

Slater City Council Meeting July 10, 2023

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:00pm on July 10, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May (arrived at 6:19pm), Joel Newman, Shawn Birdsall, and Tina Howell. Absent: None. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Birdsall, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for July 10, 2023 meeting; minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting; and claims totaling \$139,684.60. Motion approved with a vote of 5–0. List below includes additional \$344.22 in regular and recurring payroll expenses, for a total of \$139,684.60 paid in June.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCO	HAYWARD COVER HV 9'X9'	\$ 347.38
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 127.02
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SHELDAHL SEWER CONTRACT	\$ 1,764.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 14,055.65
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 102.43
BACKYARD ADVENTURES	2 BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS	\$ 1,630.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 472.43
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY	SIREN - FY 2024 SERVICE CONTRA	\$ 2,166.00
ELAN	PUMP; TRAPPING OF FOX; NORTON	\$ 1,356.43
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 116.81
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	38'X58' LD BLK, 2.0 MILL 100CS	\$ 344.00
CHRISTA KNOLL	DEEP END TEST WRISTBANDS	\$ 154.33
CITY OF AMES	FY 2024 RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 8,101.00
CITY OF NEVADA	STORY COUNTY LIBRARY BANNERS	\$ 8.75
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 56.87
D & D PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL @ PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 200.00
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 70.23
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 13,423.84
FINCO	TREE & STUMP REMOVAL	\$ 7,450.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC / GALE	LP BOOKS	\$ 27.19
GARBAGE GUYS	TRASH COLLECTION	\$ 508.00
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 175.84
GOLDEN VALLEY HARDSCAPES, LLC	PLAYGROUND MULCH	\$ 3,861.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 4,570.45
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	CROSSBOW; RODEO;24-D LV4	\$ 815.08
HOOPLA	FY 2024 ADVANCE DIGTITAL	\$ 2,500.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 710.06
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	FY 2024 WATER SUPPLY FEE	\$ 170.33
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 834.42
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 24.40
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT	\$ 300.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 3,279.33

ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$	20.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT&SW TO SEIVERS INDUSTRIAL	\$	225.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	POOL SUPPLIES	\$	48.90
LEACHMAN LUMBER COMPANY	DOOR CLOSURE	\$	39.68
LOCALIQ	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$	338.43
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	40.98
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	\$	885.21
MENARDS - ALTOONA	52' LAKE MILL RMT	\$	179.99
MENARDS - AMES	GFCI-GRAPHITE	\$	22.97
MIKE ACETO	MARKET MUSIC ON 8/1/2023	\$	300.00
MUNN LUMBER	TREATED LUMBER & EXT SCREWS	\$	1,207.06
NORTHLAND SECURITIES, INC	ANNUAL DISSEMINATION AGENT FEE	\$	1,250.00
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS-PARKS	\$	665.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	JULY WATER BILLS	\$	305.28
PUBLIC HOUSE 421	ELEC, DRYWALL; SIGNS; TRASHCAN	\$	5,755.08
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	13,981.43
SILVERSMITH DATA	ANNUAL SUPPORT/HOSTING	\$	1,850.00
SLATER COMMUNITY CLUB	2023 4TH OF JULY	\$	5,000.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	THEMAL PAPER; LAMINATION	\$	119.84
STORY COUNTY HOUSING TRUST	FY 2024	\$	2,133.00
TOBY KIDD KLAUENBERG	FRIENDSHIP ADVENTURES 6/15/23	\$	340.00
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	MULCH	\$	214.66
TWISTED BO-KAY	SUMMER READING PROGRAM	\$	425.00
UNIQUE PAVING MATERIALS	FREIGHT CHARGE	\$	75.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER CONTRACT	\$	61.08
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	BACKPACK SPRAYER	\$	279.98
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	206.50
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	4,999.04
XENIA	USAGE 5/1623 - 6/15/23	\$	662.16
ZOLL	MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR	\$	28,330.06

July Expenses from above by category:

JUNE 2023 Revenues = \$ 1,811,102.11

GENERAL	91,523.58
ROAD USE	5,435.21
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,087.84
ECON DEVELOPMENT	5,755.08
ECON DEV PROJECTS	300.00
WATER	7,150.04
SEWER	8,209.72
STORM WATER	130.89
RESOURCE RECOVERY	16,092.24

GENERAL	30,306.60
ROAD USE	23,820.66
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	23,640.84
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	11,063.33
COMMUNITY CENTER/ LIBRARY	3,228.00
SEWER LOAN	1,603,189.21
WATER, SEWER, STORM, RR	115,853.47

Council discussed RAGBRAI concerns / road closures with Story Co Sheriff deputy. R38 will be closed between Slater and Ames. There will be an officer at Kelley corners and the Huxley blacktop to direct traffic. Hwy 210 will be closed from Casey's in Slater west to Madrid. There will be an officer at intersection of R38 & Hwy 210 to direct traffic. Main Street and Story Street in Slater are closed to traffic. However, residents will be able to cross Story Street.

Library Director Gogerty reported summer reading has 365 registered participants. Because of the size of each age level/group, most of the programs and activities will be taking place in Nelson Park. She shared the RAGBRAI activities planned on Main Street; and that she received a grant from Prairie Meadows to get an AED at the library.

EMS Chief Fleener reported calls for June 2023. The new cardiac monitor has been received.

Fire Chief Strumpfer reported on the most recent house fire in Slater.

Mark Land from Snyder and Associates reported there is a small punch list of things to get completed at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The ultra violet and training are the 2 biggest things to be completed. The project will NOT be accepted until training is complete.

Council discussed at length salaries for City Staff. Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #1 (2023-2024): Setting salaries for FY 2024 with an increase to last year's salaries by 7.5%; leaving pool the same as last year; and library interns starting at \$9.00/hour with a 25 cent increase per hour for each year of service. Motion approved with a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 nay.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by May, to approve the 5 day event liquor license for "The Station" for RAGBRAI – July 26, 2023. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

Davies reviewed the Façade Grant application. Motion was made by May, seconded by Howell, to approve Resolution #2 (2023-2024): Support of Façade Grant application for 205 6th Ave. Motion approved with a vote of 5-0.

A resident asked if he can display a 10ft x 15ft American Flag at RAGBRAI. Davies and Estrem will work with him to find a location.

A property owner expressed his disagreement with how the City of Slater bills for water/sewer. He requested that the "junk fees" or "add on fees" be removed.

A resident living on 1st Ave expressed his concerns of the loud fireworks. He feels they were excessive this year. Council discussed this issue at length. Suggestions included but not limited to 1) putting something in the "Scoop" saying please be considerate of neighbors and noise level when purchasing 2) have personal 1 on 1 discussions with those known violators or 3) do a "live" Facebook on the "Does and Don'ts of Fireworks"

A resident made suggestions for the City website.

Motion by Birdsall, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. All Ayes.

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