Naples City Council
June 12, 2025
Minutes

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held June 12, 2025, 7:30 p.m., at the Naples City Office, 1420 East 2850 South, Naples, Uintah County, Utah.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Council members attending were Dean Baker, Dan Olsen, Ross Morton, and Kenneth Reynolds. Andrew Bentley and Robert Hall were absent.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Brittany Schlosser, Brett Reynolds, Jeremy Raymond, Michael Harrington, Steven Miller, Nathan Simper, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, Micheal Davis and Nikki Kay.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dean Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mayor Baker began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Dan Olsen offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of May 22, 2025 were presented for approval. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the minutes of May 22nd. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of $55,713.77. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the bills in the amount presented. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Robert Hall	Absent
Dan Olsen	Aye
Ross Morton	Aye

Kenneth Reynolds Aye
Andrew Bentley Absent

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

Two business license applications were received one from EP Contracting and one from EP Testing & Inspections. Both located at 1100 S 1300 E. Dale Peterson gave the council a memo recommending approval of the businesses. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the licenses for EP Testing and EP Contracting. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in favor of the motion.

A business license application was received from Summit Welding & Fabrication located at 1325 E 1300 S. Dale Peterson submitted a memo recommending approval of the business license. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the business license. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

NAPLES PTA REPORT

Brittany Schlosser, Naples PTA President, came before the Council to give an update on activities for the last quarter of the school year. Ms. Schlosser said their membership is currently fifty and they received 1,443 hours of volunteer service. Ms. Schlosser reported on the different activities for the last five months of school which included a Winter Ball, Award Reflections, emotional regulation night, dinner for the teachers during parent teacher conferences, a Bingo night, teacher appreciation night, the reading initiative, and attending the PTA conference. Ms. Schlosser said they will be starting the NOVA program next year and thanked Chief Simper for helping get that started. She thanked the Council for their willingness to sponsor and help the kids and asked, as the City considers the budget for next year, if they would keep the PTA in mind. Ms. Schlosser also asked if anything was discussed on the concerns she brought them before from the Community Council regarding the traffic light on 1900 South and Hwy 40 and the sidewalks on 2000 East. Mayor Baker asked how many buses try and access the highway after school going left? Ms. Schlosser thought it was two. Mayor Baker asked if they couldn't reroute? Ms. Schlosser said that might be an option but the other concern was also how much traffic there is when they have activities at the school or ball games at the park. Micheal said they could reach out to UDOT and see what they thought. Ms. Schlosser asked about the sidewalks on 2000 East. Mayor Baker also stated that the City created wider shoulders on 2000 East when they widened the road and he said UDOT funded and engineered the project and the city didn't have a lot of say in it. Ms. Schlosser asked about residents helping to pay for it. Micheal said they could look into the "safety to schools" sidewalk grant. Micheal said there were some residents along there that didn't want the sidewalks when they were offered. Ms. Schlosser expressed her appreciation for letting her come and speak and share ideas on how to help our kids.

COUNCIL APPROVAL TO SURPLUS ITEMS

Council members received pictures of a few office items that staff would like to surplus. The items were a projector, screen, stand-up office desks, and copier supplies. Nikki stated they would put the items on Public Surplus. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the surplus of the items. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO OPEN AND AMEND THE FY 2024/2025 BUDGET AND RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE FY 2025/2026 BUDGET

Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to open a public hearing to discuss amending the FY 2024/2025 budget and to receive input on the FY 2025-2026 budget. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye. Micheal Davis explained the changes that were being made to this fiscal year budget and stated he was trying to cut many of the budgets back so he did not get over the percentage for the allowed excess fund balance. Mayor Baker asked, if Micheal was making cuts, why the large increase in the street department budget? Micheal stated it was a transfer of funds from the government building budget to cover the expense of the chip seals on the roads that are to begin soon. Micheal stated the building department didn't use funds to pave a parking lot so he transferred those funds to the street department. There were no comments from the public on the FY 2024/2025 budget amendments.

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had comments about the FY 2025/2026 budget. With no comments from the public Dan Olsen **moved** to close the public hearing. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye. Nikki Kay stated they would have the amounts for each funds budgeted listed on a Resolution that will be presented for adoption at the next city council meeting.

