

Naples City Council

October 9, 2025

Minutes

A meeting of the Naples City Council was held October 9, 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, Dan Olsen, Ross Morton and Andrew Bentley. Robert Hall and Kenneth Reynolds were absent.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Cheryl Meier, Jolene Baker, Carl Searle, Braden Olsen, Wade Montgomery, Danielle Martin, Levi Skidmore, Kenzi Morris, Brooks Jones, Becky Evans, Alice Evans, Lisa Batty, Brandon Batty, Daniel Jackson, Jon Beede, Jackson Beede, and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mayor Baker welcomed everyone and began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Ross Morton offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker asked for approval of the agenda. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the agenda as presented. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of the city council meeting of September 25, 2025 were presented for approval. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Andrew Bentley **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of \$34,713.38. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$34,713.38. Dan Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Andrew Bentley	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent

Ross Morton	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Robert Hall	Absent

A business license application was received for Nomad Kitchen located at 1715 S 1500 East. The application was for a food truck and the owner of the truck, Carl Searle, was present to answer any questions. He stated he was there to answer any questions and said they would love to be in Naples. Council members asked what type of food he would provide. Mr. Searle said he would have baked potatoes, crepes, and tamales. Mayor Baker asked if they would be moving the truck. Mr. Searle said he does move around but during the winter months he would mostly be at 1715 S 1500 E. Andrew Bentley **moved** to approve the business license for Nomad Kitchen LLC. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Mayor Baker stated at the last meeting when the license for Adventure Tours Vernal was approved, they thought the business was going to be at Sure Stay Motel and not at Mr. Wilson's house. Mr. Wilson, who was in attendance, said that is what they discussed. Mayor Baker said he asked him, at the last meeting, if he was going to store the side by sides at his house or at the motel and Mr. Wilson said he was going to display some at the motel and store them at his house. Mayor Baker said, because of that, the City has requirements for a home occupancy in a subdivision that states there can only be one company vehicle at that home. Mayor Baker said he didn't sign the business license because it doesn't qualify for a home occupation. Mayor Baker stated he spoke with Dale Peterson and Mr. Peterson said he wouldn't approve it as a home occupation. He said Mr. Wilson could reapply if he wanted. Mayor Baker said the Planning and Zoning sets the requirements for Home Occupations and they try and stay within those requirements. Mr. Wilson asked, if all the side by side vehicles are at the motel, is he good? Mayor Baker said, that is a commercial zone and if he keeps them there all the time, the City would issue a business license. Mr. Wilson asked, if he goes home and runs them all over to the motel, is he good? Mayor Baker asked, "and leave them there?" Mayor Baker asked Nikki what was needed? Nikki stated the license was approved for the Sure Stay. She said that was the location that was printed on the license he wouldn't sign. Mayor Baker said he had two applications. Nikki said the license that was printed shows the motel as the business

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location with Mr. Wilson's home address as the mailing address. Nikki said there was also a letter that was sent that stated the location of the motel was approved and if any of the vehicles left from the home address, they would be on a trailer. Mayor Baker said at the last meeting there were two applications. Nikki said, Mr. Wilson presented both locations to see what the Council would say and no one asked any questions so the staff went back and looked at it and felt it didn't qualify for a Home Occupation so it was approved at the motel. Mayor Baker said it should have gone through Dale. Nikki stated she had her own reasons for not involving Dale, but business licensing was something that she previously handled and she understands how the process works. Mayor Baker said it's been standard for Dale to take care of it. Councilman Bentley asked if they have the license and does it just need to be signed? Mayor Baker said they need to make sure it's not for Mr. Wilson's residence. Councilman Bentley said, if Mr. Wilson parks the vehicles at his residence, then it would be a violation of the ordinance, and Mr. Peterson could go in and enforce that. He said that Mr. Wilson has stated in a public meeting that he is willing to take them up there. Mayor Baker said the license needs to be issued at the Sure Stay and that is where he will keep the vehicles. Mayor Baker said he knows Nikki wrote the letter but it doesn't conform with a Home Occupancy. Nikki stated they didn't issue a Home Occupancy and the letter given to Mr. Wilson stated that any of the side by sides coming and going from the home would have to be on a trailer. Nikki said there is nothing in the ordinance stating that someone can't "store" their equipment at their home. Councilman Olsen asked Mr. Wilson to clarify what was going to happen. Mr. Wilson said when he was at the last meeting it was discussed that they are shut down for the winter time and to allow him to have the vehicles stored at his home until they start back up next year. Mr. Wilson said they are on a trailer when they leave his home. Councilman Bentley asked how many vehicles he has. Mr. Wilson said he has seven. Mayor Baker said, if he is just storing them at his house, maybe they can work out a condition where they can just store them during the off season, but during their season they have to be at the Sure Stay the whole time. Mr. Harrington was in attendance at the meeting and said he could write a new letter with dates and conditions for storage of the side by sides. Mr. Harrington said, in his opinion, the business license could be signed as is and he will send a follow up letter, based on their discussion. Mayor Baker said they have witnesses there as to what they are

agreeing to and he doesn't have a problem with that. Mr. Harrington said this conversation is clarification of code and it fits the code. Mayor Baker said when the letter is all worked up and signed then he'll sign the business license. Mayor Baker said he would take a motion to approve the clarifications. Andrew Bentley **moved** that they have clarified the matter. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

