

Slater City Council Meeting August 12, 2024

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken May at 6:00pm on August 12, 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 Birdsall, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for August 12, 2024 meeting; minutes from the July 8 and July 29, 2024; and claims totaling \$157,046.02. (List below also includes payroll expenses and other regular/recurring items for a total paid in August of \$233,993.20). Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ABBY AMENSON	SWIM LESSON REFUND	\$ 40.00
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 203.52
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 12,193.42
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 474.16
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,151.23
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY	MAINTENANCE/WARNING SIRENS	\$ 2,205.50
DOOSAN BOBCAT NORTH AMERICA	CONCRETE BREAKER FOR SKIDLOADR	\$ 5,496.92
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	FENCING-321 MAIN; CONCESSIONS	\$ 8,880.78
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 311.95
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE & INK	\$ 182.51
COVER SPORTS	FENCE SCREEN @ HTT	\$ 6,027.76
CREATED IN JOHNSTON INC	FLOWER PLANTER	\$ 165.00
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 113.37
D & D PEST CONTROL	301/307 MAIN	\$ 225.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	COLD WEATHER FOAM	\$ 153.25
DELL MARKETING L.P.	LAPTOP	\$ 1,663.68
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 454.03
DMACC	EMS CLASS-G DAVIES	\$ 1,228.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 15,254.55
G&H ASPHALT CORP	SEAL CRACKS IN ASPHALT ROADWAY	\$ 16,012.00
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 575.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 8,567.29
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SOAP & PAPER TOWELS	\$ 410.34
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	CROSSBOW	\$ 381.20
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 1,245.95
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	BATTERY	\$ 96.56
IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY	INITIAL APPLICATION	\$ 90.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 1,790.78
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 65.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 7,482.19
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 40.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT & SW TO SIEVERS INDUSTRIAL	\$ 6,872.75
JOHN KOWALIK	CREDIT/DEPOSIT REFUND-500 1ST	\$ 15.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	SLIDE WAX	\$ 30.10
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	RESCUE GLOVES, WEB STRAPS	\$ 844.70
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR-POWERATED BLT	\$ 65.56
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	HYDRANT REPAIR BY IA PLAINS	\$ 1,200.00
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	\$ 861.38
MENARDS - AMES	PVC REDUCER, ELBOW, LAG SCREWS	\$ 77.30
MENARDS - ANKENY	DRIED SAND, MULCH, WOOD	\$ 92.73
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$ 1,778.75
MID IOWA PLANNING ALLIANCE	2025 DUES	\$ 232.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	HYMAX COUPLING; VALVE BOX&LID	\$ 1,191.63
NELLIE CORNING	BROKEN ARM	\$ 40.00
NORTHLAND SECURITIES, INC	ANNUAL DISCLOSURE SERVICES	\$ 1,250.00
OVERDRIVE	BRIDGES ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 670.32
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS-4TH OF JULY	\$ 3,635.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	AUG 1, 2024 UTILITY BILLS	\$ 360.08
RACOM CORPORATION	MOBILE/PORTABLE MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,157.32
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS	LIGHT KIT	\$ 1,441.79

SAFE BUILDING LLC	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	9,538.64
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	TRASH PUMP, HOSES	\$	1,936.00
STORY CO EMS ASSOC	FY 2025 DUES	\$	25.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	70.50
STUTSMAN, INC	SALT	\$	4,932.71
TEAM SERVICES	FIELD TESTING-SIEVERS WT&SW	\$	689.96
TITAN MACHINERY	3 KANLINE ORANGE	\$	255.60
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	POP & GATERADE-CONCESSIONS	\$	170.22
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$	173.63
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	LIBRARY COPIER MAINT & INK	\$	61.08
UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC	WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	\$	15,649.01
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	JOHN DEERE Z950R	\$	16,198.44
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	898.43
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	4,543.63
XENIA	WATER	\$	677.10
PAYROLL	8/7/24	\$	30,621.81
PAYROLL	8/21/24	\$	29,554.09

August 2024 Expenses from above by category:

JULY 2024 Revenues = \$193,874.52

GENERAL	133,004.83
ROAD USE	26,611.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,682.42
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	908.04
WATER	45,706.11
SEWER	21,921.62
STORM WATER	334.12
RESOURCE RECOVERY	824.25

GENERAL	23,939.47
ROAD USE	17,556.90
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	26,149.97
WATER, SEWER, STORM & RR	126,228.18

Liz Umland, owner of Stepping Stone Daycare, reported financing for the renovation of 505 1st N Ave has been approved. Contractors will begin soon with a planned opening in early 2025.

