

**Slater City Council Meeting**

**May 12, 2025**

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:02pm on May 12, 2025 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.

Erickson asked to pull the liquor license and street closures for 501 Main Street – The Station so that Council could discuss the fact that they are 10 months delinquent in making loan payments to the City of Slater.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for May 12, 2025 meeting; claims totaling \$102,202.92 (list below also includes additional payroll expenses and other regular recurring items of \$22,032.36 for a total paid in May of \$124,235.28); minutes from the April 14, 2025 Council meeting; Approval of Library Summer Internship employees: Rachel Huisinga @\$12.00 per hour and Hannah Swisher @ \$10.00 / hour; Acceptance of Resignation of Danielle Wolf – Utility Clerk / Library effective May 16, 2025; Approval of Head Pool Manager: Kelsey John @ \$18.00/hour; Approval of Tobacco License renewal for Casey’s Marketing Co. effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; Approval of Liquor License Renewal for CRC Entertainment/Nite Hawk Bar & Grill (pending dram shop) effective June 27,2025 through June 26, 2026; Approval of Liquor License for BEERCOE, LLC for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event – effective June 30, 2025 through July 4, 2025; Approval of street closure of Market / Junk in Trunk Event to be held June 7, 2025 (Main Street between the westside of the Station’s lot to Marshall St. AND Story St. from the south side of Main Street to alley north of Public House - 6am to Noon); Approval of street closure for Slater Fire Department / Dance to be held June 7, 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> Ave from Tama St. to Benton St. - Noon to Midnight). Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	WATER TESTING	\$ 929.50
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	BOND ATTORNEY FOR CCL	\$ 808.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 12,282.31
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 376.95
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 975.17
BALLARD LITTLE LEAGUE	PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES-2024	\$ 116.46
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	BARRICADES,SOLR LITES,STOPSIGN	\$ 1,865.42
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	SYRINGES, NEEDLE KIT,PRES INFU	\$ 109.50
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	PRINTER INK,CRIMINAL CHECK,LIB	\$ 1,274.40
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 292.45
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	GLOVES	\$ 186.00
CHRIS HUNT	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 16.00
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS	JET/VAC OF SEWER @ SPORTS COMP	\$ 3,120.00
COPY SYSTEMS INC	CITY HALL COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 55.27
CORE & MAIN	CHEMICALS	\$ 664.59
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 40.37
D & D PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL @ FIRE & SR CENTE	\$ 275.00
DANIELLE WOLFE	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 23.83
DRAINTECH	JETTING BY WALKING PATH4/16/25	\$ 780.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 5,063.51
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 465.00
HARLEEN TRENCHING	GRAVE OPENING FOR APRIL 14, 25	\$ 150.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 10.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	LIGHT BULBS, TOWELS, AIR FILTE	\$ 236.18
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	CROSSBOW	\$ 193.42
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 511.96
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 48.30
IPERS	ROUNDING ERROR	\$ 0.01
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN ENGINEERING-WT&SW EX TO	\$ 25.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	INDUST	\$ 1,606.25
JP PARTY RENTALS	INFLATABLE RENTAL	\$ 336.00
LEAF	LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 122.89
MADRID TRUE VALUE	VALVE & CONNECTOR	\$ 22.48

MENARDS - AMES	2X8 BOARDS	\$	189.87
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH			
CHEMICAL	WIPE-OUT	\$	561.98
MOECKLY CONTRACTOR LLC	GRADING @ TRAILSIDE PARK	\$	23,307.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER METERS	\$	3,418.00
MUSIC WORKS	LIBRARY PROGRAMMING	\$	425.00
PETTY CASH	POOL-OPENING CASH FOR 2025	\$	300.00
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE BATHROOMS-PARKS	\$	360.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	MAY UTILITY BILLS	\$	362.32
RACOM CORPORATION	ANTENNA, WHIP, 1/4 WAVE	\$	573.75
SAFE BUILDING			
COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	375.00
SALLY SMILE ENTERPRISES LLC	SUMMER PROGRAM - JULY 10, 2025	\$	300.00
SERNETT, SUZY	APRIL 2025 MEET N EAT	\$	43.53
SIGNARAMA	PANEL SIGN FOR BUILDING	\$	241.07
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	SUMMER PROGRAM-JULY 17, 2025	\$	300.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING-SPORTS COMPLEX	\$	7,922.55
STAPLES OIL CO	DEF/FUEL IN PUMPS	\$	239.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	147.50
STORY COUNTY AUDITOR	TIF OVER PAYMENT	\$	5,942.00
TJ REGUL	LIBRARY MAGIC SHOW	\$	400.00
TOBY KIDD KLAUENBERG	SUMMER PROGRAM -JUNE 26, 2025	\$	375.00
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	MEAT	\$	53.83
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	144.81
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	MOWER BLADE	\$	131.16
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	207.35
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	6,038.78
XENIA	USAGE MAR 16-APR 16, 2025	\$	710.40
ZOLL	SPCO SENSOR & CABLES	\$	4,633.09
Total Payroll Paid		\$	33,550.07

