

Slater City Council Meeting December 11, 2023

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:02pm on December 11, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Shawn Birdsall, and Tina Howell (joined the meeting at 6:20pm). 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. Items approved include agenda for December 11, 2023 meeting; minutes from the November 20, 2023 meeting; and claims totaling \$225,612.45. (List below also includes \$4,630.03 in regular and recurring payroll expenses). Motion approved with a vote of 3–0.

Absolute Solutions	Pay App #6-WWTF	\$ 143,766.45
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	COMM CENTER-BOND PREP	\$ 1,660.87
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRICITY SERVICE	\$ 9,496.01
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GGBXE	\$ 780.06
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 842.83
BALLARD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTR	GIRLS TENNIS-COACHING	\$ 200.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SOLAR LIGHT FOR LIBRARY	\$ 1,630.00
BOWMAN & MILLER	ANNUAL AUDIT	\$ 12,225.00
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT CO	AIR, OIL, FUEL FILTERS	\$ 267.25
CASEY'S CREDIT CARD	FUEL	\$ 71.53
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	GARBAGE BAGS	\$ 207.00
CENTRAL PUMP & MOTOR, LLC	SEWER LAGOON BLOWERS-TRIPPING	\$ 469.65
COPY SYSTEMS INC	CITY HALL COPIER	\$ 91.37
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 23.87
D & K PRODUCTS	POND BIOLOGICAL-SEWER	\$ 453.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EXTRACTOR WASHER	\$ 8,352.00
EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICES	MAGAZINES	\$ 41.97
ECHO GROUP, INC	TIMER FOR LIBRARY LIGHT	\$ 244.35
ELAN - CREDIT CARD	MIXED	\$ 5,899.36
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST	ANNUAL SERVICE-GENERATORS	\$ 800.00
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE - OCT & NOV	\$ 416.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES-DESMOIN	FILTERS	\$ 176.59
HALLETT MATERIALS	SAND - WINTER MIX	\$ 1,263.96
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 997.25
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	DOUBLE JACKET-BLUE	\$ 427.50
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 498.32
INROADS PAVING, LLC	10TH AVE-CURB & GUTTER	\$ 19,201.50
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	EMS	\$ 189.16
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	SIGN TUBING	\$ 848.86
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 34.20
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 20.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	ANTIFREEZE - PARKS	\$ 16.54
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 151.92
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD	\$ 2,418.50

MENARDS - AMES	CONCRETE BLANKET	\$ 111.58
MIDWEST UNDERGROUND	FILTERS	\$ 195.92
NITE OWL PRINTING	PRINTING	\$ 1,318.50
POSTMASTER-SLATER	DECEMBER 2023 UTILITY BILLS	\$ 325.89
S & S CARPET CLEANING	CARPET & FURNITURE CLEANING	\$ 550.00
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 375.00
SLATER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC	CALLS MAR-NOV, 2023 MTGS THRU OCT	\$ 1,196.00
TOWN & COUNTRY	LIBRARY PROGRAMS; WT	\$ 110.70
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 113.42
TRIVISTA - IOWA	FUEL FILTERS, SEPARATOR	\$ 100.18
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER	\$ 61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	OIL, AIR FILTERS	\$ 43.23
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 207.10
WASHER SYSTEMS OF IOWA	14' SURFACE CLEANER & TRIGGER	\$ 237.42
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,999.04
XENIA	WATER USAGE 9/15 THRU 11/15	\$ 1,484.52

December 2023 Expenses from above by category:

NOVEMBER 2023 Revenues = \$ 207,835.45

GENERAL	39,569.60
ROAD USE	17,616.71
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,132.46
WATER	6,005.98
SEWER	8,112.26
SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY	143,766.45
STORM WATER	8,591.49
RESOURCE RECOVERY	447.11

GENERAL	63,485.36
ROAD USE	17,079.62
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	29,337.66
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2,190.83
WT; SW; STORM; RR	95,741.98

Call sheets from Story County Sheriff's office was shared with the public.

Library Director Gogerty via an email. Tour of Homes fundraising event was Dec 2nd. All of the Libraries in Story Co are meeting with Board of Supervisors in February. It is planned to request a 5% increase in funding. The Slater Library Board has approved FY 2025 budget. They have requested a 4.59% increase from the current budget. The Library currently has an opening for a part time associate to work two evenings a weeks.

Public Works Director Estrem reported Jerry Weeks has announced his retirement. His last day will be December 22, 2023. Thank You Jerry for all of your hard work over the past 16 years. Public Works is working through tree maintenance and equipment maintenance getting ready for winter.

EMS Chief, Fleener reported 11 calls for November. 6 were made, 4 that were missed are in Kelley/Westory district. The new member is getting trained and ready to go on calls.

Fire Chief Strumfer reported that officer elections will be held at the December meeting.

Davies asked Council to consider changes to the water billing for non-inhabitable properties. This topic will be discussed further at a work session in January.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #11: Acceptance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility project. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Councilmember Tina Howell joined the meeting at 6:20pm.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #12: Pay Application #6 (Retainage) to Absolute Solutions for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #13: Setting date for Public Hearing & Bid Letting for Water and Sewer Expansion to Siever's light Industrial development for January 8, 2023. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Kahler reviewed FY 2023 Audit report / comments. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Howell, to approve said Audit report. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Davies reviewed the Urban Renewal Report. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to approve the Urban Renewal Report. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

A property owner expressed his concerns with wanting a concrete solution to the odor issues at the sewer treatment facility. He is concerned it seems as though the odor issue is gone because of the colder weather and that the issues are not resolved.

Mayor elect Taylor Christianson and Councilman elect Craig Conley stood and took the oath of office. Their positions are official as of January 2, 2024. Welcome!

Motion by Howell, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. All Ayes.

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