

Naples City Council

December 9, 2021

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held December 9, 2021, 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, Dan Olsen and Kenneth Reynolds.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Fernando Rivera, Troy Ostler, Scott Major, Stephanie Adams, Doug Morrill, Kim Kay, Angie Simper, Ryan Cook, Szeth Simmons, Nathan Simper, Micheal Davis 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 Kenneth Reynolds offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Baker asked for approval of the agenda. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the agenda. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVED

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of November 11, 2021 were presented for approval. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the minutes of November 11, 2021. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting in the affirmative.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had anything they wanted to follow up on from the previous meeting. Councilman Long asked about the K-9 dog the police department was trying to surplus to another agency. Sergeant Simper stated they are trying to work within the guidelines of the EOC grant the dog was purchased with and that involves an MOU with the agency interested in obtaining the dog. He stated it was a process and they are working through it.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills for payment in the amount of \$155,455.15. Dennis Long **moved** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$155,455.15. Dan Olsen

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Angie Simper, Director of the Uintah County Victims Advocate Program, thanked the Council for giving her some time so explain their program. Ms. Simper stated their office works to help victims of crime in the community. She stated they help any victim of a crime, ranging from theft to murder, class A misdemeanors and above. Ms. Simper explained that Vernal City holds the contracts with Vernal City Victim Advocacy to handle crisis call outs for anyone in Uintah County. She said Vernal City also has an advocate that works with their Justice Court Prosecutor and they help victims of crime for theft, class B child abuse, domestic violence, shoplifting, etc. Ms. Simper stated her office has the contracts for Uintah Justice Court. She said it was surprising to her that Naples City currently does not have a victims' advocate to help Dennis Judd in Naples City Justice Court. Ms. Simper explained there is a victim's bill of rights and it has become more common for people who are a victim of a crime to be aware they do have certain rights and be assisted through the court process. She said she is concerned that victims in Naples don't have that opportunity. Ms. Simper reported on the dramatic increase in child abuse cases she has seen in the last twelve years and feels those in Naples might not be fully represented. She said she has worked to try and improve her office and to help citizens' have a trust in the judicial process. Ms. Simper said if they were to try and work with Naples City, in the future, she would work to try and find funding sources to help alleviate the cost to the City. Councilman Hall asked Ms. Simper about the funding sources. She stated that half of their employees are funded through a Federal grant.

***UINTAH COUNTY
VICTIMS ADVOCATE
SERVICES PROPOSAL***

Micheal Davis asked how the contract with Uintah County works as far as Naples is concerned. Ms. Simper said she is now sure how the advocacy works with this. Mayor Baker said they will need to check into the agreement with the County and see what it covers. Councilman Kitchen said the County handles the Justice Court cases and thought the

advocacy should fall into that. Ms. Simper said she doesn't believe it does but she would check with Mr. Judd. The Council stated that was a conversation they should have with Mr. Judd and they thanked Ms. Simper for coming and helping bring this to their attention.

Troy Ostler with CIVCO Engineering came to give the Council an update on the 2000 East project. Mr. Ostler stated they are progressing with the design portion of the project and are hopefully looking at the Spring for construction to begin. He stated, with the current cost of material, they would probably only be able to get to 1700 South and not all the way to 1900 South. Mr. Ostler stated that bidding process costs are up about 20-25%. He explained they are currently bidding a project in the Roosevelt area and they may be able to see more accurate numbers after that. Mr. Ostler said right now they will only be able to go to 1700 South to stay in budget. Mr. Ostler also stated they are in the process of preparing the next funding application so the project won't end but the next portion will be about a year or so away. Councilman Kitchen stated he is always going to push starting at 1900 South and go north with the project because 1900 South going north is the most dangerous. Mr. Ostler said they have just presented it that way because they normally start at the beginning end of a project. He also pointed out that the area between 1700 South and 1900 South would be the most costly portion of the project. Mr. Ostler stated the project is designed all the way so the City would need to decide where to begin. Mayor Baker stated the north end of the project has the most narrow portion of road. He said from Sunstone going south there are no shoulders on the road and the asphalt is in very bad shape. Council asked Mr. Ostler again about the budget and the City's portion. Mr. Ostler stated it is 7% of 1.5 million dollars, which is the budget they are dealing with and if the City wanted to build the project out completely then the City would have to come up with the money. Mayor Baker wanted to know, if they keep going, could they apply to the CIB to finish off the project and what those number would be. Mr. Ostler said they can put those figures together for him. He said that staying in the budget is the challenge right now.

