

Naples City Council

November 13, 2025

Minutes

A meeting of the Naples City Council was held November 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 Heidi Lundberg, Jeremy Raymond, Corey Auger, Brooks Jones, Jonathan Beede, Heather Beede, Szeth Simmons, Nathan Simper, Micheal Davis, and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

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

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker stated they would be removing the commendation presentation that was supposed to take place by the police department.

L I F E S A V I N G COMMENDATION

Mayor Baker asked for approval of the agenda. Nikki Kay stated she had one item under other matters. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the agenda with the addition. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of the city council meeting of October 23, 2025 were presented for approval. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the minutes of October 23, 2025. Kenneth Reynolds **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. Councilman Reynolds asked the engineer for the 2500 South road improvement project, how do you pour concrete cheaper than you lay asphalt? Mr. Jones stated that concrete is not cheaper than asphalt but with the amount of asphalt that would be required for a center turn lane on 2500 South, the

FOLLOW UP MATTERS

cost for the project would be more than the cost for sidewalk on one side of the road. Mr. Jones stated it is also cheaper, in the long run, to maintain a sidewalk over maintaining asphalt. Councilman Reynolds said he didn't think that was made very clear in the discussion they had about the 2500 South road.

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of \$127,297.45. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$127,297.45. 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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Chief Simper asked for Council approval to have one of his officers attend training out of State. He said the training is ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) training and will be reimbursed through a grant he received. Chief Simper stated the cost for the travel will be paid for up front and then reimbursed. He stated this is valuable training to help protect their kids. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the out-of-state travel. Dan Olsen **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

APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Corey Auger and Jeremy Raymond came before the Council to update them on recent changes to legislation from HB48 regarding high risk Wildland urban interface property. The purpose of the change is to help mitigate the costs of a catastrophic fire. Mr. Auger stated that people continue to build in Wildland areas and they are tasked with identifying those high risk areas and mapping them. He explained, once those areas are decided, property owners will be assessed a fee on their property tax, but not everyone will be assessed the same amount. Mr. Auger said there will be three levels of assessment per square footage of property or structures. He said many people are facing the problem of insurance

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companies dropping their policies or raising their premiums. He said insurance companies will now have to look at the map before assessing premiums. Mr. Auger said the new bill requires counties and municipalities to adopt the Wildland urban interface building code standards. Jeremy Raymond said he will look at those when building permits are being issued. He said that cities will have to identify those areas of Wildland urban interface, but it doesn't always mean they will fall into the high risk area. Councilman Hall asked about the gulch? Jeremy said the biggest thing will be the building codes and he would be surprised if the State came in and determined that the City had any high hazard area. Mr. Auger stated they would like to have the participation of the Council as they are putting this together. He said existing homes will have to provide defensible space with the adoption of the Wildland urban interface code. He stated they should have the map ready by January 1st. Council Morton asked about the fees. It was explained that the first two years would be a flat fee in the high risk area and then after that it will be based on square footage. It was also brought up that in any Wildland urban interface areas, the fire district would have to do an inspection and any fines or fees would be under the jurisdiction of Naples City. Chief Simper asked if the defensible space they talked about is well defined? Jeremy said it is. Councilman Bentley asked, if someone gets put in a high risk area is there a way to get out of it. Mr. Auger said, there is not, but a person could appeal the assessment decision. Mr. Auger said they will hold a public hearing next Tuesday at the State level and the hearing will be recorded and on YouTube.

Jeremy Raymond gave a quick update on the ladder truck for Naples. He said they will begin the construction of the truck in July of 2026 and it should be ready for delivery in March of 2027. He expressed his appreciation for the support they receive from Naples City.

Heidi Lundberg, Uintah County Emergency Manager, came before the Council to present the Uintah Basin Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and ask for approval to adopt the Plan. Ms. Lundberg said the plan identifies the county and individual community hazards and understands their impact on vulnerable populations and infrastructure. She said the plan sets forth solutions, if implemented, that have the potential to significantly reduce threat to life and property. Ms. Lundberg stated it is not an emergency response plan or a management plan, it supports better decision making

***ADOPTION OF UINTAH
BASIN REGIONAL PRE-
DISASTER MITIGATION
PLAN - RESOLUTION NO
25-368***

directed toward avoidance of future risk through mitigation actions. She stated the overall objective of the plan is risk reduction through implementing and updating the mitigation plan. Ms. Lundberg said a big portion of adopting the plan is, in the event of a large scale disaster, the City would qualify for critical federal funding and would be an investment in the City's resilience. She said the plan has been a multi-year project and they will update it every five years. Ms. Lundberg invited the City to participate in this again in five years and asked for their approval to adopt the plan. Robert Hall **moved** to approve Resolution 25-368. Ross Morton **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

Nikki Kay stated she was contacted by one of the residents of ParkView Subdivision asking if the City would be okay with her placing a memorial bench in the park. The resident had recently lost her husband and wanted to put a bench at the park, in his memory, because he often walked there. Council members were not opposed to the idea and Councilman Morton was asked to bring the request to the Recreation District Board. No action was taken on this matter.

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

Nikki reminded the Council members that the date of the canvass for the election would be November 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____