

Naples City Council

June 13, 2024

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held June 13, 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 Brooks Jones, Willis LeFever, Nathan Simper, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, 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 Andrew Bentley offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker presented the agenda for approval and asked to add something under future council matters. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the agenda with the addition. 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 May 23, 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. Councilman Olsen noted that Strata has cleaned up the garbage and bushes in front of their building on 1900 South. Micheal said he also spoke with someone from Strata and was told the irrigation pipe at that lot was destroyed but they are working on maybe putting in a couple of bushes out front and just some rocks down the side.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of \$106,145.29. Mayor Baker asked if there were any questions about the bills. Councilman Bentley asked about the \$52,000 expenditure for the snowplow and if it was an expected

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

expenditure. Micheal stated it was expected and it was included in the budget. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$106,145.29. Kenneth Reynolds **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

Council members received a Building Inspection Services Agreement. The agreement was a multi-jurisdictional agreement with Vernal City, Uintah County, Roosevelt City, and Naples City. Micheal stated that contractors seemed to dominate the legislature this past session and they complained about not getting building inspections fast enough. The legislature passed a bill that stated if a contractor calls for an inspection and the entity can't get to it within three days, the contractor has the right to contact their own state-certified contractor, have them do the inspection, and bill the entity. Micheal said this agreement with the other local entities should help eliminate a contractor contacting someone from out of the area. He said if our inspector goes on vacation or is out of the office, the City can call one of the other building inspectors and use them. Micheal said the agreement calls for each entity to give eight hours per month to the other entities. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the agreement. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Baker said he did not realize this discussion regarding the Boundary Commission was on the agenda and it would cover the matter he had for future council matters. He stated he met with the Mayors from Vernal City and Ballard City the day before and they discussed the need to present possible council member names to serve on the Uintah County Boundary Commission. Mayor Baker stated that Vernal City

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

INFORMATION ON UINTAH COUNTY BOUNDARY COMMISSION

wanted to bow out of presenting a name because they are the entity involved in the annexation petitions. It was discussed that whoever serves would serve for either two or four years depending on how the term limits were set and they would only meet if any of the filed annexation petitions were challenged. Councilman Hall recommended Councilman Bentley because of his Planning Commission experience and **moved** to appoint Andrew Bentley to serve on the Commission. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Mayor Baker stated he would entertain a motion to open a public hearing to open and amend the FY 2023/2024 budget and to discuss the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget. Dan Olsen **moved** to open a public hearing to discuss the budgets. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

***PUBLIC HEARING TO
OPEN AND AMEND FY
2023/2024 BUDGET AND
TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
FY 2024/2025 BUDGET***

Micheal explained the City had a gain in sales tax and interest income this fiscal year resulting in excess revenue funds. He presented ways he thought the additional revenue could be used. Micheal gave a summary sheet with a recommendation to move \$200,000 into asset acquisition, \$200,000 to the equipment fund budget, and \$600,000 to the capital project park fund. He felt the money for the park could be used for the trail project the City currently has going on, the asset acquisition could be used for police cars, and the equipment fund could be for any needed equipment. Willis LeFever asked about the 35% the City can keep in excess revenue. Micheal said they can keep the 35% as working capital. Mr. LeFever asked, if the City gets low on general funds, can they pull the money they put aside back out? Micheal said out of the three funds they were talking about he could pull money back out but only after a discussion and approval in a public meeting. He explained they are more restricted on capital project road funds.

The discussion then moved to the FY2024/2025 budget. Micheal referred to the budget workshop discussion. He noted there was an excess of \$464,560 that would need to be budgeted to balance the budget. In those discussions they talked about raises and the increase to the employee portion in the Tier 2 retirement rates. Micheal stated the City can elect to pick up the public safety employee portion but not the public employee amount. He said if they elect to pick-up the public safety increase they could choose to do a one time bonus to the one public employee that is in the Tier

2 system. Micheal said, before increasing the wage, he would like to wait and see if the Legislature will make the decision to allow the pick-up of the public employee portion next year. Micheal pointed out the copy machine listed is a new addition to the list because the contract for the current copier is expiring at the end of the month. The other two items listed were a new tractor and paving the Head Start property. Councilman Hall asked about the police salaries that were talked about at the budget workshop and the tax increase the County passed for public safety. Micheal said the amount listed on this paper was for raises was for the police but would also mean an adjustment to the wage scale, which would be about a 5% cost of living increase across the board. Councilman Hall asked if the budget included the additional amount for the retirement. Micheal said, not yet. He said that is one of the amounts shown on the list that would use a portion of the \$464,560 excess budget. Mr. LeFever asked again about the funds that were moved into the other funds and if you can track it. Micheal said you have to track it and it would show as transfers from the general fund into the other funds. Mr. LeFever asked if the Council would then make a motion to move those funds and that would become the "record." Councilman Hall said it would and then the funds could only be moved by a motion of the Council in another public meeting. With no other comment from the public, Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to go out of a public hearing. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

Robert Hall **moved** to amend the FY 2024 budget with the changes listed. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call:

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

Ross Morton **moved** to approve the FY 2025 budget with the changes discussed. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed as follows:

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

Robert Hall

Aye

Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to go into a public hearing to discuss the salaries of elective and statutory officials. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye. It was noted that a separate public hearing was now required for the salaries of elective and statutory officials. Nikki Kay said they will adopt the salary ordinance at the next council meeting but there needs to be a discussion and disclosure of the salaries for elective and statutory officials. Micheal said the increase for the statutory officials will be about 5%, except for the Treasurer, who will stay at the same amount. Nikki said this would be the time to discuss an increase to the elected officials' salaries if there will be any. There were not any firm amounts to give Council as they just discussed approving the increase to the salaries. Councilman Olsen said, with the public hearing, they are informing the public that they have allocated \$70,000 extra dollars for salaries. Michael stated the increase would be anywhere from a 2%-9% increase for the listed officials. Micheal said with the new requirement in the law they just have to hold a separate public hearing to discuss compensation for elected or statutory officials. Councilman Olsen said the Council has approved the additional \$70,000 in the budget and it's up to the public to respond either positively or negatively. With no comment from the public, Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to close the public hearing. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

***PUBLIC HEARING TO
DISCUSS SALARIES OF
ELECTIVE AND
STATUTORY OFFICIALS***

Council members received a copy of Resolution 24-353 showing the certified tax rate of .000252 with a revenue of \$79,599. Micheal explained the revenue is slightly higher this year and the rate is lower because the assessed value of property went up. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the tax rate of .000252 and adopt resolution 24-353. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

***APPROVE CERTIFIED
TAX RATE - ADOPT
RESOLUTION 24-353***

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

Chief Simper wanted the Council to know one of the signal lights on 1000 South was hit and taken out. He stated it

***OTHER MATTERS OR
FUTURE COUNCIL***

leaves only one light at that intersection as you are going north. Chief Simper said he was told by UDOT that the light should be replaced over the weekend but he wanted Council to know in case they were asked about it.

MATTERS

With no other business before the Council, Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 27th DAY OF JUNE 2024

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____