Mayor Baker asked Cheryl Meier with USSD #1 (Uintah Recreation District) if she had any updated pictures of the pickleball courts they were going to discuss. Mayor Baker said the idea was presented to put courts by the small playground equipment and then, after some discussion with him, they discussed moving them back next to the ball field. Mayor Baker gave a history of how they got the land to get the park from a donation from Bob and Elouise Turner. Mayor Baker said there was an understanding of no lights on the east pavilion and ball field. Mayor Baker said the practice field was supposed to be for neighborhood children and was to be for them. He said they have allowed, over time, for the girls to use it as an extra field. Councilman Morton stated that he has a copy of the deed transfer with the Turner's and there is not anything that states there can't be any lights. Councilman Bentley wanted to know who would be the caretaker of the Turner legacy. Councilman Olsen said it would be David Turner. Councilman Bentley wanted to know if they could get with him and have him agree to lights, could they get with him and get his blessing. Mayor Baker said they've moved the location more to the north and out of sight so it shouldn't be an issue. Councilman Morton stated the deed stipulation was just that the City maintain control of the East side of the park. Mayor Baker said they've had people approach them before about putting lights on the field and they've turned them down. Councilman Morton asked why? He wanted to know why they wouldn't want lights at the park. Councilman Bentley said maybe it was to keep more of a local feel. Mayor Baker said it was to keep them from having lights and games going until midnight. Councilman Bentley said the City has ordinances that limit that. Councilman Bentley wanted to know, if they do anything west of the ballfield, are they in the clear? There was a discussion on the boundaries of the east and west park, Cheryl provided a map showing the lines, based on the legal description, of the east and west fields. She stated the second location discussed for the pickleball courts would not be on the east part. Councilman Bentley asked, "where does

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APPROVAL FOR
PICKLEBALL COURTS AT
NAPLES PARK***

that leave us with pickleball?" Mayor Baker stated there was worked that started to happen at the park today and he told Ms. Meier that it would need to go before Council. Councilman Bentley said he was confused and wondered what they were doing tonight. Councilman Morton asked if they could have Ms. Meier explain what they were doing. Mayor Baker said he heard from some more people, expressing their concerns, after they talked about the different location to put the courts. He said there were people there from the girls softball that had concerns and people that were concerned about the lighting. Ms. Meier explained that the USSD #1 Board approved a couple of pickleball projects across the County. She said one will be at the old skate park and the other project was approved for Naples. Ms. Meier said they get a number of requests and the number one request right now is pickleball courts. She shared that she received a call last week from the company they selected to do the work, Target Sports, who holds the State bid, and they were ready to move on one of the two projects in the area because of a delay on one of their other jobs. The company wanted to start on the Naples Park project. Ms. Meier shared that she met with Mayor Baker and showed him a location for the six-court project and it was near the musical equipment at the park. Ms. Meier explained how costly it is becoming to maintain the green space at the parks. She said they are moving toward trading out the grass at the ball fields for astro turf. Ms. Meier also explained that the lights for the courts are different, she said they are directional, not as tall, and are LED. She also said there are rules at the park that the lights can't be on after a certain time, so it really shouldn't be an issue. Ms. Meier explained that the USSD #1 received a \$50,000 grant to cover fencing, lighting, and benches and whichever project started first would benefit from that grant. She stated there was a miscommunication with her superintendent and the sod at the park was cut before it should have been. She stated that anything they do at the park is an asset to the City and not to the District. At this point Mayor Baker allowed people that were attending to speak about the project. Becky Evans with Vernal Girls Softball stated that she is not anti pickleball but they use every inch of grass to practice and to warm up. She said they can't use the school property and it's hard to find places to practice. Ms. Evans also mentioned the issue with parking. Jolene Baker shared her opinion about maintaining the green space and about the mental health of children and allowing them space for unstructured play. Danielle Martin stated she was there in support of Vernal Girls Softball and

how much they need the fields and the green space for practice. She said the grass is also used by flag football and boys' baseball. Wade Montgomery said he is not opposed to pickleball but there seems to be a lot of people that use the green space and felt like there was a lot of other land that could be used. He said it feels very rushed just to accommodate a contractor. Mr. Montgomery said they could wait until Spring and make sure they do it right. Ms. Meier stated that they are the providers of recreation for the County. She said they are very aware of where and what the kids plays. Ms. Meier said that getting kids outside is her job and they currently have more kids interested in clinics for pickleball. She said when they provide the clinics for the kids they receive complaints from the adults because they have to use the only available courts. Ms. Meier shared with the Council what the water bill at the Naples Park was for the month of June, and said they need to look at ways to conserve. There was a discussion about where the courts could go, could they be moved, is there a spot that wouldn't require the removal of grass? Brandon Batty was also there in support of Vernal Girls Softball and said it is very hard to find a place to warm up or to practice and said cutting any green space will make it harder. Braden Olsen spoke next and said he was also there in support of Vernal Girls Softball. He stated that he coaches three teams and they use the space that is being considered for the courts as their warmup area. He said they use that area so they are not close to the road. Councilman Morton stated he would have liked the opportunity to call and rally the pickleball groups before this meeting, because they are out there. Councilman Morton said he is a huge ball fan and he's coached girls and boys. He said there are a lot of sports out there and they are all competing for the same space. Councilman Morton said pickleball has seen a huge increase in interest and you can't go anywhere to find a place to play. There are only four courts and they need more. He said it is one of the fastest growing sports. Councilman Morton expressed his confusion about why the Council talked about being in support of the pickleball courts and said they thought they were a good idea and now here we are. Councilman Bentley said this was really not supposed to be a public hearing and wanted to know if they could push it back a couple of weeks. At this point, Ross Morton **moved** to go forward with the pickleball construction. The motion died for lack of a second.

This item was skipped and nothing was brought forward.

***OTHER MATTERS OR
FUTURE COUNCIL***

MATTERS

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting. 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 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____