

Naples City Council

May 11, 2023

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held May 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m., at the Naples City Office, 1420 East 2850 South, Naples, Uintah County, Utah.

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF MEETING

Council members attending were Dean Baker, Robert Hall Gordon Kitchen, Ross Morton, Dan Olsen and Kenneth Reynolds.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Lincoln Woodward, Quinn Bennion, Corey Auger, Brooks Jones, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, Nathan Simper, Micheal Davis and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mayor Dean Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Baker opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Kenneth Reynolds offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker presented the agenda for approval. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the agenda. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of April 27, 2023 were presented for approval. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the minutes. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting in the affirmative.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had anything they wanted to follow up on from the previous meeting. Councilman Kitchen asked about the letters for the fencing on the 2000 East road project. Micheal Davis stated the letters were sent out and they have received two responses so far. Micheal said the construction company will pave the east side of the road on Tuesday and then will move traffic to the other side.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills for payment in the amount of \$23,173.20. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$23,173.20. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Nikki Kay explained that Mr. Weber, with Uintah Basin Treasure Hunt, came in and asked to be placed on the next Council agenda to see if the Council would consider sponsoring their Uintah Basin Treasure Hunt again next year. However, Mr. Weber was not in attendance at the meeting. Councilman Kitchen said, if Mr. Weber contacts the City, he could put together a simple proposal or request and the Council can consider it with their budget discussions. No action was taken.

***REQUEST TO CONSIDER
SPONSORSHIP FOR NEXT
FISCAL YEAR***

Corey Auger, Fire Warden for Uintah and Daggett County, presented the renewal for the Cooperative Agreement with Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Mr. Auger stated that not much has changed between this agreement and the last one the Council signed. He explained this is insurance to the City in case a fire starts in the City and spreads to wildland. Councilman Hall asked if there was any mitigation planned in the City this year as there has been some talk of doing work in The Farm subdivision along the gulch. Mr. Auger said he doesn't think it would be a problem and it could be used for training. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the cooperative agreement with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed as follows:

***APPROVE COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT WITH UTAH
DIVISION OF FOREST,
FIRE AND STATE LANDS***

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Nikki Kay stated Cliff Grua had asked to be added to the agenda to discuss the roundabout in The Farm subdivision. Mr. Grua was not in attendance at the meeting. Micheal Davis said he had a short conversation with Mr. Grua about the roundabout and what he thought the City might do with it, if they turned control of it over to the City. Mr. Grua wanted someone to maintain it as it currently is and that is why he wanted to have a discussion with the Council. Micheal told Mr. Grua the City would probably cement it or

***DISCUSSION ON
ROUNDAABOUT IN THE
FARM***

xeroscape it to keep from having to water it. Councilman Kitchen agreed that the City could still have it look nice with xeroscape and that would be his recommendation if it becomes the City's property. Micheal said they can wait to have the discussion if Mr. Grua comes in to make the request. No action was taken on the matter.

Vernal City Manager, Quinn Bennion was at the meeting to discuss the draft interlocal agreement he dropped off at the meeting two weeks ago. The agreement is for shared legal counsel between Vernal City, Naples City, Dutch John and Uintah Special Service District #1 (USSD). Mr. Bennion stated the agreement has received some updates from two weeks ago, as it goes through each entity, and they do not have a final copy yet. Mr. Bennion stated the calculation for what the City will pay up front will be 70% of what was spent last year in legal fees. Councilman Kitchen said he believed the Police Chief was looking to use the County for prosecution. Mr. Bennion said he understands that and believes they can still make it work. He said Vernal City is going to move forward with this and the City is welcome to join if they decide. Micheal created a spreadsheet that he gave to the Council comparing the cost of the bids the City received from two law firms and the cost for legal services if they choose to join with Vernal City. Councilman Hall asked Chief Simper what discussions he has had with the County regarding prosecution services. Chief Simper said the County is already handling their cases and it could be a one-stop-shop for them as they would also provide the victim advocacy that is needed. Council members asked Mr. Bennion if there has been any interest shown for this position. He said they have received two applications so far but he does expect a few more. Mr. Bennion said he appreciated the Council reviewing this. Mayor Baker stated he was not sure the Council was ready to move on it. Councilman Kitchen stated he was ready. He said they have discussed this at previous meetings and his questions have been answered. Councilman Hall asked Mr. Bennion if they would limit the number of entities they allow to take part in this. Mr. Bennion said they would and they could make that part of the agreement that the entities who participate at first would have a say in other entities being able to come in. Councilman Hall said they just don't want too many that whoever was chosen wouldn't be able to serve everyone. Mr. Bennion stated they want this to be successful for everyone. Councilman Hall asked if they would review this annually? Mr. Bennion said the money would be reviewed annually.

***REVIEW AND DISCUSS
DRAFT INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH
VERNAL CITY FOR LEGAL
SERVICES***

Gordon Kitchen felt it was a good opportunity to work with Vernal City and **moved** to approve the civil portion of the agreement for legal services and join in the interlocal agreement. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Chief Simper updated the Council on prosecution services. He stated the County will provide those services for a flat rate of \$40,000 per year and that will include prosecution, victim advocates, and other services. Chief Simper said they have appreciated the service of the County as this allows them to send all information to one entity. He said they have had really good communication with Jaymon Thomas' office. Chief Simper stated he should have a letter from Mr. Thomas by the first of June outlining any details they might need.

PROSECUTION LEGAL SERVICES

Council members received a copy of the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023/2024. Ross Morton **moved** to adopt the tentative budget. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET

Gordon Kitchen	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Robert Hall	Aye

Micheal updated the Council on the orange cones along the highway near 1500 South. He said those are for the patches of sidewalks they are adding with the Safe Sidewalk grant money. He said Rocky Mtn Power and Strata moved their poles and boxes to allow for those sidewalks and the contractor is working on getting those completed.

OTHER MATTERS OR FUTURE COUNCIL MATTERS

Council members talked about how many more tickets they would need for the Vernal Area Chamber dinner. Micheal was asked to get four more tickets.

With no other business before the Council, Robert Hall **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:33. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all

MOTION TO ADJOURN

voting in favor of the motion.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 25th DAY OF MAY 2023

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____