

Naples City Council

February 8, 2024

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held February 8, 2024, 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, Andrew Bentley, Robert Hall, Dan Olsen and Kenneth Reynolds. Ross Morton was absent.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Troy Ostler, Bryan Meier, Brooks Jones, Aaron Averett, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, Nathan Simper, Micheal Davis and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mayor Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Robert Hall offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker presented the agenda for approval. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the agenda as presented. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of January 25, 2024 were presented for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the minutes. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had anything they wanted to follow up on from the previous meeting. Nothing was brought forward

FOLLOWUP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of \$36,868.81. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the bills as presented. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Absent
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Andrew Bentley	Aye

A business license application was received for **CRV Welding** located at 940 S 1500 E. Nikki Kay stated the business is located on the JC McCarley property and was in the proper zone and was recommended for approval by Dale Peterson. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the license for CRV Welding. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

***BUSINESS LICENSE
APPROVALS***

A business license application was received for **Lofthouse Services** located at 2010 S 1500 E. Nikki Kay reported the business is in the proper zone and Mr. Peterson asked the company to put a fan in the building where they work on the trucks. She stated the owners complied with that request and Mr. Peterson recommended them for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the license for Lofthouse Services. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

A business license application was presented for **O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC** located at 1015 S 1500 E. Nikki Kay said the new business is in the proper zone, has been inspected by Mr. Peterson, and they are hoping to be open on Saturday. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the license for O'Reilly Auto. Andrew Bentley seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting aye.

Ryan Cook came before the Council to request approval to purchase up to \$6,500 worth of crack sealant from Maxwell Products. He stated this is the same product they have bought for the last few years. Ryan said the product is picked up and delivered by student drivers of UBATC. He said they transport it free of charge to give their students a way to test their skills. Councilman Reynolds asked if the product increased in price. Ryan said it did go up about two cents per pound. Ryan said this is a good product that works well for our weather. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve purchase of the crack seal for up to \$6,500. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

***APPROVE PURCHASE OF
CRACK SEALANT***

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Absent
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Andrew Bentley	Aye

DISCUSSION ON 1500 SOUTH UPGRADE

A discussion regarding the 1500 South upgrade was added to the agenda. Micheal Davis said a question came up about the 8' shoulders on 1500 South. He explained that he contacted Larry Montoya with UDOT regarding the grant and the requirements. Micheal explained the grant is a 60/40 TIF (Transportation Investment Program Funds) active grant. Mr. Montoya said, in the scope of the grant, the City was able to explain this would be an extra width shoulder trail. He said, with this type of grant, that would be okay for the trail. Micheal said he explained to Mr. Montoya they would have a gulch that would narrow and at the bottom they would only mark the trail and nothing else. Mr. Montoya said that should be fine and there is a little extra leeway with this type of grant. Mayor Baker asked about the expiration date of it. Micheal said they have until April to get it going. Micheal said with the chipseal they should be good and get a good road out of it. Mayor Baker said he did visit with Aaron Averett of Sunrise Engineering after the last meeting and he said he was concerned about the 5' shoulders. He said he talked to him about making the dugway a little wider and maybe obtaining some property for that. Mayor Baker said he also asked about estimates to widen the little gulch and filling some of that in. Aaron Averett said they looked at the dugway, if they were going to fix it the right way, they would need to start where the pot holes are and make the corner go out further and come back into the road. He said that's a lot of grading and fill. Aaron said, when they crunched the numbers, it came out to one million in fill by the time you start building it to make it structurally sound. Micheal asked how much total. Aaron said by the time you add in the property and the fill it would be about two million added to the current project.

The other question Aaron addressed was what the City is getting out of the project. He said with the additional \$220,00 that was approved, the project would have the 8' shoulder trail/bike lane, the switchback will have the chip seal, the potholes at the bottom will be repaired and chip sealed, the bike lane at the bottom near the bridge will be striped on one side. Aaron said the big benefit of the project is the preservation of the existing asphalt and stated that the bottom end of the road is a good example of what happens if you do nothing to your existing asphalt.

Mayor Baker asked Chief Simper about the safety of the road if they pave it and narrow some of the striping, would there be issues? Chief Simper said his only issue might be near the

bridge but felt like signs for narrow bridge or pedestrian traffic would help with that. Mayor Baker said if you pave it then people are going to go faster. Chief Simper said, once it was new, they would maybe need to do a little bit more traffic enforcement. Councilman Hall said he does go out that way quite often but feels like the traffic is minimal. Mayor Baker asked about the gulch and wanted to know if they were going to widen the shoulder there. Aaron said it would be mostly the wider shoulder painted on the north side and narrowing it a bit on the south. Mayor Baker wanted to know if they wanted to look at building it up a little bit. Aaron said the fill numbers that came back for the bottom of the road would be the same issue for the gulch, they would spend all of the money on fill and it wouldn't leave money for the chip seal, which ultimately preserves the road. Mayor Baker said they might go to the CIB for grant money to help rebuild it. Micheal said it's not on the City's current list of projects.

Aaron said UDOT would like to see this project go sooner than later. He felt the City could find two or three smaller projects they want to do and group those together for funding. Aaron said it's normal to monitor and watch the use of the road once it's improved and then evaluate it again to see if something more needs to be done. Councilman Bentley asked if something could be done on the exterior of the bridge to allow for that bike or pedestrian crossing. Aaron said they have thought about that but it's very expensive. Ryan Cook said he thought at one time they checked and it would be about \$300,000. Councilman Bentley questioned if it would be less money if a group came in and did it and not the City. Micheal said that is always the hope that as they build the trails and more people come they can take things to the next level.

Mayor Baker said he has just seen little problems that have never been addressed as houses have been built, like a turn around for buses and garbage trucks. He also commented on a couple of places where the shoulder will come extremely close to fences and you'll have people speeding down the road and running into the ditches. Aaron said, if the prices come back good, there are a couple of places they can put something in to widen what they can. Mayor Baker said that is why he said they are just going to band-aid this project, not really going to fix it, just put a band-aid on it and call it a trial. He said that is what the Council is going to get. Councilman Hall said he appreciates the Mayor's concern but said, within the scope of what they need to do, because of

all the other needs for roads, considering the whole package, they just need to finish this project and live with what the City can do. Councilman Bentley stated they have good people here and the City won't have a wider road in some spots but it also means putting faith in people to do the right things. Council members thanked Aaron for coming and covering the issues and questions that were raised.

Mayor Baker gave an update on Special Service District 1. He said the County Commissioners chose to separate the Transportation District out of the Recreation District. He stated that some of the other Districts were cut back on their funding in order for the Transportation District to be funded. He also stated there have been talks about building a softball complex up town and also about building a splash park by the Recreation Center that would just be open and not fenced in. Mayor Baker also reported the Vernal Area Chamber is looking for a new director.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Councilman Hall reported on the Fire Suppression District. He said they recently applied to the CIB to fund a new ladder truck. He said they were awarded a loan for a new truck and thanked Mayor Baker for helping them get a reduced interest rate for that. He said there has been talk of charging fees for fires but they don't believe the amount they would receive would be worth the headache. Councilman Hall stated the most calls for the departments turn out to be false alarms. The District was afraid if they start to charge for those calls people might not call when they have an alarm go off.

Councilman Olsen reported on the Animal Control District. He said their current director will be retiring soon and they will be appointing a new one. He also said the shelter is almost always at maximum capacity for strays.

Councilman Reynolds reported on the Planning Commission. He stated they had a really good training a week ago. He said in the training it was brought up how often people want to sue so it's important to make sure any changes in the ordinances happen the way they should.

Szeth Simmons stated they have their new brush hog and things seem to be going well. He said he's swept the sidewalks down the highway.

Ryan Cook said they have already covered some on the

roads but said he might be able to get the new sweeper out soon. Mayor Baker said there has been a lot of mud tracked onto the roads with the recent rain.

Chief Simper updated the Council on a few things in his department. He said last year with the passing of SB 124 and when the State decides to push out grant money you have companies that try and walk you through the grant process and say they have the best service for you. He said the bill requires a law enforcement agency to use an early intervention system to determine law enforcement officer performance under certain circumstances. Chief Simper said this is an administrative law enforcement tracking tool. He said they originally went with Vector Solutions and they are working through the implementation process right now. Chief Simper said the start up fee was minimal but will cost about \$900 a year to maintain. He felt like they were able to exceed what was expected, but at a fair cost to the City.

Chief Simper wanted to give the Council a heads up on an issue they are having with the retention of body and dash camera videos. He said the lithium batteries are failing and they also have the concern of storing this digital evidence. Chief Simper said they have retention schedules they have to meet for digital evidence and that schedule is to retain those for four years. Chief Simper said he has reached out to several companies to help implement the digital storage but also have it integrated with the body and dash camera equipment. He said they are not going to escape licensing fees and it will be an annual cost to the City. Chief Simper said they can buy an expensive server that would need to be replaced about every seven years or use a cloud based storage system and pay a yearly fee to have someone store that information. Chief Simper said he wants to be prepared and he is working on getting some quotes right now. He stated the reason this is such a concern right now is their present system is at a failure point, it was meant to store 10,000 videos and they are currently at 16,000.

Chief Simper reported that everyone in his department is trained and on the road all by themselves and unfortunately they are busy.

Councilman Reynolds asked about the cameras at the park. Chief Simper said that was turned over to the Recreation District and the last he knew it was funded but he hasn't heard anything since then. Chief Simper stated he would be

glad to follow up and report.

Councilman Hall asked Ryan Cook if it would be possible to look at putting up a dead end road sign on 2250 South. Ryan said they have had them in the past and they get run over each time. Ryan said he can put it back up and see how long it stays. It was discussed that the placement of the sign is difficult and because of the bend it's hard to see that the road dead ends before you are more than part way down it. Ryan said he would look into it.

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

With no other business before the Council, Robert Hall **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Dan Olsen **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 FEBRUARY 2024

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____