

Naples City Council

October 26, 2023

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held October 26, 2023, 7:30 p.m., at the Naples City Office, 1420 East 2850 South, Naples, Uintah County, Utah.

Council members attending were Dean Baker, Robert Hall, Gordon Kitchen, Ross Morton, Dan Olsen and Kenneth Reynolds.

Others attending were Naomi Bernaudino, Phoenix Furrh, Elizabeth McGaha, Sylvia Wilkins, Dave Ryan, Tyler Rasmussen, Bryan Meier, Amanda Kitchen, Brooks Jones, Sherry Jessen, Kailsy McDavid, Dallas, McDavid, Ray Richards, Kimberly Kay, Scott Gray, Dalton Roth, RJ McGaha, Nathan Simper, Micheal Davis and Nikki Kay.

Mayor Baker turned some time over to Chief Nathan Simper for the swearing in ceremony of his new police officer, Dallas McDavid. Chief Simper asked Judge Ray Richards to administer the Oath of Office to Officer McDavid. Kailsy McDavid pinned the badge on her husband. The mayor and council congratulated Officer McDavid and welcomed him as the newest officer.

Mayor Dean Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mayor Baker opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Ross Morton offered the invocation.

Mayor Baker presented the agenda for approval. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the agenda. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of October 12, 2023 were presented for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to accept the minutes of October 12, 2023. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

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

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

OTHERS ATTENDING

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

OPENING CEREMONY

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MINUTES APPROVED

FOLLOWUP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

brought forward.

Nikki Kay presented the bills for approval in the amount of \$30,325.19. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$30,325.19. 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
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

A business license application was received from W.S. Energy located at 920 S 1500 E. Micheal stated the business will be moving into the old JC McCarley building. He stated this is an oilfield business and they have a contract with the Ute Tribe. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to approve the business license for W.S. Energy. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the Mayor asking for a roll call vote:

Gordon Kitchen	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Robert Hall	Aye

Tyler Rasmussen with Strata Networks came to give the council an update on Strata and the projects they are working on. Mr. Rasmussen stated that Strata is a broadband provider but also noted they have other subsidiaries with Spectra and V6 Media. He said they also have a data center located in Vernal and invited the council to come and take a tour of it. Mr. Rasmussen wanted them to know what Strata is doing to try and provide broadband service to the area, especially to Naples. He stated that the deployment of fiber optics is a capital intensive endeavor and they have a goal of trying to provide 1,000 new locations each year and reported they have exceeded that goal already this year. Mr. Rasmussen shared a map and some statistics of fiber-fed locations, Gig capable locations, and current coax areas. He said it is expensive to take these new services to locations and they work to find funding resources. Mr. Rasmussen stated Strata has applied for the loan/grant programs offered by the USDA and they have been awarded funds for the last two rounds. Mr. Rasmussen said Strata is

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVALS

STRATA NETWORKS PROJECT UPDATE

involved in areas outside of the Basin and are working with entities wanting to take control of their broadband needs, those looking to build their own fiber network. He said these entities have approached them to help design and construct networks for them. Mr. Rasmussen said it has been a great way to leverage their expertise and bring revenue back to the Basin and also create job opportunities. Mr. Rasmussen mentioned Federal funding that was designated for high-speed broadband efforts and reported the State should receive a portion of that money. He believes there will be future grant opportunities available and Strata would be looking to apply for those. Mr. Rasmussen shared that there are programs available to help with affordable connectivity for those who qualify and need that help. Mayor and Council thanked the people from Strata for coming and for their report.

Micheal reported to Council the community events budget has \$800 that was not assigned to a specific donation request. He stated the Council could use that \$800 and move an additional \$200 from another budget line item to cover the \$1,000 that was request by the Naples PTA. Councilman Kitchen recommended they approve half of the request and donate \$500 and leave \$300 for the rest of the fiscal year, if anyone else came in to request help. Mayor Baker asked him if that was his motion. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to approve \$500 for the Naples PTA. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. Councilman Morton stated, in the time he has been on the Council, there have only been two requests from groups that have not already had money budgeted. He felt there are not that many requests being made. Councilman Kitchen stated there are still eight months left in the fiscal year and he wasn't comfortable going above the budgeted amount. Councilman Morton said he understands and could support that but wanted to keep it in mind and to maybe raise the amount for next year. Mayor Baker called for a vote, the motion passed with the following roll call:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Council members were provided with a copy of Ordinance 23-252 which granted the petition to vacate 1150 East Street and a section of 2100 South. Nikki pointed out the ordinance

