

Slater City Council Meeting April 10, 2023

The meeting of the Slater City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken May at 6:03pm on April 10, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Ken May, Joel Newman, and Tina Howell. Absent: Sue Erickson, Shawn Birdsall, and Mayor John Kahler. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk; and Mark Estrem- Public Works Director.

Sheriff’s Office reported they will be speed monitoring in Slater sometime next week.

Motion by Howell, seconded by Newman, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for April 10, 2023 meeting; minutes from the March 13, 2023 meetings; and claims paid totaling \$62,843.61. Motion approved with a vote of 3–0.

| <u>VENDOR</u> | <u>REFERENCE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
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| ACCO | CPO TRAINING-ZACH & JASON | \$ 700.00 |
| AHLERS & COONEY P.C. | SHELDAHL / SEWER AGREEMENT | \$ 980.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | UTILITIES 5231311000 | \$ 13,681.91 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE | \$ 284.67 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS | BOOKS | \$ 1,183.81 |
| CASEY'S MASTERCARD | FUEL | \$ 68.30 |
| CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM | CERTIFICATE FEE 9/10/23-9/9/25 | \$ 180.00 |
| CULLIGAN | WATER | \$ 71.97 |
| DAVIES, GARRET | SEWER CLEAN OUT | \$ 299.33 |
| D & D PEST CONTROL | PEST CONTROL-PUBLIC WORKS | \$ 200.00 |
| ELAN / CREDIT CARD | TRAINING, POSTAGE, POOL TAGS | \$ 2,105.04 |
| GIS BENEFITS | LIFE INSURANCE | \$ 68.80 |
| HALLETT MATERIALS | MASON SAND | \$ 154.40 |
| HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS | PHONES, INTERNET | \$ 498.32 |
| IA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES | 3/2023-2/2024 WT MEMBER DUES | \$ 792.00 |
| ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM | SELF FUNDING ADMIN | \$ 20.00 |
| JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC | WT & SW ENGINEERING/SIEVERS | \$ 8,935.00 |
| JP PARTY RENTALS | SUMMER PROGRAM 6/6/2023 | \$ 336.00 |
| LANDWIN GUTTERING | GUTTERS ON WATER TREATMENT BLD | \$ 2,650.00 |
| LOCALIQ | LEGAL PUBLICATIONS | \$ 208.80 |
| MAGNOLIA JOURNAL | RENEWAL | \$ 30.00 |
| MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE | FUEL/DIESEL | \$ 1,648.26 |
| MENARDS - AMES | DOOR CLOSER & KNOB | \$ 265.72 |
| MUNN LUMBER | CEMENT BLOCK | \$ 67.52 |
| NITE OWL PRINTING | PRINTING | \$ 1,420.00 |
| ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C | BACK FLOW TEST & POOL HEATER | \$ 4,721.00 |
| PAR INDUSTRIES | CEMETERY | \$ 647.45 |
| POSTMASTER-SLATER | April Water Bills | \$ 310.56 |
| SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH | BUILDING PERMITS | \$ 1,905.01 |
| SERNETT, SUZY | EARLY OUT VALENTINE PARTY | \$ 12.89 |
| SIMMERING-CORY, INC | CODE UPDATE/CODIFICATION | \$ 1,100.00 |
| SNYDER & ASSOCIATES | SHELDAHL / SEWER AGREEMENT | \$ 3,634.25 |
| SNYDER & ASSOCIATES | WWTF | \$ 914.60 |
| STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | NOTE PADS, PRINTER INK | \$ 106.48 |
| STEVE LARSON | SEWER BACK UP | \$ 2,504.62 |
| STUTSMAN, INC | SALT | \$ 4,401.25 |
| THE DES MOINES REGISTER | SUBSCRIPTION | \$ 262.77 |
| TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET | MEET & EAT | \$ 20.30 |
| UNIQUE PAVING MATERIALS | MORTAR REPAIR; FLEXICRETE | \$ 701.33 |
| UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY, INC | LIFE INSURANCE | \$ 70.00 |
| US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE | COPIER CONTRACT | \$ 61.08 |
| VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT | HINGE | \$ 55.33 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | CELL PHONES | \$ 206.65 |
| WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD | HEALTH INSURANCE | \$ 4,999.04 |

April Expenses above by category:

March 2023 Revenues = \$ 200,909.62

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| GENERAL | 61,736.02 |
| ROAD USE | 10,236.22 |
| LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST) | 20,931.51 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 3,106.66 |
| WATER | 30,934.57 |
| SEWER | 68,442.12 |
| STORM | 2,137.40 |
| RESOURCE RECOVERY | 3,385.12 |
| GENERAL | 18,522.08 |
| ROAD USE | 5,333.52 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 5,087.84 |
| WATER | 14,811.29 |
| SEWER | 18,590.28 |
| STORM WATER | 498.60 |

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to hold the 3rd/Final reading and adopt Ordinance #297: An Ordinance establishing a time limit for public forum at City Council, Boards, and Commission meetings. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Newman, and Howell. Nays: none.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to hold the 3rd/Final reading and adopt 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, and Howell. 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem May opened the public hearing for FY 2024 Budget at 6:10pm. Davies reported no questions or comments, written or verbal, have been received at City Hall regarding the proposed FY 2024 Budget. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. Having no further discussion, May closed the public hearing at 6:13pm. Motion was made by Howell, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #39 (2022-2023): Adopting FY 2024 Budget. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #40 (2022-2023): Pay Application #17 for Story Construction on the Waste Water Treatment Facility in the amount of \$63,488.86. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Howell, to approve Resolution #41 (2022-2023): Acceptance of Trailside Development. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Howell, to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance #300: An Ordinance establishing additional stop signs in Trailside Development. These additions include 1) Sheffield Ave, at Ryen Rd., southbound and 2) Ryen Rd. at Sheffield Ave., eastbound. Roll call vote: Ayes: May, Howell, and Newman. Nays: none.

Council discussed the letter of support for the Catalyst Grant for 319/321 Main Street. Davies reported she has asked the state if the grant can still be used if ownership of the property changes, but did not have a response by the Council meeting time and day. Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Howell, to approve the letter of support. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to approve Resolution #42 (2022-2023): Approving Contract with Simmering – Cory & Iowa Codification to update City of Slater’s Code book reflection all Ordinances approved since 2011. Davies reported the County has a grant to help supplement this cost. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Howell, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #43 (2022-2023): Acknowledgement of Syngenta’s intentions of using the 427B Industrial Property Actual Value-Added Exemption for \$32 Million planned investment. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to approve the engagement agreement with Ahlers Cooney for the Sheldahl Wastewater Treatment Agreement. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

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

Council discussed speeding on Main Street, the Community Center/Library and if there will be another vote for tax levy, and properties around town that need to be cleaned up/sent a notice.

EMS Chief Fleenor reported calls for March 2023.

Mayor Kahler and Attorney Maria Brownell joined the meeting via Zoom @ 7:20 pm. There was some discussion of Sewer Agreement with Sheldahl. Motion was made by May, seconded by Newman, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Council resumed regular session at 8:06pm.

Roll call: Newman, May, and Howell.

Motion by Newman, seconded by Howell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. All Ayes.

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