

# Naples City Council

## January 8, 2026

### Minutes

A meeting of the Naples City Council was held January 8, 2026, 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 Brock Arnold, Nate Zilles, Dan Olsen, Ross Morton, and Jonathan Beede. Kenneth Reynolds was absent.

#### *COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING*

Others attending were Brooks Jones, Szeth Simmons, Ryan Cook, Nathan Simper, Micheal Davis, and Nikki Kay.

#### *OTHERS ATTENDING*

Mayor Arnold welcomed everyone and asked Councilman Morton to offer the invocation and Councilman Zilles to lead the pledge of allegiance.

#### *OPENING CEREMONY*

Mayor Arnold asked for approval of the agenda. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the agenda as presented. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

#### *APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA*

Mayor Arnold took a little time to review a few things with the new members of the Council and to offer his insight on a few items. Mayor Arnold stated this is not the City of Brock and it's not his opinion that goes. He asked members of the Council to talk to people and get a feel of what the citizens want. He asked them to vote according to their research and understanding of the matters. Mayor Arnold expressed his appreciation for their willingness to serve because it will subject them to some unpopular decisions.

#### *TRAINING*

Mayor Arnold cautioned them about creating "walking quorums." He stated they will have additional training on this. He asked them to not meet with more than two of the other council members to discuss city business, as that would create a walking quorum. Mayor Arnold said group texts would be included in that.

Mayor Arnold asked council members to take any of their concerns about staff to admin and they can take those concerns to the appropriate department head or staff member. He stated he would like staff to feel protected and

safe.

Mayor Arnold said they would rely on Micheal for matters regarding the budget process. He spoke to Council about electing a Mayor Pro-Tem if he is not in attendance. He shared that Dan Olsen has taken that role in the past but he'd like all of them to take on that role at some point so they know how things work. Mayor Arnold said they may disagree, and it's okay, but once the decision is made, they each have a responsibility to support it.

The minutes of the city council meeting of December 11, 2025 were presented for approval. Councilman Zilles had some grammatical errors that needed corrected. Nate Zilles **moved** to approve the minutes of December 11, 2025 with the changes. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

#### ***MINUTES APPROVED***

Mayor Arnold 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 \$3,014.72. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,014.72. Jonathan Beede seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

#### ***APPROVAL OF THE BILLS***

Jonathan Beede	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent
Ross Morton	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Nate Zilles	Aye

A business license application from Epic Partners, located at 2091 S 1500 E and from Rough Country Fencing, located at 1865 E 2500 S were presented for approval. Council members received a memo from Dale Peterson recommending the approval of the licenses. Councilman Zilles raised a concern about the license for the fencing company because he felt they would normally store the fencing material at their home. Nikki Kay stated she would make sure the City has a signed copy of the home occupation agreement that lists the requirements of a home occupation permit. She said that would let the owner know what is allowed to be stored at the property and would give the City the right to revoke the license for noncompliance.

#### ***APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE***

Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the business license for Epic Partners and Rough Country Fencing. Nate Zilles **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Szeth Simmons came before the Council to request approval to purchase Christmas decorations for the street lights on 2500 South. Szeth presented the Council with two bids for new Christmas decorations on 2500 South. He stated the current ones are very old and it is becoming hard to keep them looking new and fresh. The bids received were \$11,000 from main Street Design and \$14,518 from Mosca. Szeth stated the shipping from Main Street Design was cheaper and he recommended going with their bid. Councilman Morton stated the decorations from Mosca have more lights and he wanted to know if they would look better. Szeth said sometimes they blow fuses on the lights because they draw too many amps. Councilman Olsen stated most all of the lights used now are LED and they shouldn't pull that much power. Mayor Arnold asked about the budget. Szeth stated either bid would fall within the budget. Councilman Zilles asked if they could sell the old decorations. Szeth stated they could advertise them on the State surplus website. Councilman Morton stated he would like to see them go with the nicer lights and if the amount was within budget they should go with those. Ross Morton **moved** to approve the bid from Mosca for \$12,618.78 plus shipping. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jonathan Beede	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent
Ross Morton	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Nate Zilles	Aye

This item was removed from the agenda because not all of the information was available.

Council members received information about the possibility of reverter that was attached to the self-help housing lots in Pheasant Run Subdivision. The previous council felt like enough time had passed to allow for the sale of the homes and they set a deadline date for the reverter to expire. The release of the possibility of reverter for the two remaining lots was given to Council for their approval. Councilman Zilles stated he understands the reasoning behind the reverter but felt like it shouldn't have been done because the funding to

***REQUEST TO PURCHASE  
STREET LIGHT  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATIONS***

***REQUEST TO PURCHASE  
CRACK SEAL MACHINE***

***POSSIBILITY OF  
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PHEASANT RUN SELF-  
HELP HOUSING LOTS***

help purchase the lots came from CDBG. Nate Zilles **moved** to release the reverter for the remaining lots subject to the possibility of reverter. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Council members were asked to give approval to change the bank signature cards with Grand Valley Bank. Nikki stated that Dean Baker, Dan Olsen, Micheal Davis, and Duston Mortenson were the current signers. Dan Olsen **moved** to authorize the change on the bank signature cards, removing Dean Baker and adding Brock Arnold. Jonathan Beede **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Arnold stated that he spoke with the other Council members currently serving on Special Service Districts (SSD) and Boards. He reported that Dan Olsen wished to stay with the Animal Control SSD, Robert Hall was happy to stay on with the Fire Control and Health Services SSD's as a representative from Naples City, Ross Morton said he was willing to stay on the USSD #1, and Kenneth Reynolds wanted to continue on the Planning Commission.

At this time Council continued to discuss the appointment to the Boundary Line Board and to update the voting members for the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). It was discussed to appoint Nate Zilles to the Boundary Line Board and to add Mayor Arnold and Jonathan Beede as voting members for the LPC.

Micheal Davis gave Council members information for the Uintah County/Vernal City/ Naples City joint meetings, the Chamber Luncheons, the Uintah County Commission meetings, and the Planning Commission meetings.

Mayor Arnold asked if they needed a motion for the appointments. Nikki stated she would have Resolutions for those appointments at the next meeting. She wasn't sure who would be appointed and didn't have those ready.

Micheal Davis gave a little history on the 2000 East road project. He stated the City has been widening the road in phases and the project started at 500 South. Micheal said the next phase will be from 1700 South to 2000 South. He said the City already has a UDOT grant in place. Micheal said, for the next phase, the City could pick from a list of qualified engineers UDOT supplies or they could continue

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***U D O T  
RECOMMENDATION FOR  
2000 EAST PROJECT***

with CIVCO Engineering. He said, after visiting with UDOT, the City would save time and money to continue with CIVCO. Micheal said he thinks it would be good for the City to go with the recommendation from UDOT. He stated Council will have to make some difficult decisions as they proceed with the next portion of the project and it would be good to bring CIVCO in and get them started on the next phase. Councilman Zilles asked if the funding is already in place? Micheal said it is. Councilman Zilles asked if the stipulation is to use one of UDOT's engineers? Micheal said, they just need to be a UDOT approved engineer. Dan Olsen **moved** to proceed with the UDOT project on 2000 East and continue with CIVCO Engineering. Nate Zilles **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Micheal Davis wanted to update Council members on current projects for the City. He stated they just finished the trail project behind the park. He explained each year the City does sidewalks and they either chipseal or seal coat some of the streets and those are included in the budget.

Micheal said the two big projects for the year will be 2000 East and 2500 South. Councilman Olsen asked about the one and five year project lists and if they could add street lights on 1900 South to the list. Micheal said they can do that. He reported that Jones & DeMille is the engineer for the 2500 South project. He said they are looking at 12' lanes with curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both sides of the road from the highway to 2000 East and then doing a chipseal to the City boundary. Councilman Morton asked about the portion where they covered the canal and what the City was going to do there. It was discussed that either road base or broadcast seeding could be done. Micheal stated they would like to take this project to the Community Impact Board and would need to hold a public hearing in order to apply for those funds. Dan Olsen **moved** to hold a public hearing on January 22, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. Nath Zilles **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting affirmatively.

Mayor Arnold asked the Council members if the time of city council meetings and the day are good with them. No one had any real issues so no changes were made.

Mayor Arnold said he would also like to create a vision for Naples City and asked the staff and council if they were thinking about that. He wanted them to really think about who we are and how we can unify the staff and citizens as

## ***PROJECT UPDATES***

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

a whole. Szeth Simmons wanted to know if he meant like a vision statement. Mayor Arnold said it could include that but wanted to know how we communicate, how do we make sure we are doing what works for Naples. Councilman Zilles said it could be an event that sets the City apart from others. What is the sense of pride in where we live based on? Mayor Arnold asked them to think about it and they can discuss it again.

With no other business before the Council, Jonathan Beede **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_