

The Slater City Council met in special session on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present – Erickson, May, Newman, Birdsall & Conley. Also, City Administrator Moore, City Clerk Siegle, Library Director Jen Gogerty, Public Works Director Mark Estrem, Chad Fleener, EMS Director, and Brant Strumpfer, Fire Chief, were present.

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

Motion by Birdsall seconded by May, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes.

- Christmas on Main Street Fireworks Permit

Moore went through the meeting documents and thanked everyone for their contributions to the CIP and budget process and asked City Council for general directions on capital projects they support so City staff can work on grant applications and obtain other funding options. All of the department heads went through their budgets and capital projects and responded to questions from the Mayor and City Council.

- Strumpfer went through the Fire Department budget, and after discussion and support, the Technology account was increased to \$450, and May asked if cameras were in the budget.
- Fleener went through the EMS budget and responded to a question about payment to other agencies, and he indicated he was researching costs for Personal Protective Equipment for volunteers, and costs for a cap and vehicle for storing equipment.
- Estrem went through Public Works budget and responded to questions about payment to other agencies, benches, repairing tables, cost of utilities at pool, responded to comment about making contact with land owner to purchase additional land for cemetery expansion, cost increase in health insurance, paying for professional services for future street project, and if interest rates on sewer bonds were fixed or variable.
- Gogerty went through the library budget revenues and expenditures.
- Jonathan went through the Parks and Recreation budget and talked about renovating existing park tables and three capital projects, including replacing the horse swings and spring riders, purchasing new soccer goals for the Trailside Sports Complex, and purchasing entrance, wayfinding, and trails signs.
- Moore went through the City Hall budget, and there was discussion and support for adding costs to add new emails and laptops for the Mayor and City Council for the Technology account, questions about costs to Iowa Codification, finding ways to reduce costs to mail the Scoop newsletter, and a question about an increase in the utility account.
- The Mayor asked the City Council about a few of the capital projects they were leaning towards supporting, and responses were May – cameras, Erickson, Birdsall & Newman – library project.
- The Mayor also asked about recommendations for next year from City Council and the responses were Birdsall – stream line the meetings, Conley – added to Birdsall’s response that residents could sign up to address City Council on agenda items, May – reduce number of items in packet, Erickson – liked the staff memos & asked that the Mayor not give certain people special treatment by moving them to top of agenda, & requested City Staff have meeting packets available five days before meeting, and Mayor stated he would like to change meeting dates so that he and others can attend school board meetings, and he also supported receiving the packets five days before the meeting.

Motion by Erickson seconded by Birdsall, to adjourn at 8:38 PM. All ayes. The next Council Meeting will be on Monday, December 8th, at 6:00 PM.