Mayor Baker asked Mr. Ostler about the traffic signal light on 1000 South. Mr. Ostler reported that UDOT is overseeing that project and he only met with them regarding the right-of-ways but said the bases have been poured and the poles

2000 EAST PROJECT UPDATE

should be set in the next seven to ten days.

Ryan Cook presented a snow removal policy to the Council for their approval and asked if they had any questions. Councilman Long wanted to know if they are all trained. Ryan said for the most part they are. He stated they attend a snow removal conference every year and they also check their equipment to make sure everything is good there. Councilman Hall asked how they are notifying people they need to move their vehicles from the roads during the season. Ryan said they included something in the last news letter and said the police officers have been good to help hang notification tags on cars. Mayor Baker wanted to know if they were going to issue citations to people. Ryan said they usually just try and let people know and they are pretty good about moving their vehicles, he said they would like to try and avoid citations or towing vehicles. Ryan was asked about the removal of snow from sidewalks. He stated they have never really enforced that but wanted something in the policy in case it ever became an issue. With no other questions, Robert Hall **moved** to approve the policy. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Doug Morrell with Crossroads Accounting came to present the FY 2020/2021 audit report for the City. Mr. Morrell stated they do a financial and governmental compliant audit of the City. He referred to page seven of the report and stated it was basically a snapshot of the City. Mr. Morrell said the City experienced a modest increase of 4% in revenues over the prior year, with expenses decreasing 17%. He pointed out the cash and cash equivalents at year end, the total assets and total liabilities. Mr. Morrell said the City passed with a clean opinion on the internal control audit and with the compliance requirements. He also stated the City had no findings for this fiscal year. Mayor Baker and Council thanked Mr. Morrell for coming and for his report. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to accept the audit report for FY 2020/2021. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

APPROVE SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2020/2021 AUDIT REPORT

Michel Davis asked the Council about approving a year end bonus for the employees. He explained that as far as the budget goes most year-to-date totals for expenditures were online, with a few being under budget. He stated the numbers on the sales tax revenues were starting to go up a little and he was hoping that would continue. Mike told the Council he has a range of bonus amounts and the budget totals if they would like those. Councilman Hall asked what last years amount was. Nikki reminded them they did the CARES Act money last year and the year before they approved \$350. Councilman Long stated the \$350 is not a lot. Robert Hall **moved** to approve \$350 net for end of the year employee bonuses and half of that for part time employees. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call:

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

Micheal Davis reported on the Christmas Tree lighting event. He said it went really well and people commented that they really enjoyed it.

Szeth Simmons reported on the rock worked finished around the feet of the dinosaur and on the corners of the City sign.

Mike shared some pictures from the Tree Lighting event and also the rock work around the dinosaur and sign. Szeth stated that Split Mountain Construction did a great job.

Mike also wanted to thank the Fire Department for the use of the station and wanted the Council to know that Olivia Hawkes, Miss Uintah County Outstanding Teen, helped Santa with the children and her parents, Megan and Paul, pitched in and helped with handing out hot chocolate and donuts. Mike reported that Maverik donated gift cards for the event and they decided to give those to the two school classes that came to sing and let their teachers do a drawing for those.

Mayor Baker also thanked the police department for helping with the traffic that night and thanked the staff for the employee Christmas party.

YEAR END EMPLOYEE BONUS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Lieutenant Simper reported they are seeing an increase in domestic violence cases and feels the stress of the season contributes to that. He also stated he had a number of people approach him about the tree lighting and said they really enjoyed it. Lieutenant Simper reported their new officer, Dalton Roth, will be fully trained by the next council meeting and will be able to be out on patrol on his own.

Nothing was presented under other matters or future council matters.

***OTHER MATTERS AND
FUTURE COUNCIL
MATTERS***

Dennis Long **moved** to go into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

CLOSED SESSION

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

Council members reconvened back into an open meeting. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve Micheal Davis drafting a letter to Jessy McKee regarding his sign and to receive input from City Attorney Dennis Judd. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Dan Olsen **moved** to accept in-house applications for Chief of Police with a deadline date of 5:30 p.m. on December 16, 2021. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

With no other business before the Council, Robert Hall **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 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2022

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____