**Minutes of Regular Meeting August 12, 2024**

**Naples City Council 6:30 p.m.**

**Present: Mayor Bryan Tefteller, Councilmembers Sally Buford, Tim Thornburgh, Susan Laake, City Secretary Alyssa Browning, Water Supervisor Arrique Bernard, Police Chief Joshua Franz, Citizens Ronnie Page, Betty Mills, Grace Martin, David Betts, Jimmie Byrd, Randy Wilkerson, Scottie Douglas and Michaele Delveaux.**

**1. Call the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Sally Buford opened with prayer.**

**2. Mayor's Report- Mayor Tefteller informed the Council that boring crews around town have been hitting water lines and causing a lot of issues for the Water Department.**

**3. Approve Consent Items- Councilman Tim Thornburgh made a motion to approve all consent items. Councilwoman Susan Laake seconded. Motion carried.**

**4. Comment Time-Agenda Only- No comments.**

**5. Discuss and/or take action on proposed tax rate- After a brief discussion Councilman Tim Thornburgh made a motion to stay at the 2023 tax rate of 0.462172 and not go to the No New Revenue rate of 0.447150 or the VAR of 0.470221. Councilwoman Susan Laake seconded. Motion carried.**

**6. Discuss and/or take action on pay for full time police officer- Police Chief Franz is present and wants to discuss hiring a full time officer and a part time officer (under 20 hours). The Council discussed how we need a pay scale when hiring police officers depending on their experience. Councilman Tim Thornburgh made a motion to table until we can figure out a pay scale for police officers. Councilwoman Susan Laake seconded. Motion tabled.**

**7. Discuss and/or take action on date of Budget Workshop meeting- After a brief discussion Councilman Tim Thornburgh made a motion to set the Budget Workshop meeting Saturday, August 24th at 8 a.m. Councilwoman Sally Buford seconded. Motion carried.**

**8. Chuck Clemens, Morris County Emergency Management Coordinator is present to discuss public assistance from Fema- Chuck Clemens spoke to the Council and informed them that the County has qualified for assistance regarding the recent storm damages. He asks for the City to put together a list of any damages we have had around town due to the storms. Fire Chief Mike Dodson has already put together a list of all the fire calls they have made during the storms. No action taken.**

**9. Comment Time- Citizen Betty Mills asks the Council to speak up more so she can hear in the audience.**

**10. Adjourn- Councilwoman Susan Laake made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Sally Buford seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.**

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**Bryan Tefteller, MAYOR Alyssa Browning, City Secretary**