APPROVE 2025-2026 UTAH RETIREMENT RATES

Council members received a printout of the new Utah Retirement rates for FY 2025-2026 for their review and approval. Each system with their corresponding rates was highlighted for their review. Nikki explained most of the rates decreased except for the Tier 2 Fund 111 Hybrid system and that was due to the increase in the employee required contribution. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the URS rates as presented. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

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

2500 SOUTH IRRIGATION LINE BREAK UPDATE

Ryan Cook presented photos from an irrigation line break on 2500 South where it crosses the road east of the 500 East intersection. Ryan explained they opened up the road where the break was, cut some new pipe, used dresser sleeves, and put it back together. He stated it has been repaired but recommended they have a contractor come in and replace the pipe from the new blue line with HDPE (high density polyethylene pipe) and that will make one connection just after the 90 and a connection just outside of the right-of-way. Ryan said he hoped this would help to not have this happen again and it would eliminate so many connections under the road. Ryan stated he didn’t believe the pipe was bedded well and the pipe reduces from 18" to 15" with multiple connections. Ryan said his recommendation was to have someone do the pit pipe. He said they are looking at $10,000 to $15,000 for the project as it stands. Ryan said the break is on the lateral side of things. Ryan believed that any time we move an irrigation pipe we take the liability to maintain that portion of the line. He said the lateral users on the line are probably on the hook for $800 to $1,000 right now as it stands. The feeling of the lateral users is to not take on an additional $22,500 to replace the pipe. Mayor Baker thought it was supposed to come straight across. Ryan said he wasn’t sure what happened in the past. Mayor Baker said they should have been required to put in pressure reducing meters because of the amount of pressure they are anticipating coming down the pipes in the future. Ryan felt like it was important to get rid of the connections so it would be less likely to have problems in the future. Ryan said he discussed with Micheal how much the City should need to pay to repair the break. Ryan suggested the City pay for the connection to get it out from under the road and then have a discussion with the canal company regarding the costs. He thought they could have B.H.I. continue with the repairs while the road is cut as they have the parts to fix it and their bid was only $300 more than the other company. Councilman Morton asked Ryan if he was recommending the City cover the cost of the $22,500 and if that would get them across the road. Ryan showed on the photo shown where the pipe and connections would be. Micheal said they will dig in the other field and run the pipe straight through. Councilman Morton asked if Ryan wanted the City to pay the $22,500 and then try and get some of it back? Ryan said, no. Micheal said there have been different expenses incurred so far and they talked about having the people on the lateral pay the $10,000 and the City would cover the rest. Councilman Morton asked if the $22,500 would be on the City. Micheal said, yes. Mayor Baker said he wasn't opposed to that but there have been a lot of breaks, like the one at the school, and the reason for the breaks is the pressure. He didn't think this would be the last one. Michael Harrington asked if he could interject. He asked the Council what they wanted their approach to be with Ashley Central in holding them accountable for the breaks or any future breaks? Mr. Harrington stated that, in his opinion, Ashley Central Canal, under the 2010 agreement, should be liable for any breaks in their pressurized lines. Ryan Cook asked, if Ashley Canal takes part in putting in the extension, does it absolve the City? Mr. Harrington said now would be a good time to negotiate what the responsibilities are for what happens when the lines are pressurized and if breaks occur because of the pressure. He said it would also be good to have in writing what their obligations are for the lateral fix and any future breaks. He said it would be unwise to make the fix and then go ask them for money. Mr. Harrington said it should be done up front. He asked how aggressive the City wanted to be in negotiations? Councilman Olsen said, how many times do we want to repair the roads? Mr. Harrington asked if the Council would like him to reach out to Ashley Central's attorney to ask about negotiations. Councilman Morton wanted to know if the City was looking at a lot of additional expenditures, or will this repair take care of things? Mayor Baker said the pressure is going to continue to go up as the canal company continues to finish the project. Mr. Harrington said the timing should be good to find out what happens with any future breaks. Councilman

