

## Slater City Council Meeting

March 31, 2025

The Slater City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor Christensen at 6:26pm on March 31, 2025 at Slater City Hall, 101 Story Street, Slater, Iowa. Roll being called Present: Sue Erickson, Joel Newman, and Craig Conley. Absent: Ken May and Shawn Birdsall. Also present: Jennifer Davies – City Administrator / Clerk and Mark Estrem-Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Newman, to approve Resolution #44: Setting public hearing for proposed FY 2026 Budget for April 14, 2025. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Council reviewed, discussed, and made edits to the City Manager Advertisement. Motion was made by Conley, seconded by Erickson, to approve the advertisement with suggested edits (correct dates as needed, add “potentially” clerk duties, add 4<sup>th</sup> of July as a City event). Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Council discussed and reviewed project costs and fundraising dollars for the Library / Community Center project. The building committee is looking for direction and a time line. Mayor Christensen expressed his and Council’s support of the project, but also his concerns of making a financial commitment until the City’s comprehensive and capital improvement plans have been reviewed and updated, which may be 12-18 months.

Mayor Christensen updated Council on the negotiations with Ballard Schools for the use of Nite Hawk baseball field. Ballard Schools presented a 5 year contract with a lease fee of \$1. Motion was made by Conley, seconded by Newman, to counter offer a contract for just the 2025 baseball season for a lease fee of \$5,000 with the intention to continue negotiations for 2026 and beyond that more equally shares responsibility of continued field maintenance and improvements. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made by Newman, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. All Ayes.

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Taylor Christensen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Davies, City Administrator / Clerk