

## Slater City Council Meeting November 20, 2023

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:02pm on November 20, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Joel Newman, Shawn Birdsall, and Tina Howell. Absent: None. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for October 9, 2023 meeting; minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting; and claims totaling \$117,021.46. Motion approved with a vote of 5–0. List below includes additional \$13,278.93 in regular and recurring payroll expenses, for a total of \$130,300.39 paid in October.

ACCO	LEAK DETECTION SERVICE	\$ 3,270.00
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 254.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 10,678.92
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 88.27
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 769.35
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	SEWER OFFICE, POSTAGE, BATTERY	\$ 3,260.76
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 109.83
CENTRAL PUMP & MOTOR, LLC	SELF PRIMING PUMP-WATER PLANT	\$ 500.00
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	NETWORK & PRINTING ISSUES	\$ 292.50
COPY SYSTEMS INC	COPIER INK	\$ 37.05
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 48.62
D & D PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL - FIRE DEPT	\$ 200.00
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 140.45
DENGER, KAREN	26 MILES @ \$.655	\$ 17.03
DRAINTECH	WATER JETTING 6TH & CARROLL	\$ 390.00
ECHO GROUP, INC	BOXES; CONNECTORS; PLUG; CORDS	\$ 100.10
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 9,401.18
G WORKS	ANNUAL ACCT SYSTEM LICENSE/SUP	\$ 5,422.00
GPM ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	MAG; TRANSMITTER; CONVERTER	\$ 7,269.49
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 80.00
HEARTLAND AG SYSTEMS	PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 83.44
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	CHEMICALS-CROSSBOW; 24D	\$ 900.69
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 415.41
IAWEA	IAWEA FALL 2023 MEETING	\$ 80.00
IEMSA	FY 2024 MEMBERSHIP	\$ 340.00
IMMENSE IMPACT, LLC	ANNUAL WEBSITE FEES	\$ 605.00
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	BATTERY	\$ 178.76
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	2024 WATER USE FEE	\$ 115.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 1,398.43
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 31.60
ISU TREASURER'S OFFICE	911 RADIO SUBSCRIBER FEES	\$ 11,075.57
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 6,511.59
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 20.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	DRILL BIT	\$ 23.26

MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	\$ 1,165.50
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 58.98
MASTERGRASS LANDSCAPE & LAWN	MOWING VIOLATION-300 9TH AVE	\$ 335.00
MENARDS - AMES	50' POLYEST;MAGNET LATCH;PAINT	\$ 89.19
PAR INDUSTRIES	WASHER PLUB @ SEWER PLANT	\$ 422.12
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	\$ 238.81
PORTABLE PRO, INC	TAILGATE - PORTABLE BATHROOMS	\$ 1,840.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	October water bills	\$ 323.85
RACOM CORPORATION	FY 2024 RADIO MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,626.72
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 900.00
SCHULING HITCH CO, INC	UTILITY FLOOD LIGHT	\$ 58.70
SLATER EMS	CALLS 1/1/23 THRU 6/30/23	\$ 845.00
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	SEWER BUILDING	\$ 120.00
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	2ND QTR FY 2024-POLICE PROTECT	\$ 25,768.10
THOMAS BUS SALES, INC	DUMP TRAILER	\$ 15,500.00
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	BUNS & CHIPS - LIBRARY PROGRAM	\$ 84.14
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 273.98
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	HYDRAULIC LEVER REPAIR JD4066R	\$ 840.53
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 206.95
WASHER SYSTEMS OF IOWA	WASHER	\$ 7,434.36
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,999.04

October 2023 Expenses from above by category:

September 2023 Revenues = \$ 242,659.37

GENERAL	91,951.22
ROAD USE	6,214.63
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,132.46
ECON DEV PROJECTS	17.03
WATER	14,204.74
SEWER	12,176.45
STORM WATER	278.63
RESOURCE RECOVERY	325.23

GENERAL	88,307.15
ROAD USE	24,107.16
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	24,318.91
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2,190.83
WATER	27,968.31
SEWER	70,576.21
STORM	2,101.16
RESOURCE RECOVERY	3,089.64

Library Director Gogerty reported GATHER made approximately \$16,000 after expenses; a library board member has passed away, they will be looking to fill that seat; the "TOTS" program had approximately 50 in attendance; Yoga is back; the baby/"Sprouts" program just started; there are 4 new staff members; and an FYI: the Ballard West Halloween Parade down Main Street will be Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30pm.

Public Works Director Estrem reported they have found that the pool has a major leak. Testing has been scheduled to determine where the leaks are; the next step for the smell at the sewer lagoon is to add aerators; cost estimates are being gathered for resurfacing 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from Linn Street to Marshall Street.

EMS Chief, Fleener reported 9 calls for September. 5 made. The ones missed were in the Kelley area; they have 2 new applicants; current roster is a total of 9 members.

Fire Chief Strumfer reminded everyone Fire prevention week is October 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be doing training with the elementary students during the week and having a Breakfast on October 14<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser.

Council decided to move the next regularly schedule Council meeting to November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Kahler opened the public hearing at 6:20pm for rezoning of Siever's Industrial Park – Plat 1 (located in sw corner of Slater) from Agricultural to Light Industrial. There was a question from a resident regarding environmental controls within Slater's Light Industrial zoned areas. It was noted that Slater's code is somewhat limited, but the Iowa DNR has a number of requirements that override City Code. Public hearing was closed at 6:24pm. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to waive the 2nd reading, hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 30: Change in Zoning from Agricultural to Light Industrial of Siever's Industrial Park – Plat 1. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Newman, Erickson, Birdsall, and Howell. Nays: none

Davies reviewed the potential budget amendment. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Howell to set the public hearing for FY 2024 Budget Amendment #1 for the November 20, 2023 Council meeting. Motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

A property owner expressed his disagreement of "junk fees" (as he calls them) on his water bill.

Estrem left the meeting at 6:32pm.

A Slater resident asked questions regarding the sewer treatment facility. There was another question asking if Snyder and Associates was responsible for taking care of the smell as the engineer of the project.

A Slater resident asked questions regarding the empty building and lots on Main Street.

Newman left the meeting at 6:49pm.

Motion by May, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

NOTE: As of March 13, 2023, meetings for Slater City Council begin at 6:00pm.