

Slater City Council Meeting October 14, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:01pm on October 14, 2024 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 October 14, 2024 meeting; minutes from the September 9 and September 23, 2024 meetings; and claims totaling \$271,958.05. (List below also includes payroll expenses and other regular/recurring items for a total paid in October of \$293,738.59). Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACTIVE 911, INC.	ALERTING SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 141.75
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	ROGERS ENTERPRISES/PLAT 8 - DA	\$ 1,680.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 11,703.39
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 543.89
AMES LOCK AND SECURITY	REKEYED 5 LOCKS @ POOL	\$ 1,258.47
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 536.65
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	4K FRAME; 48' TOOTH	\$ 1,377.00
BOONE COUNTY ENGINEER	EDGING ON Y AVE-S OF HWY 210	\$ 304.74
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	NEEDLE KIT;IO STABILIZER &CASE	\$ 1,473.85
DBA BOBCAT OF AMES	BOBCAT SKID STEER	\$ 56,708.65
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	DEF; SOLAR LTS-DOG PARK; STAMP	\$ 3,281.27
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 442.28
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	1ST AID SUPPLIES	\$ 135.43
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	TRUCKING FOR ROCK	\$ 417.11
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP	WINTER RINSE	\$ 276.47
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER TONER & MAINTENANCE	\$ 179.11
CORE & MAIN	CHEMICALS	\$ 461.61
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 56.87
D & D PEST CONTROL	FIRE STATION & 301 MAIN	\$ 225.00
D & K PRODUCTS	GRASS SEED & FERTILIZER	\$ 1,896.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	3 MTL W/ HOSE & ALUM COUPLING	\$ 1,259.99
DEBORAH JOHNSON	REFUND FROM 106 N BOONE ST	\$ 147.99
ECHO GROUP, INC	SECURITY LIGHT	\$ 343.78
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 10,464.02
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 575.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	2' GRAVEL	\$ 420.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 1,285.16
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	12 HELMETS	\$ 6,105.00
HUBER FENCING	DOG PARK-5' CHAIN LINK W TENSN	\$ 7,430.25
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 622.96
I-80 CONCRETE DESIGN LLC	CONCRETE WORK	\$ 561.25
IEMSA	2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$ 470.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	FY 2025 WATER USE FEE	\$ 115.00
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 58.50

ISU TREASURER'S OFFICE	FY 2025 RADIO SUBSCRIBER FEES	\$ 12,582.17
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 25.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT&SW TO SIEVERS LT INDUSTRIAL	\$ 4,681.00
KATIE CLEMENT	ALLIANT BILL DUE 8/29/2024	\$ 46.46
KELLER EXCAVATING, INC	PAY APP #4 WT&SW TO LT INDUSTR	\$ 24,158.50
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	PROPANE - FORK TANK	\$ 29.99
LEXIPOL	EMS PLATFORM/MOBILE SOLUTION	\$ 477.45
LOCALIQ	SEPT 9, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES	\$ 324.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 57.00
MADRID TRUE VALUE	PW	\$ 29.57
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	ROCK	\$ 950.04
MARTIN OIL WHOLESAL	FUEL @ LAGOON	\$ 10,857.94
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SEWER TESTING	\$ 1,016.75
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	PIPE; TEES; FLANGE; GASKET	\$ 3,124.55
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	SEWER AC REPAIRS	\$ 2,821.00
PAR INDUSTRIES	INSTALL & STARTUP/TESTING VFDs	\$ 6,120.00
PIONEER RESEARCH	ACTIVATED NEEDLES	\$ 1,149.88
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS-PARKS	\$ 360.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	OCT 2024 UTILITY BILLS	\$ 362.32
PREMIER COPIERS PRINTS IT SERV	COPIER TONER	\$ 328.80
PRO DIESEL INC	TRUCKLUBE SPECIAL/SERVICE	\$ 2,150.10
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 5,564.68
SERNETT, SUZY	SNACK SUPPLIES	\$ 18.40
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	AIR HOSE & COMPRESSOR RENTAL	\$ 2,572.77
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	FY 2025 2ND QTR	\$ 26,412.30
TEAM SERVICES	FIELD TESTING WT&SW TO LT INDU	\$ 1,008.15
TITAN MACHINERY	EPDM SPRAY; HOSEBARB; FLNG;GSK	\$ 2,063.08
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	LIBRARY-MEET & EAT	\$ 76.21
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 144.81
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	GEN LIABILITY & WORK COMP AUDT	\$ 11,043.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 61.08
UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC	WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	\$ 8,054.00
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	HOSE & FITTINGS	\$ 523.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 207.30
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 14,517.86
XENIA	WATER USAGE 8/15 THRU 9/16/24	\$ 1,066.10
Total Payroll Paid 10/02/2024 & 10/16/2024	PAYROLL OCT 2 & OCT 16, 2024	\$ 35,794.35

