

Naples City Council

March 13, 2025

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held March 13, 2025, 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 Craig Nebeker, Mary Baird, Mike Baird, Whitney Ashman, Doug Ashman, Kim Boren, Joe Boren, Cindy Birchell, Denny Birchell, Jerry Slaugh, Bart Jensen, Willis LeFevre, Nathan Simper, Ray Richards, Ryan Cook, Szeth Simmons, and Micheal Davis.

OTHERS ATTENDING

The swearing in ceremony for Officer Whitney Ashman was conducted at the beginning of the meeting. Chief Nathan Simper stated there were two parts to the pinning ceremony, the swearing in by Judge Ray Richards and the pinning of the badge. Judge Ray Richards administered the oath of office to Officer Ashman and her husband, Doug Ashman pinned the badge.

S W E A R I N G I N CEREMONY

Mayor Dean Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mayor Baker 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. 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 February 27, 2025 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

Mayor Baker presented the bills in the amount of

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

\$28,481.68. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the bills. Dan Olsen **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

Cindy Birchell, representing Uintah Basin Junior Livestock, came before the Council to give a report on the event for this year. She stated it will be June 2nd to the 5th. Ms. Birchell said they have the contests for the first three days and then the sales on the fourth day. She stated they give prizes and some form recognition up to tenth place in some categories. She said the kids raise the animals and they learn a lot. Ms. Birchell said they look forward to and appreciate the sponsorship of the City. She said the City purchased a banner last year and they did hang that. Ms. Birchell stated she would be glad to show that again this year and hoped they could count on the support from the City. Councilman Hall stated the UBJL is on their list to help sponsor and he **moved** to approve the \$400 that was budgeted. Andrew Bentley **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

Micheal Davis presented the Council with information and bid amounts he received for an Engineer to help with improving 2500 South. He said the scope of work he asked for was from Hwy 40 down to 2000 East. Mike said he put a sidewalk, two twelve-foot lanes, and curb and gutter. He said they don't have to stick to that but that was what he included. Mike said it was to start the process and get an Engineer and then they could get the ideas from the Council for what they wanted on that road. He said he did ask for a cost estimate when he sent out the requests. Mike had a spreadsheet he gave the Council and explained how he ranked the bids according to experience, cost, references, team member qualifications, and miscellaneous. He explained that he did not include information from Sunrise

***UINTAH BASIN JUNIOR
L I V E S T O C K
SPONSORSHIP REQUEST***

***ENGINEER PROPOSALS
FOR 2500 SOUTH ROAD
PROJECT***

Engineering because their bid was not comparing apples to apples. Councilman Bentley asked if they were supposed to pick one of the engineers and they would do a more detailed break down of their bid. Micheal said they would just pick one and have them help guide the City on the project. Councilman Bentley wanted to know if the bid was just for engineering work. Micheal said it would be for the project based on one sidewalk, two twelve-foot lanes, and an eight-foot shoulder. Micheal said it would be based on what the Council decides they want. Mayor Baker said his opinion is they need to be more concise on what the Council wants before they get someone. Mayor Baker said he's had people ask him if they are going to do the same thing they did on the other side of the highway. Mayor Baker said they would need curb and gutter for the storm water. Mayor Baker said his thoughts were to do the same thing on the east side of the highway as they did on the west and to have a center turn lane. He said they should decide what they want and then get an engineer to help. Councilman Morton asked if Micheal had a copy of the scope of work he sent to the engineers. Micheal didn't have a copy with him. Councilman Hall thought they were picking an engineer to have those discussions with. Micheal said, yes. Councilman Hall said, as they have those discussions, they can change the plans if needed. Mayor Baker said then the engineers will tell them how it should look and ultimately it's the Council's decision how the road should look and how much money is spent. Councilman Hall said that's right, but they can have that discussion with whichever company they go with. Micheal said he has had some discussions with the property owners along there and they are ready to get something done with the road and a couple have told him they would like a sidewalk. He said all these were things it would be nice to have an engineer to help talk through. Mayor Baker said he feels like they can come up with what they want without an engineer. Councilman Bentley and Councilman Hall felt like they would need one and Councilman Hall asked Micheal which one he would choose. Micheal said it's hard because they are both good but he would like someone that has a staff that could be more accessible. Mayor Baker said he thinks they should make the decision of what they want for the road and then go out to bid. Councilman Hall stated he understands that but feels like they need an engineer to help with the details. Mayor Baker stated he wasn't aware of any of this until he saw it on the agenda. Micheal stated it was brought up in Council before he sent the information out to any engineers. Councilman Olsen asked Micheal what he

sent out to the engineers. Micheal read some of the scope of work he included in the request for proposals. Councilman Hall said the scope of work is still all on the table and if they don't want it or don't have the funds then they can decide that. He did feel like they needed an engineer for the planning stage of this. Mayor Baker said they can decide what they want. Councilman Morton didn't feel like the cost to have someone counsel with them as they made decisions on what the City wants was going to be a significant increase to the cost and it would be worth it to pick someone now. Mayor Baker asked if they have to do it now or do they want to wait and apply for a grant. Micheal said if they apply for a grant they don't have any amount to give as to what the construction costs would be. He said if they need a "shovel ready" project for a CIB application they need those costs from an engineer. Councilman Reynolds said he feels like they need to choose an engineer tonight and he would recommend Jones & DeMille because he is more familiar with their work. Mayor Baker asked if that was a **motion** and Councilman Reynolds said it was. Councilman Hall **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

Nothing was brought forward under other council matters or future council matters.

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

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ross Morton **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 MARCH 2025

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____