

Naples City Council

June 8, 2023

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held June 8, 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, Dan Olsen and Kenneth Reynolds. Ross Morton was absent.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Bruce Hacking, Szeth Simmons, Brooks Jones, 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. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the agenda. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of the special budget workshop meeting of May 22, 2023 were presented for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the minutes. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting in the affirmative.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of May 25, 2023 were presented for approval. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the minutes of May 25, 2023. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had anything they wanted to follow up on from the previous meeting. Councilman Reynolds wanted to know if Chief Simper checked on the cameras for the park. Nikki stated the Chief has been out of town but should have that information for the next meeting. Councilman Hall asked if there has been any more interest in moving fences on 2000 East? Micheal Davis stated there

FOLLOWUP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

are still just two people. A comment was made about the cross cuts on the road sinking and if those would be filled in before the chip seal. Micheal said he hoped so and he would get with Mr. Ostler to make sure those are taken care of.

Nikki Kay presented the bills for payment in the amount of \$37,568.34. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$37,568.34. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Micheal Davis presented Council with a proposal and contract from Rocky Mtn Power (RMP) to change the Hwy street lights to LED fixtures. He stated that RMP approached him about changing out the lights and if the City would do that within the next two years, RMP would give the City a new rate schedule that would save the City money. Micheal said this would be for ninety-four lights and the cost to do the change over would be about \$23,000. He said the rate of return would be about three-years. Micheal said the funds would be in the budget for the next fiscal year but he needed approval now in order for RMP to begin around July 15th. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the street lighting agreement. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

***APPROVE CONTRACT
AND AMOUNT FOR
ROCKY MTN POWER LED
STREET LIGHT
CONVERSION***

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

Micheal said Council would need to table the discussion for bids on the 2850 South intersection correction. Micheal said there were no bids turned in. Council discussed if the road crew could do some of the work. Szeth thought they could tear out the concrete and get someone to pave it but they might need to go back and clean up the ADA sidewalk accesses. No action was taken.

***REVIEW AND AWARD BID
FOR 2850 SOUTH
INTERSECTION
CORRECTION***

Council members received a copy of the Fraud Risk Assessment that needs to be completed and filed with the State Auditor. Mayor Baker said he was pleased with the score on the assessment. Micheal said he added a fraud hotline to the web page. Nikki asked the Council to make sure they all take the training for elected officials. She stated the only completion certificate she has on file is for Councilman Olsen. Councilman Hall said he has the training for Special Districts and he would bring that in. The assessment showed the City is in line with most of the requirements.

***REVIEW AND ACCEPT
F R A U D R I S K
ASSESSMENT***

Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to open a public hearing to open and amend the FY 2022/2023 budget and to receive public input on the FY 2023/2024 budget. Gordon Kitchen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye. Micheal gave Council a handout that showed the changes to the current fiscal year budget. He asked if anyone had any questions.

***PUBLIC HEARING TO
OPEN AND AMEND FY
2022/2023 BUDGET AND
RECEIVE PUBLIC
COMMENT ON FY
2023/2024 BUDGET***

Mayor Baker asked the public if anyone had any comments they would like to make on the proposed FY 2023/2024 budget. With no comments from the public, Dan Olsen **moved** to close the public hearing. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative. Councilman Kitchen asked about the budget for the new LED replacement lights. Micheal explained that cost is built into the new fiscal year budget but he needed approval now so RMP could start that project in July.

Micheal had the numbers for the new certified tax rate. Micheal gave Council members a breakdown of past property tax rates and amounts received since 2011. He tried to get the Council to see what happens when they continue to take the lower certified tax rate instead of accepting the budgeted revenue. He explained how property taxes are received from the County and what happens if the City decides to keep the rate the same instead of taking the same property tax amount each year. The handout showed how the property tax received from the County has dropped from \$102,900 in 2011 to \$76,908 in 2023. Micheal asked the Council to consider going through truth in taxation this year in order to not lose any more property tax money. He said because the assessed value jumped so much this year it dropped the rate to .000288. Micheal said the Council can still decide to go with the lower rate and take the loss in revenue but he felt like the City was starting to lose a little bit too much

***REVIEW CERTIFIED TAX
RATE***

each year. Councilman Kitchen wanted to know what the big deal would be about doing the truth in taxation. Micheal said it goes in the paper and the City would hold a public hearing to allow citizens time to comment. Micheal said if they did that the Council would just state they are not raising taxes, the assessed value went up and the City would be keeping the rate the same. Councilman Kitchen said they wouldn't be raising taxes, just trying to keep the rate the same as in the past. Micheal pointed out that the Council has kept the rate pretty steady the last few years but with the assessed value taking such a jump, the rate will really go down. Councilman Kitchen wondered if they have been doing it backward because the State has changed how they distribute the money. He was in favor of keeping the rate the same and going through the truth in taxation. Mayor Baker stated he didn't have a problem one way or the other but said the Council did say, in the past, they would try and live off of sales tax and not property tax. Councilman Hall stated they are talking about \$30,000. Micheal said he would just like to see the Council try and stabilize it so they are not losing money every year. After some more discussion, Robert Hall **moved** to stay with the property tax revenue of \$77,931, lowering the rate to .000288. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following majority vote:

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

Nothing was brought forward under other or future council matters.

***OTHER MATTERS OR
FUTURE COUNCIL
MATTERS***

With no other business before the Council, Gordon Kitchen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE 2023

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____