

Naples City Council

August 8, 2024

Minutes

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Kenyon Currie, Mac Louder, Conrad Evans, Mark Grammar, Kelly Laursen, John Laursen, Brad Grammar, Curt Smuin, Amber Toler, Douglas Cook, Brooks Jones, Michael Cook, Anna Billings, Jo Gardner, Matt Cazier, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, and Micheal Davis.

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 printed. Ross Morton **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 July 11, 2024 were presented for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the minutes from July 11, 2024. Dan Olsen **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.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Mayor Baker presented the bills in the amount of \$22,249.27. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the bills as presented. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Andrew Bentley	Absent
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent

Ross Morton	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Robert Hall	Aye

Szeth Simmons presented Council with the bids for heated sidewalks at the City Office. Szeth stated they already have some heat beneath the sidewalks at the office but have had some problems and this expenditure would help eliminate some of the problems. He said he would like to replace some of the lines and add some underneath the awnings. Szeth read the two bids, one for \$31,000 from D&K Plumbing and \$51,000 from Stubbs and Stubbs. Szeth said the bills came in a little higher than expected but said he has additional money in his sidewalk budget. He recommended going with the bid from D&K Plumbing. Councilman Hall asked about the maintenance. Szeth said they are programmed to come on and off by themselves and there shouldn't be much maintenance. Councilman Morton asked if D&K would do the cement work. Szeth said they will use someone else for the cement work. Dan Olsen **moved** to accept the bid from D&K Plumbing. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

***REVIEW AND APPROVE
BID FOR HEATED
SIDEWALK AT CITY
OFFICE***

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

Szeth Simmons presented bids for the 1000 South sidewalk. Szeth said he received four bids: Maverick Contractors \$10,750, MF Landscaping \$10,925, Stubbs & Stubbs \$14,612, and Joey Robertson \$31,731. Szeth said most of the bids were fairly close, the high bid was from a company in Salt Lake and the additional cost was for mobilization to get them out here. Szeth said this project would be along the south side of 1000 South, north of O'Reily Auto Parts and would fill in between the sidewalk and the back side of the curb. Szeth felt like this would improve the aesthetics and the maintenance for that portion of the road. Szeth recommended going with the bid from Maverick Contractors. Councilman Hall asked if the business was local. Szeth stated they are out of Roosevelt and he has used them before and been happy with their work. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the bid from Maverick Contractors. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting

***REVIEW AND APPROVE
BID FOR 1000 SOUTH
SIDEWALK***

aye with a roll call vote:

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

Szeth Simmons presented the bids received to repair damaged sidewalks in Ironwood Subdivision. The bids were: Maverick Contractors \$27,260, MF Landscaping \$35,275, and Stubbs and Stubbs \$62,112. Szeth said the bids were to tear out broken and degrading sidewalks in Ironwood Subdivision that don't meet ADA standards. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the bid from Maverick Contractors in the amount of \$37,260. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Robert Hall **moved** to go into a public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds and any potential economic impact to the private sector from the construction of the Project to be funded by the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 for financing the construction of improvements to an existing open flood channel, to collect storm water runoff for flood control, including roadway crossings for flood control channel preservation, vegetation removal and reshaping of the channel, extending an existing storm culvert and enclosure of a storm drain channel in certain areas to facilitate future roadway projects, together with all related work and improvements. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

Micheal Davis explained a little of what the project entails. The City is looking to combine with the Central Canal on their water for storm water as they pipe the canal. He said this would be a joint project with Vernal City and Uintah County. The other part of the project is for Naples to encase the canal on the north side of 2500 South and to pipe that portion of the canal at the same time the Central Canal runs their pipe. Mike said this would help that portion of 2500

***REVIEW AND APPROVE
BID FOR DAMAGED
SIDEWALK REPAIR IN
IRONWOOD SUBDIVISION***

***PUBLIC HEARING TO
RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT
WITH RESPECT TO THE
ISSUANCE OF SALES TAX
REVENUE BONDS FOR
2500 SOUTH CANAL***

South to be ready for future road development with a wider road and curb and gutter. Mike said the bids did come in for the project and they were higher than expected so they will have to review that. Mayor Baker said the City secured the funding for this project three years ago with the Community Impact Board and have been waiting for the Central Canal to get their funding in place. Mayor Baker asked if there were any questions from the public. An unidentified person asked what the diameter of the pipe will be? Micheal said it will be 54" for the storm water. Another unidentified person asked if there would be inlets to the pipe on 2500 South. Micheal said there would be inlets on the north side. Mayor Baker said the City is only encasing what is in the Naples' road right-of-way on 2500 South. There was a comment about a low spot on 2500 South but it was located on the west side of the highway on 2500 South and not included in the scope of the project. With no other comments from the public, Dan Olsen **moved** to close the public hearing. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Baker said he asked for the discussion regarding Via Ferrata and Ashley Springs to be on the agenda. He wanted to give Council members a heads up about what is going on. Mayor Baker said the County has went into Ashley Gorge where the Spring is and started building and about 80% of the climbing equipment is in place. He said there is concern from the Water District about protecting the spring. He said there have been discussions with the County in trying to find a different route. He said Ashley Valley Water has denied access through their property so they can protect the Spring. He said there is some push from the County to try and make this Via Ferrata work there. Mayor Baker said he wanted them to know, there is discussion out there and there are other entities concerned with it. Mayor Baker said he was not opening this up to public comment, he just wanted to give the Council a heads up. Mayor Baker said there has been a big discussion on FaceBook about it and if people really want to know they should contact the County and asked them what their plans are. He said Ashley Valley Water is concerned and so are the other water Districts, he said they want to protect the Spring. Councilman Hall asked how far the project was from the actual Spring? Mayor Baker said it's up on the cliff and he didn't really know how far. Mayor Baker stated that "Via Ferrata" stands for something the military did back in World War I to get soldiers and equipment up to certain places by drilling into the cliffs and

***DISCUSSION REGARDING
VIA FERRATA AND
ASHLEY SPRINGS***

putting steps in them. Someone asked what the concern was about the Spring. Mayor Baker said he wasn't really taking public comment about it, he was just informing the Council what was going on. Mayor Baker stated he sits on the Board of the Ashley Valley Water Improvement District so he is involved very strongly. Councilman Morton asked if the issue was access. Mayor Baker said the County would have to address that. Mayor Baker said Ashley Valley voted four to one to not allow access through their property to the climbers. Councilman Morton asked what the risk is, is it traffic or nefarious climbers? Mayor Baker said he didn't want to get into that and he could tell him after what his opinion is. Mayor Baker said he didn't want to get into a big argument in Council but if they wanted to get involved they could go to the meetings being held by the County. A question was raised but the Mayor declined to answer and said people were welcome to come back and get on the agenda to make a presentation. Mayor Baker said as this matter stands now, it is a discussion between the County and access through Ashley Valley Water Improvement District property. Councilman Hall stated they, as a City, care about water very much and care about recreation but the City doesn't own the water or the land so all they can make are political statements or opinions about it. Councilman Hall said he appreciated him bringing it up. Councilman Morton said ultimately nothing in this is the City's decision.

Nothing was brought forward under other matters.

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

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Robert Hall **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 AUGUST 2024

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____