer rates; discussion of possible speed controls on Main Street; and review of Code on Nuisance Abatement were all tabled.

Davies reviewed the Façade Grant application for 308 Main Street. Since the project was started, the County could not approve the Grant. Davies asked the City Council to consider approving the 20% of the project costs that would have been paid in conjunction with the County dollars. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to approve the 20%. Motion approved. Ayes: Birdsall, Erickson, and May. Nays: none Abstained: Conley

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51pm. All Ayes

Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk