

Naples City Council

October 10, 2019

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held October 10, 2019, 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, Gordon Kitchen, Dennis Long and Dan Olsen. Kenneth Reynolds was excused.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Don Sadlier, Tal Ehlers, Aiden Fulkerson, Karser Pedersen, Gunnar Harrisen, Korbin Carroll, Jaden Andersen, Bethany Christensen, Jayla Bristol, Joey Hernandez, Clint Johnson, Jim Harper, Joshua Bake and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mayor Dean Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Baker opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Councilman Dennis Long offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker presented the agenda for approval. Dennis Long **moved** to approve the agenda. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVED

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of September 26, 2019, were presented for approval. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the minutes. Gordon Kitchen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had anything they wanted to follow up on from the previous meeting. Joshua Bake stated the contract for the trip hazard came in \$900 less than what was presented at the last meeting.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of \$46,740.49. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the bills as presented. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Robert Hall Aye

Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

A business license application was received from **Cozy Hugs Quilting** located at 2634 S 500 E. Joshua said this is a home occupation business and is recommended for approval pending the receipt of the sales tax number. Dennis Long **moved** to approve pending the sale tax number. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL

A business license application was received from **Rhett's Trucking** located at 622 S Charles Lindbergh Drive. Joshua stated this is a trucking company, located in an industrial zone, has been inspected by the building official and the fire marshal, and is recommended for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the business license. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. Councilman Kitchen declared a possible conflict of interest in his voting. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

Joshua Bake reminded Council they rejected the bids for the street lighting project at the last meeting because the bids were over budget. Joshua said as they reviewed the bids they discovered a clerical error and the one qualified bidder who had all the information is actually within the budget. Joshua said he spoke with Mr. Judd about this and was told that, if the qualified bidder was still interested, they should be able to award the bid through Council approval. Joshua stated he reached out to High Voltage, the one-qualified bidder, and they are still interested in doing the project. Joshua said it is his recommendation that Council award the bid for the street light project to High Voltage in the total amount of \$52,790. He said that would be to replace the one light that was hit and for the four brand-new lights. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to approve. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

REVIEW AND AWARD BID FOR STREET LIGHT PROJECT

Gordon Kitchen	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent
Dennis Long	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Robert Hall	Aye

Tal Ehlers with the Uintah County Office of Emergency Management came before the Council to present the Uintah Basin Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for approval. Mr. Ehlers stated that FEMA requires jurisdictions to complete a hazard mitigation plan in order to receive reimbursement in case of a natural disaster, he said those plans need to be updated every five years. He explained that in 2011 areas of Uintah County qualified to receive some reimbursement due to flooding and they would not qualify for money from FEMA without the plan. Mr. Ehlers reported that FEMA has completed its review of the plan and has determined that it meets the requirements established, pending its adoption. He said he will be meeting with the other entities for their approval and based on those approvals the plan will be good for the next five years. Mr. Ehlers stated that Joshua and Heidi have been very helpful in the review and creation of the plan. Mayor Baker asked about a digital copy of the plan and Mr. Ehlers stated he would get that to them. Robert Hall **moved** to approve Resolution 19-319. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Absent
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Mayor Baker explained to the students in attendance the purpose of the public hearing they were about to hold. He explained this would be to discuss the application the City is going to make to the CIB for help in getting a General Plan. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to go into a public hearing to consider the application for a CIB grant to update the city's General Plan. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye. Joshua stated that the amount for the cost of the plan seems like a large amount and he wanted to explain how they come up with that cost. He said the Plan sets broad goals for the City. Joshua said they have consultants gather information from the community to help set the General Plan. He said the amount of time spent to gather the needed data accounts for the cost of the Plan. Joshua explained 2006 was the last time the plan was updated and much has changed in the City since that time. Mayor Baker stated the City is applying for a grant with the CIB for half of the estimated cost of the Plan. He said the CIB might choose not to award the funds to the

***APPROVE RESOLUTION
19-319 ADOPTING UINTAH
BASIN REGION PRE-
DISASTER MITIGATION
PLAN***

***PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER APPLICATION
FOR CIB GRANT TO
UPDATE CITY'S GENERAL
PLAN***

City but the City still needs to have an updated General Plan. He said they are important to have because it gives a guideline of how the City can grow and also protect the residents of the City. Mayor Baker opened it up for public comments at this time. Bethany Christensen asked what goes into the General Plan specifically? Joshua said it can cover a wide range. He said it can take in the transportation element to see if roads are needed or if certain roads need to be wider. He said affordable housing is another element along with having enough commercial space. Joshua said the Plan can give a very broad view of answering the question, "are we headed in the right direction." Bethany Christensen also asked "what qualification does the City need in order to apply for a grant." Joshua said the CIB grant application actually spells out a lot of what is required to apply. He said when the City applies they have to submit where the money the City contributes comes from, the engineering cost, what kind of debt the City is carrying, and whether or not the City really needs what they are asking for. Joshua stated this area has a boom and bust economy and things here are very different here now than when the last plan was put into place. Joshua explained that the State mandates having a plan but it's very difficult for small cities to comply. He said small cities need an avenue to get these done and the CIB has provided a way to comply with State law and get the plans done the way they need to be done. Mayor Baker asked Ms. Christensen if there was anything she would recommend adding to the General Plan that the City needs to work on. Ms. Christensen asked about the property across the street from the city office and wanted to know why it was vacant. Councilman Hall said the City has always wanted a grocery store but market forces and population studies that play into that. Councilman Kitchen said another factor is, all of the property surrounding the city office is private property.

Aiden Fulkerson commented on wanting a grocery store in this area. He said they relocated to a subdivision in Naples and it is such a drag to drive all the way to town to have to purchase groceries. He said he knows this is an area with a lot of oil field business but it would be nice to see a few more shops or something for tourist to come out and visit this side of town. Council members agreed.

Jaden Andersen said tourism is a big thing Vernal likes to advertise and it could be something used here to make more money. He also commented on the road the elementary

school is on and felt it needed to be fixed. Mayor Baker said the City is wanting to help promote tourism and they have ordered a large dinosaur to place out at the road side park. Mayor Baker said he appreciated the comments and does feel like the City needs a little diversity. Mr. Andersen said definitely because it can get a little boring around here.

With no other comments from the public, Gordon Kitchen **moved** to go out of public hearing. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. Joshua stated he received feedback from the administration of the CIB and was told the application was strong and they recommended the City send out the RFP. Councilman Kitchen wanted to know what happens if the City doesn't get the grant. Joshua said the RFP has a stipulation that acceptance is dependent on the grant funding. Joshua said they could do something on a smaller scale if it's not accepted.

Joshua asked the Council for approval to send out the RFP for economic development. He said this has been in the budget for the last two years to hire economic consultant services and they would like something beyond someone that just gives them data but they want someone with the connections and bring that recruitment in. Joshua reviewed some of the goals of the RFP and hopes it will be one that can work for the City. He said they don't want just data driven information. They want help in getting that information into the right people's hands, someone who can actually help get the City in touch with those people. Councilman Kitchen said some of our money was going to the Chamber and part of that was supposed to help with economic development. He wanted to know if the City is spending money with them why are they needing to spend this extra money. Mayor Baker stated that was true when they first partnered with the Chamber, it was for economic development but the second time they partnered it didn't include that. Councilman Kitchen said he might want to enter a discussion at another time about where some of that money is going. Joshua said he has met with some of the firms the RFP will be geared toward and he has told them that a grocery store is a priority, so they know that is a key focus but they will include those things that will hopefully take the City to the next level. Joshua said this expenditure is in the budget and he just wanted to make sure the Council was still good to go with it. Mayor Baker said you have to be proactive sometimes to make things happen. Dennis Long **moved** to send the RFP for economic development. Dan

***APPROVAL TO SEND RFP
FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT***

Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

Nikki Kay wanted the Council to know a notice of vacancy will be coming out in the paper for the Mosquito Abatement District. She stated this is to fill a four-yea term on the Board of Trustees for the Uintah County Mosquito Abatement District. Gary Hatch has been filling that position and his term will expire the end of December. Mr. Hatch told the Mosquito Abatement District he is still interested in serving. Anyone interested would need to file a letter of interest with the Council.

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

Clint Johnson asked if he could address the Council on a matter. He said he works for Jones & Demille and they are currently working with the UTSSD to create a plan for county roads. Mr. Johnson said this would be a county planning effort, not just a City one. He brought some flyers and said they are running an ad campaign asking people to take a brief survey about suggestions for road improvements throughout the County. Mr. Johnson said he would even be willing to come back and update the Council about what they are doing. Mayor Baker said it would be good to know what is going on and they will add him to the next agenda.

Councilman Long wanted to know if there was any information on the sink holes on 2500 South. Jim thought they were working on chip seals. Councilman Long said they were marking 2500 South today but they were only marking the low spots and not anything else. Mayor Baker said he thought the UTSSD was going to fix that this year.

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____