MAY 2025 Expenses from above by category: \$124,235.28

GENERAL	\$ 71,506.44
ROAD USE	\$ 9,847.87
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 6,171.17
TIF	\$ 5,942.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 24.65
WATER	\$ 11,232.54
SEWER	\$ 14,978.78
STORM WATER	\$ 291.68
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 548.00

A property owner spoke on how he wasn't happy with how he was treated at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Gogerty reported registration for the Summer Reading program opened May 1st. They already have 225 kids registered from 10 different communities. And there are 30 sponsors giving more than \$5,000. Kick off is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Slater Fire Association's Side by Side fundraising event was April 26, 2025; Firemen's Dance is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Fleener reported they have a resignation from Clint Bennethum. Slater EMS had 15 calls in April – 3 were missed. Stop the bleed kits are in. There will be one in City Hall and the Library – both will be located within the front doors of each building, but will NOT be accessible 24/7.

Estrem reported Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> has been set for city wide clean up day - 7am to Noon. 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, seeding, sidewalks, and building the dock. Boiler for the pool ships Wednesday – May 14<sup>th</sup>. Working on cleaning up cemetery and parks for Memorial Day. There has been an odor again at the sewer building. They are monitoring it and hopefully will be able to make adjustments to keep the odor minimized. Engineer is working on an estimate for N Linn (the trail to Main St) for adding 3foot shoulder on each side and repaving. Alley's will be getting rock.

Ames Alliance gave a review on 321 Main Street. NO new interest at this time. They will add it to their website under the Available Site & Buildings tab.

Heidi Kuhl with Northland Securities reviewed water and sewer rates for the City of Slater. She is recommending sewer rates remain the same, but increasing water rates by 14% (which would affect the average user by \$6.00 per month). NO decision has been made by Slater Council. Council would like more information before making any changes. Kuhl is also recommending Slater pay off some of the sewer debt / bonds with the fund balance the City has in sewer.

Council discussed Resolution #48 (2024-2025): Discontinuing EMS Service to Westory (Kelley) Service Area. Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #48. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Council reviewed the option for Violent Event Insurance. Consensus of Council was to NOT pursue adding this to the City’s Insurance.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Newman, to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for Ordinance #309: Change in due date for Utility Bills (moving due date of water bill payments from the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month). Roll call vote: Ayes: Birdsall, Newman, May, Conley, and Erickson. Nays: none. This will take effect for the June 1, 2025 billing cycle.

Council discussed at length a potential funding commitment for the proposed Community Center / Library project. At the April 14, 2025 meeting Council had motioned to approve finding funding in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars towards this project through any funding source that would NOT increase property taxes for the property owners of Slater. Mayor Christensen VETOed that action of the Council on April 25, 2025. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #47 (2024-2025): Funding Commitment for Community Center / Library Project. This Resolution says Council will move forward to obtain a revenue bond (up to a 20 year bond) paid annually/backed by up to 80% of Local Option Sales Tax collected by the City of Slater, towards the construction of a Community Center and Library project. Let it be known, that such a revenue bond will require an election by the people /residents of Slater to change the allocation of Local Option Sales tax dollars. Council also added the caveat that if adequate funds are not obtained by December 31, 2028 then the project must be reevaluated. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Newman, Erickson, Conley. Nays: Birdsall.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Conley, to approve to updated Engagement letter with Northland Securities. Motion approved with vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve street closure for 501 Main St / The Station for May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 11pm. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0. The other dates will be considered after loan is paid in full for FY 2025.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Erickson, to table the approval of the liquor license for 501 Main St / The Station. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm. All Ayes

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Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk