

The Slater City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present – Julie Weeks, AJ Strumpfer, Joel Newman, Russ Terhaar, and Craig Conley. Also, City Administrator Moore and City Clerk Siegle were present.

Motion by Strumpfer seconded by Newman, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes.

Motion by Conley seconded by Newman, to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes.

- Clerk Report – January 2026
- Minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup>
- EMS Meeting Minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Library Meeting Minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Story County Housing Trust Grant Agreement Administered by MIPA
- Story County Sheriff’s Office Contract for Services during FY27
- Appointments of Slater’s Boards, Commissions, & Committees
- Following List of February 17<sup>th</sup> Claims:

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	\$ 113.88
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	URBAN RENWAL	\$ 2,611.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 44,165.02
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY AMAZON	\$ 1,215.45
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE AVESIS	GROUP #63000-1041	\$ 154.98
BOBCAT OF AMES	OIL FILTER	\$ 29.77
BOONE COUNTY AUDITOR	ELECTION	\$ 491.91
CASEY’S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	FUEL	\$ 200.21
CENGAGE LEARNING, INC	LP BOOKS	\$ 37.99
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	SUPPLIES	\$ 552.00
CINTAS	MEDICAL CABINET	\$ 99.84
CLEARSPAN FABRIC STRUCTURES	GREENHOUSE PANEL	\$ 4,008.84
COMPUTER RESOURCE SPECIALISTS	COUNCIL COMPUTERS	\$ 270.00
COPY SYSTEMS INC	CH PRINTER	\$ 56.57
CULLIGAN	PW WATER	\$ 72.07
D & D PEST CONTROL, LLC	PEST SPRAYING	\$ 305.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INS.	\$ 1,123.38
DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY	LOST ILL BOOK FEE	\$ 19.99
ECHO GROUP, INC	REPLACEMENT DRIVER	\$ 1,140.00
FICA	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 13,198.09
GARBAGE GUYS	SERVICES	\$ 482.75
GCMOA	DUES	\$ 35.00
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 328.72
H D SUPPLY WATERWORKS	PLEATED FILTER	\$ 59.46
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$ 419.26
IA DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	\$ 1,836.26
INTERSTATE BATTERIES	FIRE BATTERY	\$ 193.16

IOWA CODE ENFORCEMENT	SERVICE FEE	\$ 600.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,234.70
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 24.40
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 8,032.78
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM	SELF FUNDING ADMIN	\$ 25.00
JERRY MOORE	PHONE STIPENED	\$ 100.00
KATE BAX	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 18.00
LEAF	LIBRARY PRINTER	\$ 126.75
GANNETT IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLISHING	\$ 404.00
MADRID AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 93.44
MADRID TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$ 57.96
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	SAND	\$ 353.43
MENARDS - AMES	WATER SUPPLIES	\$ 517.87
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	\$ 1,013.50
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER METERS	\$ 7,553.72
ONE HOUR HEATING AND A/C	MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,494.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 268.33
RACOM CORPORATION	VEHICULAR CHARGER LITHIUM	\$ 715.50
RAMP	FEBRUARY PAYMENT	\$ 4,167.48
RENEE'S CLEANING SERVICE LLC.	CITY HALL CLEANING	\$ 510.00
SAFE BUILDING LLC.	CODE INSPECTION	\$ 75.00
SHUCK-BRITSON	FIRE STATION LINTEL REPLACE	\$ 2,500.00
SLATER EMS	OCT - DEC	\$ 540.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	LINN ST. STUDY	\$ 17,475.00
STAPLES OIL COMPANY	FUEL	\$ 2,162.39
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 140.50
STORY COUNTY COURTHOUSE	SLATER VS. S. HADAWAY	\$ 95.00
SUZY SERNETT	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 10.00
THE HARTFORD	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 102.90
TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET	LIBRARY CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 6.28
US POSTMASTER	UTILITY BILLS	\$ 365.39
VAN-WALL EQUIPMENT	HOSES	\$ 189.26
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE PLAN	\$ 230.93
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 14,578.11
WHITFIELD & EDDY LAW	LEGAL FEES	\$ 7,364.35
XENIA	WATER USAGE	\$ 1,909.20
PAYROLL	PAYROLL	\$ 41,996.80
<b>February 17th Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 190,272.57</b>
GENERAL		\$ 73,296.64
ROAD USE		\$ 28,731.63
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 15,798.31

WATER		\$ 27,693.04
SEWER		\$ 44,016.13
GARBAGE		\$ 614.87
STORM WATER		\$ 121.95
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 190,272.57</b>

### Moore Update

Thanked Rich Voelkers from Snyder & Associates for attending the meeting to update City Council on Lynn St Design Study. Reached out to MIPA & Simmering Cory to conduct LMI study for applying for CDBG for City water and sewer projects – MIPA agreement is on agenda. Discussed likelihood of rehiring Kelsey as Pool Manager (position is posted) this season and position will work on job descriptions for posting pool positions, scheduling interviews in May with City Admin staff, setting sign up process for pool lessons & pool parties, organizing and providing training for life guards certifications. City Emergency Planning discussion at last staff meeting, command post location, role of City dept heads and leadership, debris site location, & record keeping for FEMA reimbursement. Solid Waste/Recycling – sent out survey to City garbage haulers, Marshall County Board to act in May to accept City’s solid waste, Ames staff presenting to City Council at their meeting next week on Recycling Contractor and action March meeting. Library Project – Jen and I working with Work Group on comparing renovation at current library to new construction – obtained concept drawings from FEH and cost estimates – there was consensus at last Work Group meeting to plan for a joint library/community space project, like Main St for location, however there was realization of cost of project and directed staff to look into other more affordable construction methods pre-engineered buildings and precast concrete, and lastly went through key agenda items.