Morton wanted to know if the agreement states the canal company should help with the cost? Mr. Harrington read from the agreement that states "in the future, should the company (Ashley Central) install a pressurized line in this canal, cities shall cooperate with company to facilitate the insertion of the pressure line through the canal structure, provided that any damage to the structure arising from the installation of the pressurized line system shall be the responsibility of the Company and the company shall also be responsible to maintain the pressurized line." Mr. Harrington said he knows they don't feel like they are responsible for this break but he doesn't see an argument, based on this language, where they are not. Mr. Harrington said it would be wise to decide how to handle future breaks because it may end up being a larger damage. Councilman Reynolds said it would be good to engage them, and it would be better to do it now rather than later. Councilman Olsen said the City wants a good quality line going across, which they won't put in. Councilman Reynolds said he would like them to do the pressure reducers. Ryan wanted to know if they could agree to get the extension in and then battle the expenses up to this point? Councilman Morton asked if Ryan wanted them to spend the money on this and then go to Ashley for payment. Ryan wanted to know if they could use the expenses up to this point for the negotiations. Ryan said they have spent, up to this point, almost as much in damages as the cost of laying the pipe. Mr. Harrington said they could approach them in that manner and ask if they would be open to talking about the projects that would fix what is going on and future fixes like the pressure reducing valves. Councilman Olsen felt like the $22,500 was the City's investment into the road to protect it. Mr. Harrington wanted to know if the Council would like him to approach Ashley Central or if there were members of the Council that have a better relationship with Ashley Central. Micheal Davis said, if the City decides to do this, it should go through Mr. Harrington. Mayor Baker said they won't get anything from the lateral users because no one wants to take that responsibility. Councilman Olsen said if you bill Ashley Central, they would in turn bill the lateral's, and then they would put a lien on it if it's not paid. Councilman Morton said he doesn't want it passed on to the users if it should be Ashley Central. Councilman Olsen said that is how the laterals function. Councilman Morton said, if there was a contract, and it was agreed to, whoever was responsible in that contract should be the one to pay. Mr. Harrington stated he could approach Ashley Central and tell them the City is not trying to put them on the hook for the whole thing but the City would like their cooperation and with the foresight as to the potential damage of this pressurized line and finding creative solutions, like pressure reducing valves or changing pipe size, to make sure this does not go on as the line gains pressure. Councilman Olsen wanted to know if the City was willing to invest the $22,500 so we don't have to dig it up again? Mayor Baker asked if the canal company would be pushing the pipe through the culvert. Councilman Olsen said the City would push it through the culvert to the north side of the road. Ryan stated the City would be responsible for the pipe through the culvert and the canal company, or the lateral users, should be responsible for everything up to that point. Ryan said the way Mr. Harrington is reading the agreement, the canal company should be responsible for all of it, because of the increased pressure in the line. Mayor Baker said the City is into it around $20,000 already and then Ryan is wanting them to agree to another $22,500. Ryan said the canal company really is going to pay for everything up to this point. Councilman Morton said there are basically saying they want the canal company to pay for everything prior and the City pay the $22,500 and if any other problems arise from pressure it would be on the canal company and that would give them incentive to put on the pressure reducers. He said that doesn't make the $22,000 a bad investment to protect our road. Councilman Morton said it could also set a precedent that the City will keep paying money on every leak that comes up. He said he would be okay with Mr. Harrington asking them to pay for everything up to this point, the City will pay the $22,000 and they commit to put the pressure reducers on and pay for any other damages going forward. Mr. Harrington said that would be great if they would agree to it. Mr. Harrington asked if the City would be okay with him moving toward a mediator if he sees he is not getting anywhere with Ashley Central. Mr. Harrington said they want to protect the assets of the City and work toward as many fixes as they can in the negotiations. Councilman Morton said it's too risky not to try it with the pressure on the lines. Councilman Olsen agreed with Councilman Morton. They agreed to go to mediation if the canal company says no. Councilman Olsen **moved** to approve the $22,500 contingent upon a successful negotiation with the canal company. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

USSD FIRE CONTROL UPDATE

Brett Reynolds, Naples Fire Chief, and Jeremy Raymond, USSD Fire Marshall, came to give an update from the District. Chief Reynolds said, going to the District has been a good change, even if he'd still rather be a Naples employee. He said their firemen are 98% certified and they have very active members. Chief Reynolds reported they recently went to the CIB asking for a new ladder truck and were awarded the funds for that. He said it can take up to five years to build the truck and get it here. Chief Reynolds reported on the work they have been doing on the fire station, including staining the wood and getting the boiler fixed. Jeremy Raymond said Brett has a great crew that work well together and they have a fantastic response time. He said he appreciates the support of the Council and that Councilman Hall has been great to work with. Fire Marshall Raymond shared statistics with the Council regarding training hours, public service hours, percentage of most calls, and what type of calls the department responds to. He reported on the projects they have completed and those they are working on. Fire Marshall Raymond stated he appreciates how Naples City works with helping their department get what is needed. He thanked the Council for their support. Mayor Baker thanked Jeremy for coming.

OTHER MATTERS OR FUTURE COUNCIL MATTERS

Nikki Kay stated the Council would need to hold a public hearing to discuss the salaries of elective and statutory officers. Dan Olsen **moved** to hold a public hearing on June 26th for discussion of salaries. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no other business before the Council, Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 26th DAY OF JUNE 2025

BY: ______________________________ ATTEST: __________________________