

Slater City Council Meeting April 22, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:00pm on April 22, 2024 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: Joel Newman. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 4-0. Items approved include agenda for April 22, 2024 meeting; minutes from the April 1, 2024 public hearing and meetings; and April 8, 2024 meeting.

Public Works Director Estrem reported chipping day will be May 13th 2pm-6pm in the public works parking lot under the water tower; the push button crossing on Hwy 210 by the tennis courts has been installed; reduced speed limit signs on Hwy 210 will be installed by Memorial day.

City Administrator/Clerk Davies updated Council that interviews are done and an offer is being made to fill the Deputy Clerk/Utility Clerk position. We have been getting a lot of questions / complaints about door to door sales. Residents should send any door to door solicitors to city hall if they do not show you a Permit signed by the City of Slater. THIS IS REQUIRED. This means they have given City Hall a copy of their drivers license, license plate & vin number of their vehicle, and a background check has been done.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2025 Budget at 6:46pm. Davies reported no questions, comments, or concerns have been received at City Hall verbally or electronically prior to this public hearing. Conley asked for a few clarifications on the budget, noting some items will be addressed through a budget amendment. Having no questions from those present in the gallery, and no further discussion, Christensen closed the public hearing at 6:49pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution #4 (2023/2024): Adoption of FY 2025 Budget. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Christensen updated Council on the potential speed cameras. State legislation has passed and this means all applications for speed cameras will run through Iowa Department of Transportation. In order to get policy set, new applications may not be considered until July 2026. We will stay updated and informed on the progress.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to table the approval of the cigarette / tobacco permit for Casey's General store.

Potential business owner, Liz Umland, update Council that she is investigating an existing building in town for the location of her daycare center. She is waiting to hear about financial options.

Council discussed other commercial properties in town.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to go into closed session in order to discuss the particulars of real estate offer at 7:47pm. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Christensen call the Council back into regular session at 8:45pm. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: Joel Newman. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to have Mayor Christensen contact the owner of 319 Main and 321 Main and enter into negotiations to purchase said property.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. All Ayes.