

Slater City Council Meeting
June 9, 2025

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:04 pm on June 9, 2025 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Shawn Birdsall, and Craig Conley. Absent: Ken May and Joel Newman. Also present: Mark Estrem-Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0. Items approved include agenda for June 9, 2025 meeting; claims totaling \$314,101.05. Also approved were minutes from the May 12, 2025 and May 20, 2025 Council meetings; July 4th Celebration Street Closings and Parade Route, July 4th Celebration: Fireworks Permit; Liquor License Renewal for The Station (pending dram shop), street closures for The Station – Car Cruise & Bike Nights: Street closure at 501 Main St. to include Main Street from Story St. to Boone St. from 4pm – 11pm on the following days: June 20, July 2, July 18, August 6, August 15, and September 4, 2025; Resolution #49 Entering into contract by and between the City of Slater and Story County for the purpose of Animal Rescue Service Contract for the fiscal year 2025-2026; and to accept the Resignation of Parks and Recreation Board member Amber Jungst. Claims were as follows:

Library:		
Baker and Taylor	books	534.01
Town and Country	SRP supplies	150.81
Demco	book covering supplies	178.00
Penworthy	children's books	326.53
Huxley Communications	Phone and internet	81.66
Reimburse Rebecca Finch	SRP prize	100.00
Credit Card Transactions		
Hobby Lobby	SRP supplies	92.06
Sam's Club	SRP supplies	361.64
Dollar Tree	SRP supplies	32.10
Target	SRP supplies	71.38
Amazon Net 30	June 20, 2025 Invoice	
Amazon	Library Supplies	3,552.52
Public Works, Pool, and City Hall:		
AFLAC	Emp Benefits	132.78
Ag Source	Labs	421.00
Ahlers Cooney	Legal Fees - Urban Renewal	171.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities - 321 Main	48.50
Amazon Business Prime	Membership	129.00
Cengage Learning	Tangled Threads	26.39
Cintas	Roads & Pool Supplies	339.81
CIT Sewer Solutions	Jet/Vac	3,120.00
Corel & Main	Water Testing supplies	179.28
D&K	Parks	6,964.60
Diam	Pest Control	99.00
Draintech	Sewer - Jet Vac	0.00
DrainTeck	Storm Water	2,515.00
Echo	Equipment Maintenance	892.98
Fidelity Security Life	Vision Insurance	25.83
Garbage Guys	Pool Garbage	74.00
Hallet Materials	Gravel - Alley Maintenance	408.60
Hawkins	Pool Supplies	4,873.75
HD Supply	Parks Supplies	407.18
Huxley Communications	Phone & Internet	430.30
Iowa Regulatory Lic	Pool License	120.00
iPublish	Publication	213.00
Kempker's True Value	Keys	44.82
LocaliQ	Publication	349.05
Martin Marietta	Roads - 1"pipe bedding	1,512.76
Menards	Maintenance Supplies	557.87
Nite Owl Pring & Copy	Newsletters	2,147.30
One Hour Heating & Air	HVAC mainteneance	238.00
Sam Tvrdik	Refund-2nd meter	195.00
Sprayer Specialties	Parks -Building and Grounds	274.37
Trionfo Solutions, LLC	Life Insurance	364.46
TrueNorth	Insurance	97.00
UMB	Bond Payment	271,975.00
Van Well	Parks-operational supplies	622.48
Victory Mounds	Parks= Clay/infield material	1,840.00
Wellmark	Insurance	6,038.78
Xenia	Utility	771.45
Total Claim		314,101.05

Council member May entered at 6:06 pm.

Deputy Lentz was present and council asked for the speed trailer to be brought for traffic control on South Linn Street.

Chrystal Davis and Patrick Shehan from Story County Conservation were present to discuss a celebration of the completion of the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail across Story County. A celebration along the bike path is being planned for Saturday August 9, and Slater Council indicated our support for Slater being the beginning of the bike ride that day. They anticipate around 200 bicycle riders. The ride will end at Collins and they anticipate several bikers will ride back to Slater after arriving in Collins.

EMS had 12 calls in May, and were able to respond to 11. 8 were in Slater and they were able to respond to 7. EMS service to Kelley has been terminated as discussed at the May Council meeting.

Public Works: Estrem reported Saturday, June 14th has been set for city wide clean-up day - 7am to Noon at 201 Greene Street. This will include dumpsters for property owners to get rid of trash/junk/appliances (for a small fee); and branches / limbs. The Baptist Church will help anyone who needs assistance in hauling items to the public works facility.

Pool: The pool is open, the boiler is working. A new one has been ordered. Pool closings (such as for weather) will be posted on Facebook and will go out by city text alerts.

Mark Lund, Engineer from Snyder Associates, noted that flow meters will soon be installed in strategic locations of the sanitary sewer. The American Council of Engineering Companies of Iowa has awarded its 2025 Grand Place Award in Water and Wastewater Engineering Excellence for the Slater Revolving Algal Biofilm Wastewater Treatment Plant. The 2025 Grand Conceptor Award was also awarded. Included as awardees was Gross-Wen Technologies and Snyder Engineering.

Mayor updates:
Mayor Christensen noted his appreciation of staff’s extra help in continuing city services during time of employee transition.
City manager interviews were held on June 5/6. Slater residents had a good turnout for the Meet & Greet event. Jerry Moore has signed a contract to be the new City Manager for Slater. A city clerk position is also being advertised currently. Slater employees, mayor, and council are providing office coverage as much as possible during this time of employee transition.

Council person Birdsall relayed a resident’s question about why Slater allows food trucks on public roads. Discussion. Several possible solutions were discussed.

Business items:
• Resolution #50, amending the 2025 Budget Amendment.
A public hearing on the budget amendment was opened at 7:08 pm. Roll call of those present: Erickson, May, Birdsall, Conley. No comments were received. May moved and Birdsall 2nd to close the public meeting at 7:14 pm. MCU. Roll call of those present: Erickson, May, Birdsall, Conley.
Birdsall moved, May 2nd to approve Resolution 50, amending the FYE 2025 Budget as presented. MCU, no abstentions.

• Resolution #51 setting Employee Wages.
Discussion of employee wages for the upcoming fiscal year. Council indicated a preference for addressing wage decision-making at the same time as other budgetary matters for the upcoming year. This will be implemented during budget season in early 2026. Erickson moved to approve Resolution 51 as presented. Birdsall 2nd. MCU, no abstentions

• Resolution #52 Approving City Manager Employment Agreement.
Discussion of the city manager employment agreement. Birdsall moved to approve resolution 52. Conley 2nd. MCU, no abstentions.

• Resolution #53, Adding Mayor Taylor Christensen & Mayor Pro-tem Ken May to Bank, IPAIT, and Credit Card Accounts.
Due to employee transitions these officials need to be added to the listed accounts. Birdsall moved to approve resolution 53 as presented. Conley 2nd. Approved 3-0, abstention by May.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. MCU

Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest:

Susan Erickson, Council member