

Naples City Council

November 10, 2022

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held November 10, 2022, 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 Robert Hall, Dan Olsen, Dennis Long, Kenneth Reynolds and Gordon Kitchen. Dean Baker was absent.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Nathan Zilles, Quintan McKee, Brooks Jones, Nathan Simper, Szeth Simmons, Micheal Davis, and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Olsen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Dan Olsen opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Dennis Long offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Olsen presented the agenda for approval. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the agenda. Gordon Kitchen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of the regular city council meeting of October 27, 2022 were presented for approval. Dennis Long **moved** to approve the minutes of October 27, 2022. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting in the affirmative.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Olsen asked if anyone had anything they wanted to follow up on from the previous meeting. Nothing was brought forward.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills for payment in the amount of \$25,241.28. Dennis Long **moved** to approve the amount of \$25,241.28. Kenneth Reynolds **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 Aye
Gordon Kitchen Aye

Nathan Zilles with the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce came to give a report about the Chamber and discuss the membership dues. Mr. Zilles expressed his gratitude for the support the City gives to the Chamber. He mentioned several businesses in Naples that are part of the Chamber and what those businesses are doing to help with area activities and how they are serving on Chamber committees. Mr. Zilles stated he has been trying to reach out to the businesses in Naples and appreciates the help so many of them have given. He told the Council the funds they receive from the City, according to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) they have, are greatly appreciated and they couldn't exist without those. Mr. Zilles said they are able to use those funds to support what the Chamber of Commerce is all about but said the MOU funds are not membership funds. Mr. Zilles said he wanted to talk with the Council so they could make sure the money received is consistent with Uintah County and Vernal City. He stated that both Uintah County and Vernal City pay membership fees and they are both advanced members. Mr. Zilles said the Chamber couldn't stand on it's own without the MOU funds received and he said, with that money they are able to try and reach out to businesses to help unify the community and build for future generations. Councilman Kitchen said he appreciated the report Mr. Zilles gave at the very beginning showing the Chamber is trying to promote Naples and the Naples Community. He stated his concern has always been whether or not they were getting any benefit from the funds being contributed to the Chamber. Mr. Zilles said he has been visiting with Mike about partnering with Naples for a new event. He said they would like to host an oilfield and industrial company event where they display oilfield equipment and show how it works. He said he has also been talking with Travis Campbell at the County encouraging him to include Naples in the promotion of economic development in the area. Councilman Olsen said they appreciate the change in attitude they are feeling from the Chamber and the Economic Development Department. Councilman Kitchen asked Mike if he has any thoughts on the MOU. Mike said he hadn't really thought about it but he has been meeting with Vernal City and the Economic Development Department about making sure everyone is included and making it more of a community. Councilman Hall said their concern has

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always been that they need to see some kind of economic gain for their contribution. Council members asked Mr. Zilles what the contribution amounts were from Uintah County and Vernal City. Mr. Zilles stated Vernal City contributes \$46,000 with \$6,000 membership and Uintah County contributes \$25,000 with the \$6,000 membership. Mike said he wanted to have those amounts so he could look at the budget and see what the City could do, after that he would have a recommendation for the Council. No action was taken on this matter.

Micheal Davis updated the Council on the upcoming tree lighting event. He said they would like to move most of the activity to the fire station because last year they worried about all of the electrical cords strung across the lawn and people walking across those. He stated last year the parents left with their children right after they sang and no one stayed because it was so cold. Micheal said he talked with the Fire Chief and asked if they could use the first bay of the fire station for Santa and the hot chocolate. He said they would set up chairs in the back parking lot and they have purchased some propane heaters they will place in the area where the children will sing. Micheal wanted to ask the Council if they would be willing to help with the lights and getting those turned on when they have the count down for the tree lighting. He said they would need a few of them to be at certain points to help turn on the lights because they are not all connected together. Councilman Olsen asked about parking. Micheal said they have cleared the lot across from the fire station, he has met with Chief Simper and they have discussed traffic control, and they will have handicap parking at the back of the fire department. Councilman Olsen asked about getting the information out. Micheal said they have it on FaceBook, they have a sign out front, and they will have the handouts that go out to the school. Micheal said Maverik is supporting them with gift cards that will be handed out to some of the students and two with a larger dollar amount that they will gift to the two teachers. Nathan Zilles said the Chamber is also putting the event on their FaceBook page.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Micheal Davis wanted the Council to know he received a bid for new audio equipment in the Council room. He stated the company that bid on it is doing a system for the Conference Center and would be able to work on it at the same time to save travel expense money. Micheal said the bid was for \$40,000 and would include microphones in front of each Council member, a wireless microphone at the podium, and

OTHER MATTERS OR FUTURE COUNCIL MATTERS

a camera if they ever wanted to hold an electronic meeting. Councilman Kitchen asked about any ongoing maintenance costs. Micheal said he would ask about that. It was discussed that this would be a good project to use some of the ARPA funds on.

Chief Simper invited the Council members to check out the new photo wall they have with members of the police department. He said now that everyone has finished the academy and been sworn in, they wanted to get that updated. He also reported their case numbers have surpassed the numbers for the last two years.

Councilman Long asked Szeth if the road department was ready for the snow season. He stated they are fully stocked with salt and sand and should be ready to go. Councilman Hall asked about the sidewalk repairs. Szeth said the weather turned cold quicker than was expected and they might not be able to finish all of the repairs until next Spring.

It was noted that the employee Christmas party will be on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Center.

With no other business before the Council, Robert Hall **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned by all voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____