

Slater City Council Meeting September 11, 2023

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Kahler at 6:23pm on September 11, 2023, at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Joel Newman, and Tina Howell. Absent: Ken May and Shawn Birdsall. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem – Public Works Director.

Motion by Howell, seconded by Newman, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved include agenda for September 11, 2023 meeting; minutes from the August 14 and August 28, 2023 meetings; and claims totaling \$269,808.79. Motion approved with a vote of 3–0. List below includes additional \$12,585.49 in regular and recurring payroll expenses, for a total of \$282,394.28 paid in September.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACTIVE 911, INC.	ALERTING SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 135.00
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 254.04
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SHELDAHL SEWER CONTRACT	\$ 56.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES 5231311000	\$ 14,894.87
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACCT # A29CRGDM0GGBXE	\$ 1,270.90
AUSTIN STRUMPFER	WEATHERPROOF AUTO EJECT/TRK112	\$ 156.20
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 879.36
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	POSTAGE; 400 AMP CLAMP METER	\$ 1,872.28
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	PC DROPPING OFF SERVER/GWORKS	\$ 157.50
CULLIGAN	WATER	\$ 48.62
D & K PRODUCTS	SPORTS TURF	\$ 2,665.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	FLASHLIGHTS	\$ 930.48
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	\$ 234.85
DIAM PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL @ CITY HALL	\$ 99.00
DICK'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER	ANNUAL CHECK	\$ 432.20
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	2023 INSPECTION DONE 6/22/23	\$ 418.00
FELD FIRE	1376000-TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 900.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 9,500.95
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	HOSTED SERVICE RENEWAL	\$ 1,154.62
GARBAGE GUYS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 608.00
GIS BENEFITS	MET LIFE	\$ 53.52
HAWKINS, INC	PUMP; TUBE, VALVE, NIPPLE; ADP	\$ 3,181.15
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	LP TANK LEASE BY TENNIS CTS	\$ 162.00
HUBER SUPPLY CO	SPOOL OF WIRE	\$ 70.46
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES, INTERNET	\$ 602.96
INTERSTATE BATTERY OF UPPER IA	PARKS	\$ 58.46
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,354.07
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	10' STEEL ANGLE AND FLAT	\$ 117.06
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 1,246.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 6,380.85
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 20.00
JAMES EVANS	BEAVERS	\$ 550.00

JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	WT & SW TO SIEVERS INDUSTRIAL	\$ 198.75
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE	TRIPOD SPRINKLER & HOSE	\$ 203.92
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	\$ 495.00
LOCALIQ	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$ 422.34
MANATTS, INC	CRUSHED ASPHALT	\$ 198.72
MARTIN OIL WHOLESALE	FUEL	\$ 811.35
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	FOAMING ROOT CTRL; FOG ELIMIN	\$ 2,725.60
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	\$ 66.85
NITE OWL PRINTING	SEPT 2023 NEWSLETTER	\$ 1,546.00
PAR INDUSTRIES	SUMP PUMP @ WWTF	\$ 1,597.66
PORTABLE PRO, INC	PORTABLE BATHROOMS	\$ 340.00
POSTMASTER-SLATER	SEPTEMBER WATER BILLS	\$ 328.95
SAFE BUILDING COMPLIANCE&TECH	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 5,969.43
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING WWTF	\$ 3,289.50
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	MEMBERSHIP	\$ 74.07
STORY CONSTRUCTION CO.	PAY APP #19R1 FOR WWTF	\$ 192,296.71
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	BOOK CLUB	\$ 163.62
TRIONFO SOLUTION, LLC	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 714.90
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	CUSHION COVER	\$ 374.98
TRUE NORTH COMPANIES, LC	LIABILITY & WORK COMP AUDIT	\$ 11,268.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 61.08
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$ 206.55
WEEKS CONSTRUCTION	REPLACE CONCRETE @ CITY HALL	\$ 2,888.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,999.04
XENIA	WATER 7/18 THRU 8/16/23	\$ 688.86

September Expenses from above by category:

AUGUST 2023 Revenues = \$ 183,206.68

GENERAL	50,847.92
ROAD USE	6,849.95
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,680.42
ECON DEV PROJECTS	140.58
WATER	8,931.87
SEWER	209,128.61
STORM WATER	35.72
RESOURCE RECOVERY	779.21

GENERAL	18,791.16
ROAD USE	17,157.54
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)	26,194.26
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2,828.33
COMMUNITY CENTER/ LIBRARY	858.07
WATER, SEWER, STORM, RR	117,377.32

Public Works Director, Estrem reported the chemicals have been added to the sewer lagoon to help with the smell. There is a plan and an order to the process that will take approximately 30 days to notice significant improvement; and the 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 12 calls for August.

Davies discussed a property owner that would like to plant trees along the property line by the trail in order to create privacy and noise control. Council does not have an issue with this. They would like to know the type of trees and have them coordinate with Public Works for placement. There was also discussion of parking issues at and around 501 Main Street. Davies was directed to send a letter and remind them they need to request to have the road closed for special events.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Howell, to approve Resolution #4 (2023-2024): Pay Application #19 R1 to Story Construction for WWTF. Motion was approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Howell, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #5 (2023-2024): Accepting Certificate of Substantial Completion with Story Construction for WWTF. Motion was approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution #6 (2023-2024): Calling for a Special Election (for Community Center and Library). Motion was approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #7 (2023-2024): Approval of Siever's Light Industrial Park – Plat 1. Roll call vote: Ayes: Erickson, Newman, and Howell. Nays: none

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Howell, to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance 301: Change in Zoning from Agricultural to Light Industrial of Siever's Light Industrial Park – Plat 1. Roll call vote: Ayes: Newman, Howell, and Erickson. Nays: none

Council discussed potential other locations for the Day Care Facility. Council agreed by consensus the grant already approved for this project could still be used if the location changes as long as it stays in City limits.

Motion was made by Howell, seconded by Erickson, to approve the Renewal of Alcohol license for Casey's General Store with an effective date of 10/11/2023. Motion was approved with a vote of 3-0.

A property owner complained about water and sewer fees being too high.

A Slater resident discussed the smell at the sewer lagoon and recommended we isolate the odor with "sniffer" equipment to make sure it is not just pond 1.

Motion by Howell, seconded by Newman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. All Ayes.

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