Mayor Christensen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 315 for Peddlers, Solicitors & Transient Merchants at 6:32 PM with a roll-call vote. Mayor Christensen closed the public hearing at 6:33 PM and returned to the regular meeting with a roll-call vote. All ayes. They asked staff to add operational info in ordinance and on how general public is to access permit application and to explore separate mobile food truck ordinance.

Mayor Christensen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #316 amending the Duties & Roles of City Administrator, City Clerk, Mayor, Mayor Protem, and City Council at 6:35 PM with a roll-call vote. Mayor Christensen closed the public hearing at 6:36 PM and returned to the regular meeting with a roll-call vote. All ayes.

Newman introduced **Ordinance #316, seconded by Strumpfer amending the Duties & Roles of City Administrator, City Clerk, Mayor, Mayor Protem, and City Council in the Slater Code of Ordinance and by changing the wording for the council to approve instead of appointing the following officials.** After a unanimous roll call vote, the first reading was approved. All ayes.

Motion by Newman, seconded by Strumpfer, to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance 317 amending C-1, C-2, & M-1 Zoning District Uses for Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All ayes.

**Newman introduced Ordinance #313, seconded by Weeks, on addressing the Water & Sewer Rates as follows: Water:** First 100 cubic feet \$14.11 (minimum charge), all over 100 cubic feet \$5.28 per 100 cubic feet. **Sewer:** First 100 cubic feet \$51.75 (minimum charge), all over 100 cubic feet \$10.87 per 100 cubic feet. After a unanimous roll call vote, the second reading was approved. All ayes.

Weeks introduced **Ordinance #314, and seconded by Terhaar, on Addressing Amendments to Zoning and Other Provisions in the Slater Code of Ordinance.** After a unanimous roll call vote, the second reading was approved, and the third reading was waived. All ayes.

Motion by Newman, seconded by Weeks, to approve **Resolution 37 Requesting to Waive Subdivision Plan for Johns Farm Subdivision.** All ayes.

Motion by Strumpfer, seconded by Newman, to approve **Resolution 38 Addressing New Street Lights for Sievers Industrial Park Plat with Alliant Energy.** All ayes.

Motion by Strumpfer seconded by Conley to approve **Resolution 39 Addressing New Street Light for N. Carroll & Ryen Road with Alliant Energy.** All ayes.

Motion by Conley, seconded by Terhaar, to approve the Service Agreement with Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance on completion of a CDBG Income Survey for \$200. All ayes.

Motion by Weeks, seconded by Conley, to approve the Contract with Ames Regional Economic Alliance starting July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for \$20,000 on Economic Development Services. All ayes.

Public Works Director Estrem was present to explain the differences between the previously approved option 1 of \$28,000 and option 2 of \$130,000. Motion by Weeks, seconded by Newman, to proceed with Option 2 Rerouting Influent Flow to Lagoon Cell #1 and to get a second opinion, but to go ahead and proceed with getting permits pulled. Ayes: Weeks, Strumpfer, Newman, and Terhaar. Nays: Conley

Rich Voelker with Snyder and Associates was present to go over the Linn St. (R-38) Design Study. Linn Street carries approximately 4,000 vehicles per day and is a local alternative to those routes carrying traffic between the City of Ames and the Des Moines metro. The pavement conditions on Linn Street are an issue. A recent patching project was needed to hold the roadway edge together, but more rehabilitation is needed. Estimated Cost of \$2,900,000 for Reconstruction with Left Turn Lanes at Main Street or \$3,400,000 for Reconstruction with Roundabout at Main Street. Council is in favor of doing something with Linn Street and feels this is a top priority and would like for staff to look at funding options.

Motion by Weeks, seconded by Strumpfer, to set Tax Levy Rate for FY27 at 12.79200. Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Ayes: Weeks, Strumpfer, Newman, and Terhaar. Nays: Conley

Motion by Conley, seconded by Terhaar, to approve Revenue and Expenses for FY27. Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. All ayes.

Motion by Newman, seconded by Terhaar, to approve the top three projects for City staff to work on including funding options is the EMS Building, Linn St. (R-38), and Library. All ayes

Motion by Newman, seconded by Weeks, to adjourn at 8:45 PM. All ayes. The next Special Council Meeting will be on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM.

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Lindsey Siegle, City Clerk

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Taylor Christensen, Mayor