Grogerty reported (via email) the Library has 2 fundraising events coming up. 1) Friends Golf Tournament is on Sat. August 24 at the Ballard Creek Golf Course. All the sponsor spots have been filled, but there is still room for more teams. 2) Gather (farm to table dinner on Main Street) is on Sat. September 21. Tickets are on sale now. Go to: <https://givebutter.com/Gather2024> to purchase tickets, be a sponsor, or donate a silent auction item. FY 2024 library report: 38,129 items checked out (24% increase in 10 years); 412 Programs held (61% increase in 10 years); 11,329 people attended programs (90% increase in 10 years); 22,229 visits to the library (avg of 71 people per day open – and does NOT include the large programs being held at Nelson Park or other locations around the community).

Fleener reported Slater EMS had 11 calls in July – 100% of these were made.

Strumpfer reported the Fire Department will be doing extrication training / testing equipment in September; there is a planned house burn in August (607 Hubbel in Sheldahl); the Association is purchasing new helmets; and they are looking at updating the grass truck.

Estrem has met with engineers regarding the sewer smell. They reviewed 6 different options. The plan is to 1) add aeration – borrowing pumps for the testing phase and then add them permanently within a couple of months, 2) blend & dilute by adding piping and control valves to/from the small collection pond to the large pond by Spring 2025, and 3) adding variable pumps from the collection pond to the greenhouse – which has recently been completed.

We are waiting for a detailed scope of work from the contractor/engineer for stabilizing west wall of 321 Main Street. Once the wall has been stabilized, the City will open it to the public for requests for proposals / selling to a new business owner. Information and progress of this project will be updated on the City of Slater’s website: slateriowa.org. Check it out under the “Business” tab.

Chipping day is scheduled for Monday – October 7 – 2pm-6pm. Please bring limbs to the public works parking lot. Handicapped or elderly may contact City Hall to arrange pick up.

Water and sewer expansion to Sievers Light Industrial Area is moving forward. 500th Ave will hopefully open the week of Aug 19th if all tests are passed. The entrance off of R38 to the Light Industrial Area will be getting started next week as well.

Davies reported we are still waiting for information on the potential solar project; the screen to go on the fence at 1st Ave N and N Carrol St / along the High Trestle Trail has been ordered – it will take 6+ weeks for delivery, the

upgrade in accounting software is on hold for more information; we have confirmation from Story County Planning and Zoning that Dollar General project is NOT happening.

May confirmed that the fencing on the Dog Park should start towards the end of August and the concrete will be done by public works.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #2 (2024-2025): Pay App #2 for Water & Sewer Expansion to Sievers Light Industrial Area to Keller Excavating. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Conley, to approve Resolution #3 (2024-2025): Amendment to Easement with JJC Holdings, LLC (Iowa Plains Signage) for sewer line expansion to Sievers Light Industrial Area. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed at length the fireworks Ordinance. There were numerous complaints about the loud ones being used on Saturday – July 5th. These were so significant that residents could feel shaking of homes across town. Davies will investigate the difference between Commercial vs Consumer, are the “loud” fireworks are even legal, what size does the City of Slater shoot off, can the City ban a certain size; and she will call the person on Cedar to discuss the complaints. This item will be kept on the agenda for further discussion.

May opened the public hearing for a proposal for Heartland Coop to expand the capacity of the existing anhydrous ammonia plant at 7:12pm. Davies reported that no comments, questions, or concerns have been received at Slater City Hall in person or in writing prior to this public hearing. Representatives from Heartland Coop reported that they are going through the necessary IDALS process to be approved for placement of this additional tank. There has been anhydrous ammonia at this location since the mid to late 1970’s and currently there are 3 tanks. They are required to have a risk management plan in place and it is updated at least every 5 years. Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to close the Public Hearing at 7:17pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the placement of a 4th anhydrous ammonia tank at the Heartland Coop located within Slater City limits. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed the request to waive water charges and late fees for 101 East 6th Ave. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Conley, to deny the request. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council reviewed the Engagement Letter with Northland Securities as underwriter for the potential General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025. Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the Engagement Letter. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed term options for the potential bond and the impact on residents. Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to prepare documents for a 20 year term on the potential bond. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution #4 (2024-2025): Appointment of Jennifer Davies as Representative to the Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve street closure of Main St from Tama to Boone from 4pm to 11pm for Tailgate event being held Sept 5th. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the Fireworks permit for September 5th / Tailgate Event. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance, which included fines and setting decibel levels. This was tabled to gather more information.

Resolution #5: Supporting \$75,000 REAP Grant Application for Trailside Park was tabled for more information.

Special meeting is set for Thursday – August 15, 2024 @ Noon.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. All Ayes