

Slater City Council Meeting January 8, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:56pm on January 8, 2024 (immediately following a Work Session that began at 6:00pm), 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 Erickson, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for January 8, 2024 meeting; minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting; and claims totaling \$91,267.46. (List below also includes \$4,042.49 in regular and recurring payroll expenses). Motion approved with a vote of 5–0.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SHELDAHL AGREEMENT/SEWER	\$ 1,216.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 13,825.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 499.43
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,243.23
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT CO	TOOTH BUCK, PIN TOOTH, FILTERO	\$ 155.88
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	CUT WHEEL, POSTAGE, PUBLICATIO	\$ 724.05
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 277.73
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	RESET JEN'S COMPUTER	\$ 22.50
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER INK	\$ 58.74
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 40.37
CYBRARIAN	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	\$ 529.95
D & D PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$ 225.00
ECHO GROUP, INC	ALM BOX W/ NAILS	\$ 12.84
ECONO SIGNS	STREET SIGNS	\$ 1,640.96
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,981.65
FINCO	DEAD ASH TREE IN ALLEY	\$ 1,000.00
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE FEES 1ST AVE & CARROLL	\$ 2,191.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 498.32
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	912/612 - FIRE DEPT	\$ 207.95
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 387.50
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT & SW TO SEIVERS LT INDUSTRI	\$ 450.00
KADETH, INC.	UPDATE & SUPPORT - LIBRARY	\$ 453.75
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	COUPLERS, HOSE MENDER	\$ 35.92
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	\$ 885.00
LOCALIQ	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 130.83
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	STREET SWEEPER MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,382.99
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	FIRE HYDRANT @ 4TH & LINN	\$ 4,083.72
MARGARET HARRIS	SEWER-CLEAN UP @ 703 LINN	\$ 200.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	3 REPAIR CLAMPS	\$ 890.09
MUNN LUMBER		\$ 29.04
OMNISITE	ANNUAL SERVICE FEE	\$ 404.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	JAN 2024 UTILITY BILLS	\$ 325.38

SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 225.00
SENSUS USA INC	2/27/24 THRU 2/26/25 SUPPORT	\$ 1,949.94
STORY CO EMS ASSOC	FY 2024 ANNUAL DUES	\$ 25.00
STORY CONSTRUCTION CO.	PAY APP #20/FINAL/RETENTION	\$ 19,835.99
STORY COUNTY AUDITOR	2023 ELECTIONS	\$ 660.74
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	FY 2024 - 3RD QTR	\$ 25,768.10
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	MEET & EAT-LIBRARY PROGRAM	\$ 136.95
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 166.94
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 61.08
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 148.25
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 5,596.00
XENIA	USAGE NOV 15-DEC 15, 2023	\$ 726.24

January 2024 Expenses from above by category:

DECEMBER 2023 Revenues = \$ 192,808.52

GENERAL	36,716.52
ROAD USE	6,929.10
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,089.60
WATER	10,317.98
SEWER	10,627.01
SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY	19,835.99
STORM WATER	1,586.27
RESOURCE RECOVERY	3,207.48

GENERAL	50,783.63
ROAD USE	18,584.40
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	24,728.14
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2,190.83
WATER	24,416.55
SEWER	66,603.85
STORM	2,167.75
RR	3,333.37

Library Director Gogerty provided a written report on 2023 Highlights. IT's NOT JUST A LIBRARY!! STEM Saturdays was started, where STEM toys and materials are made available for learning through play and exploration; a Slater Sprouts program was started for infants to 24 months; the 6 week summer reading program had 365 registered kids, 67 programs with 2872 in attendance, and they read 286,000 minutes... in just 6 weeks. Overall statistics for the year includes: 37,589 items checked out, 22,253 visits to the library (that's an average of 71 people in the library each day – because we're NOT open on Sundays), 392 Programs held with 10,672 individuals attending these programs, and circulation is up 11% from last year.

Public Works Director Estrem reported a water main break on 1st Ave; the fire hydrant at 4th & Linn has been replaced. The City is still taking applications for Public Works Laborer. Anyone interested should submit application to Slater City Hall.

EMS Chief, Fleener reported 20 calls for December. Slater is currently at 9 members/responders. If interested in joining, please contact Slater City Hall. It was noted the contract with Sheldahl for EMS service needs to be reviewed and updated.

Fire Chief Strumpf reported they are working on FY 2025 budget – with recent calls for accidents they will be budgeting for some needed equipment; the new roster was shared with Council; and a extractor/washer for gear was recently purchased by the Association.

Davies asked Council to consider temporarily reducing hours that City Hall is open until a 2nd staff person is hired. Please watch for these changes on Facebook, SlaterIowa.org, and on the front door of City Hall.

Anyone interested in the Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk position should submit application to Slater City Hall.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #14: Pay Application #20 to Story Construction for the Waste Water Treatment Facility (Retainage). Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #15: Re-Setting Public Hearing for Proposed Plans, Specifications, form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Water and Sewer Expansion to Siever's light Industrial development for February 12, 2024. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #16: Re-setting date for Bid Letting for Water & Sewer Expansion to Siever's light industrial Development Area for January 30, 2024 at Slater City Hall – 101 Story Street at 1:00 pm. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Library Associate, Danielle Wolfe starting at \$12.00 per hour. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to approve the liquor license for Public House 421. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #17: Transfer of fundraising proceeds to Community Center/Library Project funds and closing of bank account. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council discussed the upcoming FY 2025 Budget and set additional meeting dates of January 22 and February 26; and moved the regular scheduled March meeting to March 4th (NOT March 11).

Motion by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. All Ayes.