

Town Council Regular Meeting

October 18, 2023

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Marty Larson, Councilmembers Neil Brown, Stan Judd, Hale Robison
Absent: Grant Lundberg

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, Fire Chief William McMullin, Police Sargent Mike Wall,
Chairman John Rosenberger

Public Present: Bryan LeRoy

1. Call to Order - Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

- a. Councilman Stan Judd gave the opening prayer
- b. Councilman Neil Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2023

- a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for September 20, 2023. Councilman Stan Judd **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Absent
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison – Yes

3. Approval of Expenditures

- a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of four hundred seventy-seven thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars and twelve cents (\$477,148.12). Councilman Hale Robison **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Absent
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

4. Approval of Work Orders

- a. There were no work orders for approval

5. Commission and Staff Reports

- a. **Police Report – Sargent Mike Wall** – 10 Citations were given with five of those citations being speeding tickets. He stated that they have worked on some of the areas in town where speeding is a problem.
- b. **Code Enforcement Report – Manny Escoto** – Mr. Escoto was excused from the meeting as he had a prior commitment.
- c. **Fire Chief Report- Chief William McMullin** – Reported that they had not received the AFG fire grant and wanted permission to hire the grant writer again. The council told him that as long as it was \$500 or less could just be approved by Councilman Brown who is over the fire department. They had another fire at the salvage yard, he would like the city to put in a fire hydrant there closer to the salvage yard. Ms. Thomas stated that Chris Steele the public Works Director had run into some problem with just putting one in as there was some issues with the water line being too small. Councilman Robison said that he would get with Chris and discuss the issue and see what really would need to happen.

- d. **Planning Commission Chairman** – Chairman John Rosenberger reviewed the agenda items from their last meeting. He told the council that at this time they are not planning on removing any roads from the proposed road map. Because of this decision they have decided to wait to bring the proposed map before the council and just wait until such time that the Town General Plan would need to be reviewed anyway.

PUBLIC FORUM –

6. Discussion and possible regarding an amendment to the American Tower Agreement with Councilman Brown

- a. Councilman Brown reported that he had received their proposed amendment to the contract and between himself and the City Attorney they had redlined much of the contract. He felt that much of the amendment went against what they had already agreed too, and that there was too many contradiction. He said that he hoped to have a cleaner contract able to be discussed in the near future.
- b. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

7. Discussion and possible action on a MOU with the County to provide mutual aid for EMS and Fire with Chief McMullin.

- a. The Council discussed that this contract is really a benefit for Genola and that there wasn't any room for Genola to be making any changes. City Attorney Josh Nielsen wasn't in attendance at this meeting. Chief McMullin stated that this is the first update since 1998 and that he feels comfortable with the contract.
- b. Councilman Neil Brown made a **motion** to approve having the Mayor signing contract contingent to the City Attorney being comfortable with the contract as written. Councilman Stan Judd **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Absent
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

8. Discussion on the plan to spend our ARPA funds

- a. The council discussed that these funds would need to be spent before the end of 2024, and that they didn't know when the payment deadline would be for the fire truck that the town had order. Due to this they decided that the Town should spend the money on the new plow truck that is coming in the next couple of weeks. They felt that the plow truck qualified as it was definitely tied to public safety.
- b. Councilman Neil Brown made a **motion** to spend the money on the new plow truck. Councilman Stan Judd **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Absent
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

9. Discussion and possible action on a modification for addition services for JUB to perform a field survey on 800 E.

- a. The council discussed that as they are ready to for the whole process to be completed and didn't feel like fighting with JUB would be effective they would simply pay the bill.
- b. As this total is \$500 there was no action on this agenda item and Mayor Larson instructed the office staff to authorize the change order.

110 **10. Discussion and possible action on the requirements for Pressurized Irrigation with Mayor**
111 **Larson.**

- 112 a. Mayor Larson reported that Strawberry Water Users are planning on changing their policy.
113 Currently the water rights stay with the land. However, Strawberry Water Users has several
114 delinquent accounts, and they intend to cancel the accounts and shares instead of leaving these
115 delinquent accounts open. This will reduce the number of shares that are available. Currently
116 the Town of Genola requires that developments bring secondary water shares, and the same is
117 required to annex into the town. There was an act in the 1920's passed that make it possible for
118 water to be unattached to the ground. That process is going to be started by Strawberry Water
119 Users and they can move the water to different water companies including other cities or to
120 Central Utah Project. Other cities won't be affected as much as the city owns all the secondary
121 water shares, but Genola doesn't do that, and each resident pays their own bills. He sees a
122 problem coming where people lose their water rights and then people are using Culinary Water to
123 water their 2 ½ acres and animals etc. This could cause serious water issues for the town going
124 forward. Mayor Larson proposed that the town ask Strawberry Highline Canal Company to pay
125 the assessments and then there are no delinquent accounts. This would make it so that when
126 people order water the Canal company would know if the bill was paid and if they can have water.
127 A common problem is that people don't realize that there are two bills that must be paid, one to
128 Strawberry Highline and one to Strawberry Water Users, the council agreed that it would be good
129 to only have to pay one bill instead of two. The council agreed that it would be good to have a
130 letter written in support of Strawberry Highline paying strawberry water users the assessments so
131 that the accounts don't get lost, and the water doesn't leave the land. They feel that this would be
132 the cleanest and easiest option for the Town, but if this doesn't work then the city will need to look
133 at other options, as they feel that losing the water would be detrimental to the Town.
- 134 b. Councilman Neil Brown made a **motion** that we encourage Strawberry Highline Canal Company
135 to pursue the option of the highline canal company pursuing the option of paying the assessment
136 of all Strawberry Water Users members to prevent the loss of water in the canal system and
137 communicate it by letter. Councilmember Hale Robison **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in
138 favor.
- 139 i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - 140 ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - 141 iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Absent
 - 142 iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - 143 v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes
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145 **11. Council Comments**

- 146 a. **Mayor Marty Larson** – Reported that wellhouse floor and walls are done, and that there is some
147 progress.
- 148 b. **Councilmember Hale Robison** – He stated that he had visited with UDOT and discussed the
149 problems with the 5 points intersection. He stated that UDOT wanted a little bit more time to think
150 on the issue and that he is scheduled to meet with them again soon. He also reported that the
151 shop building leaks, he would like to have Aaron Davenport seal the building with a fiberglass
152 top. He is planning on having him get with Chris Steele the public works director to have him give
153 us a bid on what it would take to fix the roof.
- 154 c. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg** – He was excused from the meeting
- 155 d. **Councilmember Stan Judd** – He stated that he had received some complaints from residents
156 regarding advertising signage. The council discussed that there was already some restrictions in
157 place and that they didn't feel that it needed to be addressed.
- 158 e. **Councilmember Neil Brown** – He stated that he is still waiting for an answer from the State
159 regarding natural gas and is hoping to hear soon. If the answer is yes, he is expecting to have
160 Dominion Energy out pretty quickly going door to door to have contracts signed. He reported that
161 many of the holes that are being drilled around town are bore testing for this project.
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166 **12. Motion to Adjourn**

- 167 a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hale Robison
168 **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in Favor.
169 i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
170 ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
171 iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Absent
172 iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
173 v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes
174 b. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:50pm.

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176 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston
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179 Minutes Approved on: November 15, 2023
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