OCTOBER 2024 Expenses from above by category: \$293,738.59

GENERAL	123,632.38
ROAD USE	45,943.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	14,650.25
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	45.12
WATER	57,745.09
SEWER	50,712.20
STORM WATER	318.37

RESOURCE RECOVERY	691.62
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SEPTEMBER 2024 Revenues = \$ 259,117.42

GENERAL	91,890.03
ROAD USE	24,512.47
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	22,943.01
PROJECT FUNDS	20,000.00
WATER	26,906.88
SEWER	67,827.71
STORM	2,052.47
RESOURCE RECOVERY	2,984.86

A Slater resident shared his concerns on the number of garbage companies / trucks that are here on a weekly basis and causing extra wear and tear on city streets. He requested the Council consider going to 1 garbage service in Slater to help alleviate said wear and tear on streets and to help improve the esthetics of our Community.

Story County Conservation presented information on the \$25 million bond that will be on the November 5th ballot. This bond is approximately ½ of the funds needed to do several conservation projects throughout Story County. It is estimated property taxes for the median household in Story County would increase by \$32 annually.

A Solar company gave a presentation on potential solar projects within the City of Slater. This company has a 30 year warranty and their product has a 40 year life expectancy. The City could purchase the solar arrays directly OR have an investor pay the upfront costs and the City would have the option to purchase in 7-10 years (or later). Council will review this information and discuss again in future Council meetings.

Sheriff's Office reported that they will continue to help with traffic control on ISU game days. There was also discussion of how citations for Municipal Code infractions are, and how they could be, served.

Jon Thompson, from Slater Park and Recreation Board presented a pool maintenance list which has items that they feel need addressed before spring 2025; discussed upgrading/adding playground equipment to Southside Park (a grant has been submitted to help with costs); and shared statistics of soccer & little league use of the our City Parks. Gogerty reported the Library had 37 programs in September (17 were for adults, 20 were for children). There were 1500+ people in the Library for Sept; and they have fundraised \$34,000 for the new Community Center & Library since July 1st 2024 with many more fundraising items coming up. The building Committee for the Community Center/Library / City Hall project is planning a door to door campaign to answer questions about the project, and remind everyone to vote November 5th. There is a consideration on the ballot for a \$2.5 million bond (for a \$6.4 million project) for this project. Please feel free to reach out with questions.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 23 calls in September. Service upgrade and change in transport services are almost complete. Some of the last steps are on tonight's agenda. The building committee continues to meet and discuss plans for a combined building. on a service upgrade since we have trained staff on the Slater EMS department.

Estrem reported after testing / training on different options, the Fire Department has purchase extrication equipment.

Estrem reported the smell at the sewer plant seems to be almost gone. He is working on getting a storage container installed for housing the pumps and estimates on upgrading power needs. The speed feedback signs are in stalled and running – counters are reporting 10,000+ cars in 1 week.

Davies reported there will be survey in the Next Scoop (week of Oct 28th) for more public input on Slater's Fire Works Ordinance – please fill this out and return to City Hall or go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9YJMX to complete. We are getting quotes for Microphone & Sound system for Council chambers AND upgrading security cameras at the Library and Pool, as well as potentially adding to EMS building and City Hall. Snyder & Assoc is submitting the Waste Water Treatment Facility for “Engineering Excellence Award Competition. Slater's Economic Development group is working on the scope for the RFP. It is estimated to be released the 1st week of December, and proposals to be submitted sometime between March 1 – April 1, 2025.

Mayor Christensen announced the ground breaking for Stepping Stone Childcare Facility is Wednesday – October 16th @ 2:30 pm. Open to the public – please join us. Story County Emergency Management meeting this week will have a presentation regarding future plans for the Ames Resource Recovery plant / garbage disposal for Story County. He has a meeting set up with the Iowa Bicycle Coalition.

May reported he has received complaints about food trucks blocking the street.

The new Dog Park is having a Grand Opening – Saturday November 2nd – 9am. THANK YOU to all of the sponsors: Dr. Jim & Marigrace Sievers, Dr. Don & Marilyn Sievers, Dr. Ken & Bonnie May, Midland Prairie Veterinary Services, Slater Animal Hospital, Huber Fencing, and Finco Tree Service. With the support of Slater Parks & Rec and Slater Public Works.

