

Slater City Council Special Meeting August 28, 2023

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:02pm on August 28, 2023, at Slater Public Library, 105 N. Tama Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Ken May, Shawn Birdsall, and Tina Howell. Absent: Joel Newman. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk; Jennifer Gogerty – Library Director; Library Board members; Friends of the Library members; and members of Slater Community Club.

Motion by Birdsall, seconded by Howell, to the 4 new library staff employees as presented. Motion approved with a vote of 4-0.

Consideration and 1st Reading of Ordinance 301: Change in Zoning from Agricultural to Light Industrial for Sievers Industrial Park Plat 1 was tabled for more information.

Council had an open forum discussion with all present regarding the Community Center / Library project. Discussion revolved around the fact that this project will have to be down sized, but all agreed this project should still move forward. We know of 3 grants that are still available for this project, but are there more? A couple of people will research getting a Grant writer/Capital Campaign manager. It needs to be clear, in order to apply for the large CAT grant with the State of Iowa we have to have at least 60% of the funding in place. This means we would need approximately \$4 million before the CAT Grant application can be submitted; and why the City Council is in favor of trying for a bond issue again at \$2.5 million.

Motion by May, seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.