***APPROVE NAPLES PTA
REQUEST FOR DONATION
AND APPROVE TRANSFER
OF FUNDS***

***APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-
252 TO VACATE 1150 EAST
STREET***

also includes a 60' right-of-way that was included on a 1982 Montgomery Subdivision amended plat. It was noted the Ordinance would clean up the right-of-way and vacate the portions of road that were discussed previously. Dan Olsen **moved** to adopt ordinance 23-252. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Micheal wanted the council to know that Larry Montoya with UDOT contacted him and asked if the City wanted to do more on the 1500 South trails project. They stated there were additional funds available. Micheal told them the City might be and UDOT told him to submit some new numbers. Mike said they did that and the applied for amount went from \$378,000 to \$713,000 which would be to get more gravel, road material, and fencing. Micheal said he was never given firm numbers from UDOT, he was just told to get it going that there was money there. Micheal said Mr. Montoya does not usually say there is money there if it's not but he said the City would go from a \$151,000 match to \$286,000 on the 60/40 split. Micheal said if the city decided to move forward and things fell apart it would then cost \$487,000 with a \$230,000 match. Mayor Baker said he wasn't as concerned about the money, it was not having any design or knowing where the trail would be going. Mayor Baker asked if Micheal was able to drive it and look at it. Micheal said he did not but they are looking to put it on the north side of the road and they would be resurfacing the road and staying within the easement. Bryan Meier with Sunrise Engineering reported they have been working on a lot of it but they don't have a plan on the design. He said they are looking at a trail on the north side of the road, looking to stay within the right-of-way, and to resurface the roadway. Mayor Baker said there are fences that have encroached into the easement and he wanted to know if the trail would be part of the road. Mr. Meier said it would be a wide shoulder on one side of the road. He said the idea is to widen the north side of the road, roughly three to four feet, restripe it, and narrow the stripe on the south side of the road. He said they would try and use an electronic alert system for riders to use on the dugway because they cannot widen it at all. Mr. Meier stated the bottom part of 1500 South will need an

1500 SOUTH TRAILS PROJECT DISCUSSION

overlay because it's not in very good shape. Mayor Baker stated there is a new home along that road which has curb and gutter, rocks, and trees in the right-of-way. He wanted to know if they would have to move that. Mr. Meier said they are not trying to impact people's property with this project and it would take some engineering work to see what could be done. Mayor Baker said he doesn't mind going for the extra money but he would like to see some plans before they decide that. Micheal said they are not looking to build a new road, they just want a trail that goes down through there to access other trails. Councilman Kitchen questioned the narrowing of the road because it is already pretty narrow. Mr. Meier said by UDOT standards they can go down to 10.5'. Councilman Kitchen asked Micheal what he was looking for tonight? Micheal said he wanted to see if the Council was willing to go for the extra money. Micheal said the extra money would help fix the road better and get a trail on it. Councilman Morton said he uses the road quite a bit as he rides his bike and he thought it would be awesome to have the trail. Councilman Hall said his only concern was where they would find the money to match if they went for the additional funding? Micheal said there is plenty of money in the capital project road fund. Councilman Hall said he was more worried about the extra money they would have to come up with if UDOT didn't come through. Micheal stated the Council could wait for Mr. Montoya but they would like to try and get bids out and try and progress. Councilman Morton asked what the initial request was? Micheal said the first application was for \$378,000 and the City's match was \$151,200. The second request was for \$713,000 and with the 60/40 split the City's cost would be \$285,200. The consensus was for Micheal to try and proceed with getting the additional amount. Micheal wanted to try and get contractors to bid the project so he was essentially asking if the Council was willing to gamble that they would receive the extra money because contractors would be bidding on the larger scale project. Councilman Morton asked if UDOT gave Micheal any idea of a time frame. Micheal said they did not. Councilman Hall said they would definitely be interested if it could happen quick. Mr. Meier said UDOT is normally two to three years out so "quick" might not happen. Micheal said he felt like it would be closer to after the first of the year that he might know something. Councilman Morton said if it could happen in that time frame, he felt like they should wait to see if the money is really going to be there. Micheal said he will wait and see what Mr. Montoya says about what is really available. He said he will bring it back to them for approval

if the higher amount is made available.

Mayor Baker stated the Utah League of Cities and Towns came out with cards that provide resources to help foster dignity in the community. He said they asked cities to take the "dignity pledge" and he said he told them they would do it and he could tell the League they pledged to be dignified in their actions. Micheal said he looked on the website and you just go in and enter your email and agree to it and they send you something. Mayor Baker said it would be nice to do it as a Council. Mayor Baker said they could do it and send the minutes to Cameron and make them happy. Councilman Morton was able to log into the website and said he sent his in. Mayor Baker said the Legislative Policy Committee drafted a Resolution and they voted to see if they would support it or not and he told them he voted against it and said they already promised to use dignity when they take their oath of office. Mayor Baker said he wouldn't force anyone to do it and if they wanted to go online and take the pledge they could do that.

Nothing was brought forward under other matters.

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:46. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____

ULCT DIGNITY & CIVILITY IN LOCAL POLITICS

OTHER MATTERS OR FUTURE COUNCIL MATTERS

MOTION TO ADJOURN