Council discussed at length Resolution #8(2024-2025): Second Contract Amendment with Sheldahl for Sewer service. Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #8 (2024-2025) with the blue lined corrections as recommended by Slater's Attorney. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Erickson, Newman, May, and Conley. Nays: Birdsall. Motion approved.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #11 (2024-2025): Pay Application #4 for Water & Sewer Expansion to Sievers Light Industrial Area to Kelley Excavating. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing at 8:16pm for the Rezoning of 106 3rd Ave (empty lot East of Log Cabin) from R1 (Single Family Residential) to R3 (Multi-Family Residential). Davies reported that 7 residents submitted written opposition (5 of them within 200 feet radius) to the proposed changes. Planning and Zoning Boards members spoke on the restrictions / requirements of having off street parking and that the units must be owner occupied. State Code says if “the owners of 20 % or more of the property which is located within 200 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property for which the change or repeal is proposed, the change or repeal shall NOT become effective except by the favorable vote of at least ¾ of all the members of the council.” There are 15 properties within the 200 feet radius of 106 3rd Ave (NOT including property owned by the City). Therefore it would take 3 property owners opposed to the change in zoning. Having received 5 property owners that are opposed, the issue should not pass unless 4 of the 5 Council members would vote in favor of the change. Mayor Christensen closed the public hearing at 8:30pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to hold the 2nd reading for Ordinance 303: Rezoning of 106 3rd Ave (empty lot east of Log Cabin) from R1 (single family Residential) to R3 (Multi-Family Residential). Ayes: 0 Nays: 5. Motion did NOT pass – zoning will not change.

Mayor Christensen reviewed the Municipal Infraction Citation form from Story County. It was discussed who and when these citations would be issued. The process is still unclear. More information will be gathered.

Council discussed different decibel levels for the Noise Ordinance. Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Erickson, to table this issue to gather more information about decibel levels. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed the Fireworks Ordinance. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to table this issue pending the survey going out in the next Scoop the week of October 28th. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

EMS change in Service level would increase insurance by \$181 annually, the pharmacy agreement has been sent to Mary Greeley, and Transport Service would change from Huxley to Mary Greeley effective December 1, 2024. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve and support these changes for Slater EMS. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed the parking issues on Greene by the Nite Hawk. Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to hold the 1st 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. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #12 (2024-2025): Determining the necessity and setting dates of a consultation meeting (October 23, 2024 @ 10am) and Public Hearing (November 11, 2024 @ Council meeting starting @ 6:00pm) on a proposed Prairie Creek Plat 8 Residential Urban Renewal Plan for a proposed Urban Renewal Area in the City of Slater, State of Iowa. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #13 (2024-2025): Fixing date for Public Hearing (November 11, 2024 @ Council meeting starting @ 6:00pm) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Rogers Enterprises, Inc.

Newman left the meeting at 9:08pm.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #14 (2024-2025): Determining the necessity and setting dates of a consultation meeting (October 23, 2024 @ 10am) and Public Hearing (November 11, 2024 @ Council meeting starting @ 6:00pm) on a proposed Sievers Light Industrial – Plat 1 Urban Renewal Plan for a proposed Urban Renewal Area in the City of Slater, State of Iowa. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #15 (2024-2025): Fixing date for Public Hearing (November 11, 2024 @ Council meeting starting @ 6:00pm) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Jissom Inc. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Estrem reviewed the quotes for dirt work @ Trailside Park. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Conley, to approve Resolution #16 (2024-2025): Awarding a contract for dirt work at Trailside Park to the lowest quote of \$155,380.00 received from Moeckly Contractor. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Davies reviewed the proposed FY 2025 Budget Amendment #1. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to set the public hearing date for said Amendment for the next regularly scheduled Council meeting being held November 11, 2024 starting at 6:00pm @ Slater City Hall – 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve Saylorville Dam / Snowmobile Club marking and maintaining the snowmobile trail in Slater again for the 2024 / 2025 season. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion by Birdsall, seconded by Conley, to table discussion of Chapter 92: Water Rates and Chapter 99: Sewer Service Charges for the next meeting. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council reviewed the Chapter 92.12: Forgiveness of excessive water use from City Code. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve the Confirmation Form to be signed by property Owner /Tenant upon requesting and receiving said Forgiveness. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed possible Speed Controls on Main Street. This will be discussed again at future Council meetings.

Council reviewed Chapter 50: Nuisance Abatement Procedure in Slater's code. Council would like add time lines and see other examples of city code for this issue.

Council discussed the contract between Kelley and Slater for Administration assistance. City of Kelley is discussing terminating the contract. Nothing has been decided at this time.

Mayor Christensen presented the idea to hire a consultant to have Council do a goal setting session. Motion was made by Conley, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the hiring of such at no more than \$2000. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40pm. All Ayes

Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk