

Naples City Council

May 23, 2024

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held May 23, 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, Robert Hall, Dan Olsen, Ross Morton, Kenneth Reynolds, and Andrew Bentley.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Sarah Gray, Jaxon Gray, Heidi Lundberg, Travis Gray, Kortney White, Michael White, Brooks Jones, Troy Ostler, Willis LeFever, Nathan Simper, Kimberly Kay, Scott Gray, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, 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 Kenneth Reynolds offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kortney White and Sergeant Scott Gray were both given special recognition for their efforts in the recent shooting in Naples City. Kortney was presented with the Naples Citizenship Award and Sergeant Gray was presented the Police Cross. Chief Simper had Kimberly Kay read a statement regarding the actions of both on the day of the shooting.

SPECIAL POLICE RECOGNITION

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of May 9, 2024 were presented for approval. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the minutes of May 9th. Ross Morton **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. Councilman Reynolds asked about the canal project discussion from the last meeting. Mayor Baker said the project has been funded and should start at the end of the year. He stated that

FOLLOWUP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Senator Lee and Joel Brown helped get the funding from NCRS.

Mayor Baker presented the bills in the amount of \$30,506.94. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$30,506.94. 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
Andrew Bentley	Aye

A business license application was received from **Split Mountain Masonry** located at 2710 S 500 E and presented for approval. Mayor Baker asked if anyone had any questions about the application, with no questions Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the business license application for Split Mountain Masonry. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

Heidi Lundberg with Uintah County Emergency Management came before the Council to get an updated signature on the Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Lundberg stated that even if there are no changes to the plan, FEMA requires the plan to be signed yearly. She said this helps FEMA to know that entities are aware of the plan and what their role in the plan is. Robert Hall **moved** to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Mayor Baker asked that a discussion regarding 2000 East be placed on the agenda. Mayor Baker stated he saw Micheal working on the bicycle trail that would exit onto 2000 East from the Naples park. Mayor Baker said he wanted to put this on the agenda so they could discuss filling in the top of the blind hill and blending the road to the bottom of the gulch. He said, not filling the whole gulch, but filling in front of the two homes that are there. Mayor Baker said he visited

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

UINTAH COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN - UPDATE SIGNATURES

DISCUSSION REGARDING 2000 EAST FROM THE BOTTOM OF GULCH TO 1820 SOUTH

with the daughter of Tom and Elaine Wood and he visited with David Olsen (owners of the two homes) and both told him they would be in favor of filling in some of the road near the top of the hill. He stated he doesn't want to stop the progress of the proposed bike path and parking lot but he wanted it added to the agenda so they could have a discussion about maybe filling in the top of the road. Councilman Bentley asked about the cost and the Mayor said he does not know but maybe Troy Ostler could help with that. Councilman Hall asked if this was part of the next phase for the 2000 East expansion? Troy Ostler said they are looking at two pieces of funding for 2000 East. Councilman Hall asked if the City had been approved for those? Mr. Ostler stated the City has been approved for the bike trail that goes through the park from Hwy 40 to 2000 East and down to 1700 South. Councilman Morton asked if the intent of that is to then tie into 1500 South. Mr. Ostler said, yes. Councilman Bentley asked if this funding included the parking lot? Mr. Ostler said it does and it includes the purchase of the property on the west end of the park. He said it also includes grading out the east end to put in a parking lot and tie it in. Mr. Ostler said that is all included in the trail project. He said the City has also been approved to do additional widening and improvements on 2000 East from 1700 South to 2100 South, in two years. He said, with the widening for the trail, they will widen the road to accommodate the trail and it will raise the road about 18" from the bottom and feather out toward the top, for the trail. Councilman Morton asked if they were looking to raise it at the very bottom of the hill? Mayor Baker wanted to know if they could raise it more because of the blind hill, bringing it up to where it is four or five feet higher in front of the driveways. Mr. Ostler said they could choose to do that but the cost would be high. He said if they raised the bottom of the swell they would be looking at the cost to bring in the fill, the cost of additional right-of-way through the bottom and the cost of the impact to the wetlands. Mr. Ostler said that cost would be one that would carry on with the City for five to seven years as they try to replace the wetlands. He said, with the current plan of raising it just 18", they are able to keep the impact to the wetland down to where it can be permitted without having to replace the wetlands. Mayor Baker said his idea was not to bring in fill at the bottom but fill part way down into the cut areas. Mr. Ostler said the problem is, based on the money they are using, which is federal dollars, they have to meet a clear zone, and from the white line out (looking at a photo of the road that was taken

by the Mayor) they have to be out 12' before they start to drop off down into the gulch. He said that doesn't allow them to widen two feet and drop really steep off the sides. Mr. Ostler said they have to meet the federal standards when using their money. Councilman Bentley asked if Mr. Ostler had a ball park figure for what it would cost. Mr. Ostler said he does not. Mayor Baker stated it's unsafe for him to pull out of his driveway with the blind hill. Mr. Ostler said if they raise the gulch at the bottom the 15 or 18", they have the proper sight distance for 25 mph. He said for anyone going over the posted speed limit it will always be a blind hill. Councilman Bentley said the 18" will get it to where, if you drive the speed limit, then you have the proper sight distance. Mr. Ostler said if they raise it at the top they could be looking at an additional \$100,000. Mr. Ostler said they are just in the initial design of the trail and the entrance onto 2000 East but he knows how much they can raise if at the bottom and keep the right sight distance because when they were doing the first stretch of 2000 East, they thought they were going to make it to 1900 South, so he has those numbers. Mayor Baker said they need to fill more at the top of the hill and taper after. Councilman Morton stated he thought that would create even more of a blind hill because they would be filling so much at the top and create a bigger drop off in order to maintain the proper fill at the bottom that Mr. Ostler mentioned. Councilman Bentley wanted to know if what the Mayor was suggesting messes with the federal funding for the correct sight line? Mayor Baker said he didn't think so but it was up to the Council. Councilman Morton wanted to know if someone is coming south on that road toward the Mayor's house and he feels like it causes a problem for him, wouldn't what he is suggesting cause problems for those north of him if they raise the hill three to four feet. Councilman Morton said that solves a problem for him but creates one for someone else. Mayor Baker said he's surveyed enough that, if you fill in the top and blend it toward the bottom, a vehicle would be able to see better. He said they can just fill down a ways past where they want the turn to the parking lot. Councilman Bentley wanted to know how many accidents they have had because of the blind hill. Councilman Hall said not any that he is aware of. Mayor Baker told Councilman Bentley that he doesn't drive it so he doesn't know. Councilman Bentley said he would just like to know what the cost would be. Mayor Baker asked Chief Simper if a few thousand dollars or \$50,000 was worth one life. Nikki Kay stated that was not a fair question. Mayor Baker said since they put in 1820 South it has become a

bigger problem. Councilman Morton said he does see a problem but he doesn't feel like building up the top of the hill even more is the solution. Mayor Baker said they can have the engineer come out and survey it and see what it would cost to put a little fill in and he doesn't think it's going to be very much. Councilman Morton asked how much fill they used at the Turner gulch on 2000 East? Mr. Ostler said they raised it about 2' but he didn't know the cost because it was tied into the whole project and they had to do that to maintain the sight distance. Councilman Bentley wanted to know if raising the bottom of the gulch the 18" would help eliminate some of the Mayor's problem. Mr. Ostler said "for 25 mph," but if someone is speeding then you have the same issue. Councilman Bentley stated that you can't engineer a solution for people breaking the law. Mayor Baker said they are trying to make it a better situation. Councilman Morton said if they spend the \$100,000 and do something with the road, will they have to do anything different in two years when the road expansion portion starts. Mr. Ostler said they should just be able to connect onto this portion and go on down. Councilman Morton said he would just like to know if it would even be possible to raise it that much at the top and still only be 18" at the bottom. Councilman Hall asked Mr. Ostler how much it would cost to run some numbers over the project and tell them if it's feasible or not feasible. Mr. Ostler said the easy answer is nothing because they are still working onto the road from the park for the bike trail. Councilman Hall said that would be great and they can wait until they receive that information. Mr. Ostler said he will bring back the different alternatives that were discussed.

Council members set a date for the public hearing to open and amend the FY 2023/2024 budget, to receive public input on the FY 2024/2025 budget. Council members also set the date for a public hearing to discuss the salaries of elective and statutory officials. The public hearings will be held June 13, 2024.

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 13th DAY OF JUNE 2024

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____