

Slater City Council Meeting March 13, 2023

The meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:00pm on March 13, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Joel Newman, and Tina Howell. Absent: Shawn Birdsall. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk.

Motion by Howell, seconded by Erickson, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for March 13, 2023 meeting; minutes from the February 13, 2023 meetings; and claims paid totaling \$64,976.86. Motion approved with a vote of 4–0.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SEWER AGREEMENT W/ SHELDAHL	\$ 1,736.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 14,632.74
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 299.26
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	PROGRAMMING @ WATER PLANT	\$ 876.25
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,431.06
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 242.09
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	WIPER, PULL TWELS, PLASTIC, PAINT	\$ 798.00
CITY OF MADRID	GAS FOR 12/24/22 FIRE CALL	\$ 91.46
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 38.97
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	UPDATING GWORKS/FIRE WALL	\$ 67.50
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 274.18
DIAM PEST CONTROL	CITY HALL PEST CONTROL	\$ 99.00
DRAINTECH	4020 WATER JET 3 MANHOLES	\$ 390.00
ECHO GROUP, INC	LIGHT BULBS	\$ 47.82
ELAN / CARDMEMBER SERVICES	CREDIT CARD	\$ 8,466.55
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 4,243.27
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE MAR & APR 2023	\$ 491.00
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 122.32
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS	\$ 473.32
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 1,221.11
HEARTLAND AG SYSTEMS	SCREEN & STRAINER	\$ 70.33
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 498.32
IA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS	DUES/TRAINING	\$ 50.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	SCHEDULE 1c CONST PERMIT APPLI	\$ 456.70
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	WASTEWATER APPLICATION-SIEVERS	\$ 100.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	CEMETERY-2022 ANNUAL REPORT	\$ 131.00
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 20.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT&SW TO SIEVERS LT INDUSTRIAL	\$ 10,500.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	LIGHT	\$ 29.46
KEYSTONE LABORATORIRES	TESTING	\$ 435.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 23.90
MALLON EXCAVATING, L.L.C.	23.37 TONS ROCK FOR WT MAIN BR	\$ 739.25
MARTIN MARIETTA	ROCK	\$ 1,124.18

MENARDS - AMES	BALL VALVE & NIPPLE	\$	35.94
MENARDS - ANKENY	4-PLY AND SPRAY PAINT	\$	293.37
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	ISOLATE EMERGENCY LEAK	\$	800.00
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	\$	205.58
POSTMASTER-SLATER	MARCH UTILITY BILLS	\$	310.08
PUBLIC HOUSE 421	DESIGN CONSULT/PUBLIC HOUSE	\$	5,250.00
REFLECTIONS GLASS & MIRROR	48 X 48 1/4 CLEAR TEMPERED	\$	200.00
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	479.18
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING USA	SITE LICENSE	\$	256.00
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	PROGRAMMING	\$	47.42
TRI-COUNTY TIMES	2023 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$	46.80
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, INC	FIRE LIFE INSURANCE	\$	70.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$	61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	CUTTING EDGE	\$	365.71
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$	206.65
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	4,999.04
XENIA	WATER USAGE 1/16 THRU 2/14/23	\$	1,129.98

March Expenses above by category:

February 2023 Revenues = \$ 158,131.73

GENERAL	9,910.04
ROAD USE	17,642.76
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	25,523.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	10,416.68
WATER, SEWER, STORM, RR	94,639.25
GENERAL	17,917.81
ROAD USE	5,633.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,087.84
ECONOMIC DEVELOP	5,250.00
WATER	15,584.36
SEWER	14,847.00
STORM WATER	156.03
RESOURCE RECOVER	500.64

Library Director, Jennifer Gogerty, reported the new program “Slater Sprouts” for infant to 2 years of age will be starting in April. And the City wide Easter egg hunt will be on April 1st @ Nelson Park.

EMS Chief Fleenor reported calls for February 2023; Max Moulden is trained and will be starting on calls soon. Story County has identified responders across the County need to be “working towards common medical practices and protocols.” They will be conducting a needs assessment across Story County.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May to hold the 2nd reading of Ordinance #297: An Ordinance establishing a time limit for public forum at City Council, Boards, and Commission meetings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Erickson, May, Newman, and Howell. Nays: none.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to hold the 2nd reading for Ordinance #299: Increase in Sewer Rates. This ordinance will increase sewer connection fee from \$44.34 to \$50.00; and increase the sewer usage fee from \$9.34 per 100 cubic feet used to \$10.50 per 100 cubic feet used. Roll call vote: Ayes: Newman, May, Howell, and Erickson. Nays: none. It is required that sewer rates are set at a level

where the City can make loan payments for the \$7.4 million sewer treatment facility currently being constructed. Therefore, the City of Slater has coordinated with a financial advisor in setting these rates, and to double check the City will be able to make those payments for the next 19 years.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #36: Re-Setting Public Hearing for FY 2024 Proposed Budget for the next regular scheduled Council meeting set for April 10, 2023 at 6:00PM (Note: this is a time change for regularly scheduled Council meetings). Motion approved with a vote of 4-0. This public hearing is being changed due to legislation that reduced the amount of property tax revenue all of the Cities in Iowa will be receiving in FY 2024.

Sheriff's Office reported with 5 new Officers coming on board they feel they will be back to full staff by the end of summer. Howell asked questions about the incident at the bus stop approximately a week ago. The deputy did not have details and will report back with more information.

Council discussed Resolution #37: Waive of Subdivision review for 2183 320th Street (Snus Hill Winery). Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Howell, to approve Resolution #37. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed Prairie Creek – Plat 8. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #38: Approving Final Plat for Prairie Creek – Plat 8, with some changes of Street names. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Davies reviewed items to be included in Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2023. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to set public hearing date for said Budget Amendment for the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to be held April 10, 2023 at 6:00pm. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed at length the rental fees, deposit for damage, and cleaning costs for 301 Main Street (Sr Center). Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Howell, to increase daily rental fee to \$75, have no deposit required, do away with ½ day rental option; and revisit in 3-6 months to make sure fees are covering all costs. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Council discussed RAGBRAI which will be going through Slater this year on July 26th. A committee will be formed and Davies will be the lead on this event.

A property owner expressed his opinion on what the city should do for water/sewer billing.

Motion by May, seconded by Howell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. All Ayes.

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