

Slater City Council Meeting

April 14, 2025

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ken May at 6:02pm on April 14, 2025 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Joel Newman (via zoom), Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: Mayor Taylor Christensen. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem-Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson and Conley, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for April 14, 2025 meeting; claims totaling \$294,229.59 (list below also includes additional payroll expenses of \$21,553.24 for a total paid in April of \$315,782.83); minutes from the March 31, 2025 public hearing and March 31, 2025 Council meeting; Approval of liquor license for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies for June 7, 2025 @ 405 Main Street Event; Approval of liquor license for Slater Fire Association for June 7, 2025 fundraising event @ Nelson Park – pending Dramshop review; Approval of change in Library Board members: Kaylin Conable (new rural representative) and Linette Connell (resigned rural representative); Approval of EMS member: Kelli Andersen. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACCO UNLIMITED CORPORATION	ESTREM & FLEENER-CPO TRAINING	\$ 700.00
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	SEWER TESTING	\$ 440.75
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	PRAIRIE CREEK PLAT 8 - URP	\$ 576.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 39,828.43
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 270.33
AMES LOCK AND SECURITY	SIMPLEX PUSH BUTTON LOCKS	\$ 1,449.90
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 599.27
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	LOADER X-CHANGE MOUNTING FRAME	\$ 1,370.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 184.40
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	SHADE,POSTAGE,MOTOR,POOLSYSTEM	\$ 5,523.06
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 298.19
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	TRASH BAGS, BATH CLEANER,GRIP	\$ 1,113.00
CENTRAL PUMP & MOTOR, LLC	SERVICE CALL @ LAGOONS	\$ 2,303.34
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	1ST AID SUPPLIES	\$ 179.43
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	FEES FOR CERT OF WAIVER	\$ 248.00
COPY SYSTEMS INC	CITY HALL COPIER INK & SERVICE	\$ 58.55
CORE & MAIN	8 PVC	\$ 179.28
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 48.62
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SERVICE ON SPREADER & CUTTER	\$ 852.50
ECHO GROUP, INC	6 OSRAM / TRAFFIC BULBS	\$ 90.63
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 9,820.35
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	FF2 WRITTEN - HAMMES	\$ 50.00
FLEENER, CHAD	MARY GREELEY UPDATE CONFERENCE	\$ 70.00
FRANK DUNN CO	HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH	\$ 630.00
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 465.00
HARLEEN TRENCHING	GRAVE OPENING 9/28/2024	\$ 150.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 1,756.19
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY, INC.	ROLL CHAIN	\$ 54.05
HRS-HANIGAN WRITING SERVICE	SPEAKER FEE	\$ 50.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 511.96
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 25.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT&SW LT INDUSTRIAL-ENGINEERIN	\$ 880.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	SHELF BRACKET, ADHESIVE	\$ 22.73
LEAF	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 122.89
LOCALIQ	PUBLIC HEARING TAX LEVY	\$ 202.20
MENARDS - AMES	2X12'S	\$ 67.32
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	4' DROPIN W/ FLOW COM REGISTER	\$ 3,105.00
NITE OWL PRINTING	PRINTING	\$ 2,281.06
PATRIOT CRITICAL POWER	SERVICE ON RADIATOR @ WT PLANT	\$ 2,419.68
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	BLADE; 8' PVC	\$ 935.98
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$ 300.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	UTILITY BILLS - APRIL 2025	\$ 364.56
PREMIER COPIERS PRINTS IT SERV	LIBRARY COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 71.10

SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	465.24
SIGNARAMA	SIGN FOR EMS BUILDING	\$	241.07
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	SPORTS COMPLEX-ENGINEERING	\$	11,250.25
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	FY2025 4TH QTR PAYMENT	\$	26,412.30
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	\$	488.25
THEIA MANAGEMENT CONSULTING	RECRUITMENT SERVICES	\$	4,374.06
TITAN MACHINERY	PDM SPRAY, HOSE CLAMP & MENDER	\$	69.64
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	KLEENEX & TP - CITY HALL	\$	78.09
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	144.81
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	PROPERTY & WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$	132,098.42
UNITED STATES PLASTIC CORP	BUCKETS W/ GASKETS	\$	64.84
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	SERVICE ON 2020 JOHN DEERE	\$	617.15
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES-MARCH & APRIL	\$	459.96
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	6,038.78
XENIA	WATER USAGE 2/14-3/16/2025	\$	732.60
Total Payroll Paid		\$	51,578.12

April 2025 Expenses from above by category: \$315,782.83

GENERAL	\$ 230,346.78
ROAD USE	\$ 19,641.38
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 6,171.17
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 23.06
WATER	\$ 20,023.73
SEWER	\$ 36,840.65
STORM WATER	\$ 1,883.29
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 852.77

A resident wanted to Thank public works for cleaning up the Trailhead/Arboretum by Ballard School – Looks great; And asked about snow removal on the trail between Sheldahl and Slater.

Gogerty reported the Easter Egg hunt on April 12th was a huge success; and registration for summer reading program will begin May 1st.

Slater Fire Association’s Side by Side fundraising event is planned for April 26, 2025.

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 12 calls in March – 2 were missed; they will be purchasing a personal carbon monoxide monitor.

Estrem reported Saturday, June 14th has been set for city wide clean up day. This will include dumpsters for property owners to get rid of trash/junk/appliances (for a small fee); and branches / limbs. The next steps for Trailside park is to trench in water lines / irrigation, and seeding.

Davies reported there were 3 complaints on 4/3/2025 of noise, parking, safety issues due to food truck @ 501 Main; and there is potential to add vending machines at the pool for summer to offer options when the pool concession stand is not open.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to open the public hearing at 6:29 pm for the proposed FY 2026 Budget. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0. Davies reported no written or verbal questions or comments have been received at Slater City Hall regarding the FY2026 proposed budget. May asked the people present if there were any questions or comments. Conley had questions regarding the format of what was published. Having no further discussion motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall to close the public hearing at 6:32 pm. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0. Motion was then made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution #46 (2024-2025): Adoption of FY2026 Budget. Motion was approved with a vote of 4-1. Conley voting Nay.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Conley, to approve Resolution # 40 (2024-2025): Establishing and Implementing a program to charge Mitigation Rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Slater Fire Dept for services provided/rendered by/for the Slater Fire Department. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Conley and Newman, to approve Resolution #41(2024-2025): Approval of a Service Agreement by and between Fire Recovery USA, LLC and Slater Fire Department. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council reviewed the proposed pool fees for the 2025 season. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve fees as presented. Motion approved with a vote of 4-1. Conley voting Nay.

Council discussed the potential of adding a Violent Event Rider for insurance. This was tabled for more information.

Council discussed Ordinance 309: Change in Due date for Utility Bills (moving due date from the 15th of each month to the 22nd). Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to hold the 1st reading with implementing the change effective for the June 1, 2025 billing. Roll call vote: Ayes: Erickson, Newman, Conley, Birdsall, and May.

Council discussed at length a potential funding commitment for the proposed Community Center / Library project. Lots of discussion and comments from the public were presented at the meeting. Council discussed many options of where the funding could come from and Davies provided information from the bonding attorney on those options – i.e. Local option Sales tax, Tax Increment Financing, Franchise fees, Transfers from fund balances, or even using reverse referendum. There is more information to gather before specifics can be established, but Council would like to give the building committee direction on how to proceed. Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to pledge \$2.5 million of funding for the proposed Community Center / Library project from the City - only in a manner that will NOT increase property taxes and with the caveat that if the project does not proceed due to a lack of supplemental funding from alternative sources (grants / donations / fund raising events) that all city funds will revert back to the city.

Motion was made by Birdsall to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. All Ayes

Ken May, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk