

Slater City Council Meeting August 14, 2023

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:01pm on August 14, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Ken May, Joel Newman, Shawn Birdsall. Absent: Sue Erickson and Tina Howell. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion by May, seconded by Newman, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for August 14, 2023 meeting; minutes from the July 10 and July 17, 2023 meetings; and claims totaling \$129,240.34. Motion approved with a vote of 3–0. List below includes additional \$14,378.34 in regular and recurring payroll expenses, for a total of \$143,618.68 paid in August.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 381.06
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 15,715.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GBBXE	\$ 1,283.33
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	FLOW TUBE REPLACED/WATER PLANT	\$ 517.50
B5 BRANDING ELITE SCREEN	CUSTOM 21'X42' LIGHT BANNERS	\$ 1,008.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 1,097.57
BRUCE DAY	MARKET MUSIC - JULY 18, 2023	\$ 300.00
ELAN	PARK LIGHT, POSTAGE, LIB PROG	\$ 3,587.38
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 225.38
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	PAPER TOWELS; BOWL CLEANER	\$ 456.00
CENTRAL PUMP & MOTOR, LLC	MACHINING; BORE & BUSH END BEL	\$ 3,865.25
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	POOL 1ST AID SUPPLIES	\$ 278.13
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 56.87
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 81.99
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 19,383.68
FINCO	2 DEAD ASHTREES	\$ 2,500.00
FJELDBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH	REFUND FOR POOL PARTY/AUG 6,23	\$ 130.00
FRIENDS OF THE SLATER LIBRARY	REIMBURSEMENT FOR GOLF FUNDRAIS	\$ 300.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC / GALE	LP BOOKS	\$ 27.99
GARBAGE GUYS	RAGBRAI 2023 GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 1,170.00
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 229.36
HANK KOHLER	MEET & EAT SPEAKER	\$ 75.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 5,953.23
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	BUCCANEER PLUS; TORDON	\$ 217.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	2 COATS / 2 PANTS	\$ 4,790.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 602.96
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	FY2024 NPDES WASTEWATER PERMIT	\$ 210.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	\$ 2,409.89
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 18.90
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	RAGBRAI SIGNS	\$ 50.00
IOWA PUMP WORKS, INC	ON-SITE SERVICE - WATER PLANT	\$ 348.25
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 10,086.93

ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$	20.00
JEREMY HILLEBRAND	JUNE 25TH POOL PARTY-BASEBALL	\$	225.00
JOE GIBSON	RAGBRAI WATER STATIONS	\$	228.62
JOHNATHAN BELL	MARKET MUSIC JULY 11, 2023	\$	150.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	MULCH	\$	275.40
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	\$	671.00
KRAFT BROTHERS	MARKET MUSIC - AUGUST 15, 2023	\$	600.00
KYRA WILCOX-CONLEY	RAGBRAI 2023 LIBRARY FUNDRAISE	\$	1,580.90
LOCALIQ	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$	24.36
LUKE FOX	MARKET MUSIC - JULY 25, 2023	\$	300.00
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	DIESEL/FUEL	\$	1,220.40
MENARDS - ANKENY	4' TABLE	\$	39.99
MID IOWA PLANNING ALLIANCE	FY 2024 DUES	\$	232.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	COUPLING; REDUC	\$	30.50
OVERDRIVE	FY2024 BRIDGES E-BOOK CONTENT	\$	624.03
POLK COUNTY	WASTESHED FY23-24	\$	250.00
PORTABLE PRO, INC	4TH OF JULY PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$	2,420.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	August water bills	\$	325.89
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$	5,088.45
SIMMERING-CORY, INC	CODE UPDATE/CODIFICATION	\$	3,000.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	TRIP CHARGE, WELFARE CHECK	\$	25.00
STORY CO TREASURER (SHERIFF)	1ST QTR FY2024	\$	25,768.10
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	PAPER TOWELS; SOAP	\$	275.91
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	WATERMELLON	\$	117.50
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	CHECK SEAT SENSOR	\$	536.76
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER CONTRACT	\$	61.08
USA BLUEBOOK	CHEMICALS	\$	666.99
UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC	WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	\$	14,098.21
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	SEAL KIT; BRAKE KIT	\$	552.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$	206.55
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	4,999.04
ZOLL	AED FOR POOL/CITY HALL	\$	1,647.08

August Expenses from above by category:

JULY 2023 Revenues = \$ 183,517.20

GENERAL	84,554.21
ROAD USE	6,547.96
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,087.84
ECON DEV PROJECTS	6,496.20
WATER	23,785.43
SEWER	13,478.03
STORM WATER	1,039.53
RESOURCE RECOVERY	2,629.48

GENERAL	20,783.33
ROAD USE	17,340.98
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	21,904.92
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,553.33
COMMUNITY CENTER/ LIBRARY	2,500.00
WATER, SEWER, STORM, RR	119,434.64

Sheriff's office reported on the speed trailer and that RAGBRAI went well

Library Director Gogerty submitted her report via email since she was not in attendance. She is taking applications for staff. RAGBRAI was a huge success, raising \$17,000 for the library/community center project. Summer reading had 365 registered participants. Because of the size of each age level/group, most of the programs and activities took place in Nelson Park. Fundraising activities are continuing with a golf tournament on August 27th and GATHER on September 30th. Fiscal year end stats: Circulation up 11%; 37,589 items checked out; 22,253 library visits; 392 programs held; 10,672 for program attendance.

A member of the building committee for the Library/Community Center asked council for direction on the project. A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss the options.

Public Works Director, Estrem reported the part-time employee is done for the season; and a new can corral will be placed at the corner of 1st Ave and N Carroll – this change will take effect by October 1, 2023.

EMS Chief, Fleener reported 18 calls for July / 6 of those being during RAGBRAI. The new cardiac monitor has been received.

Fire Chief, Strumpfer reported 2 new members have been added as of June. That fills the roster with 25 active and 5 reserve.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Birdsall, to approve Resolution #3 (2023-2024): Change Order #7 for the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Resolution #4 (2023-2024): Pay App #19 to Story Construction for WWTF was tabled for more information.

Estrem reviewed the retainer agreement with Napoli Shkolnik Attorneys at Law for potential PFAS cost Recovery Program/litigation. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by Newman, to approve the retainer agreement as mentioned above. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Council discussed changes to the Fireworks Ordinance. It was suggested reduce the days you can shoot them off within Slater City limits to just July 3rd, 4th and 5th and only between 6pm to 11pm. This item died for a lack of a motion.

Council discussed the possibility of creating an Ordinance banning at home burials. Council directed Davies to draft such an Ordinance and have it presented for future Council meetings.

Council discussed setting weekly rental rate for 301 Main Street. Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to set a rental rate of \$50 per day if it is rented at least 3 days in a row. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Birdsall, seconded by May, to approve closure of Main Street from Tama to Story Street (to drive west of City Hall) from 4pm to 10pm on September 7, 2023 for 2023 Tailgate Event. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by May, to approve the Fireworks permit for September 7, 2023 / 2023 Tailgate Event on Main Street. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

A property owner discussed how expensive his water bill is and how he feels it is unfair that his 4 plex is billed differently than a single family home.

A Slater resident asked why Linn Street wasn't repaved when Story County repaved R38 North and South of Slater. RESPONSE: This occurred because the County didn't communicate with the City of Slater soon enough to get it in the City's budget. He also is still concerned about the location of the proposed Library / Community Center and that it is planned to be 2 story. RESPONSE: The Main Street location was chosen because having an entity on Main Street that brings 22,253 visits only helps the other businesses on Main Street. That means 22,253 opportunities to visit, make purchases, and/or enjoy the other businesses on Main Street.

Motion by May, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. All Ayes.

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