

# Town Council Regular Meeting

## November 15, 2023

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

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

**Public Present:** Bryan LeRoy, Caleb Rees, Curtis Thomas

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

- a. Councilman Hale Robison gave the opening prayer.
- b. Bryan LeRoy led the Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2023**

- a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for October 18, 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 – Yes
  - 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. Two hundred and eighty thousand four hundred forty-six dollars and eight cents (\$280,446.08). 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 – Yes
  - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
  - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

**4. Approval of Work Orders**

- a. Fire Department requests funds for a Piercing Nozzle \$1625.00
- b. Chief McMullin stated that during their last structure fire they realized the need to have this especially with the older homes. The Council discussed and agreed that this was needed for the safety of the community.
- c. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the work order to purchase a Piercing Nozzle for \$1625. 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 – Yes
  - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
  - v. Councilman Hale Robison – Yes

**5. Caleb Rees our CPA will present the audit report and financials for the fiscal year 2023.**

- a. Mr. Rees reported that this year there was actually two audits performed one is the typical audit that is performed every year and the second was specific to the Tank and Well project as we had federal money that was spent and they require a separate audit. Mr. Rees felt that our financials were in good shape. He noted that he felt that the internal controls were in place, and that it was being followed appropriately. He noted that the finding of having too much money in our accounts had not been repeated, but there was a new finding of transferring too much money into our capital projects account than was accounted for in our budget. He said that he received

a response from the city and felt that it wouldn't happen again. He reminded the council that although we did transfer a large sum of money into our capital projects account much of those funds were earmarked for certain type of projects like streets and water.

## 6. Commission and Staff Reports

- a. **Police Report – Sargent Mike Wall** – He reported that there were 59 total incidents 10 citations and 5 were for speeding. 36 public generated and the remaining were officer generated. Mayor Larson asked about a trespass incident. Sargent Wall stated that DNR does have cameras out there and sometimes they get calls from them, but they do also patrol the mine area especially at night. Mayor Larson reported that he had heard from a resident that the signs up at the shooting range had been torn down. It was reported to DNR officer Cameron Stevenson, and to Chief Hurst. He did ask Sargent Wall if he had heard anything about that. He stated that he believed that the DNR is working on putting the signs back up.
- b. **Fire Chief Report- Chief William McMullin** – He reported that they had a difficult house fire on the Ewell property. The structure of the building was old and had been patched so many times, and had that it made it very difficult to fight. He reported that it was believed to be an electrical caused fire. He reported that they had 6 firefighters from Genola and additional firefighters from Payson, Santaquin, Goshen, and Rocky Ridge all there to help them fight the fire.
- c. **Planning Commission Chairman** – Chairman John Rosenberger reviewed the agenda items from their last meeting. He also reported that they will be losing a commissioner who has completed their term and asked the Mayor and council to start looking for a replacement to be put in place during their January 2024 meeting. Mayor Larson asked Chairman Rosenberger to also speak with his commission to see if they had any recommendations. Chairman Rosenberger also requested that look specifically for a female as he would like to make sure that there is some diversity in the commission. Councilman Lundberg asked about the status on the future road map. As the planning commission currently doesn't have any recommendations to delete any roads off the map and where this document is part of the General Plan which is required to be looked at and updated in 2025, the planning commission has decided to not look at it further until the General plan update. Mayor Larson asked if the Commission felt that with the proposed road map, hypothetically if there was a garage in the way, would there be a little bit of leeway to move the road 10 feet. City Attorney Josh Nielsen responded that these are guidelines and they are to be followed unless somebody could show a better option, but that the planning commission did have the authority to make small adjustments, but if it was a large deviation from the proposed plan then it would need to go before the council. He did mention that due to new regulations required by the state that this could change as they update the subdivision ordinance in the future.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – There was no one signed up for the public forum

## 7. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2023-14 recertifying the Genola Justice Court.

- a. The council discussed that this is something that is required every four years to keep the justice court valid.
- b. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to accept Resolution 2023-14 recertifying the Genola Justice Court. 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 – Yes
  - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
  - v. Councilman Hale Robison – Yes

110 **8. Discussion and possible action on the possibility of a fire hydrant to be placed at 96 S St.**  
111 **Road.**

- 112 a. The council discussed the need for this but there would need to be some changes to what was  
113 discussed during the last meeting. Councilman Robison stated that they believe that they could  
114 put it on 8<sup>th</sup> East and that should prevent the need to shut down the highway during an incident  
115 but it would still be about 500 feet away from the hydrant to the buildings. He felt that this would  
116 be better than trying to run a new line down the tracks. Chief McMullin stated that he felt that it  
117 would be adequate and requested that it would be 10-12 feet off the road. It was asked what  
118 budget this would come from and Councilman Robison stated that he felt that it would have to be  
119 water, and that he didn't feel that they could bill anyone. Chief McMullin stated that he had  
120 spoken before with the owner of the business and stated that previously he had stated that they  
121 would be willing to help cover the costs.  
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123 **9. Discussion and possible action on the need for flashing light stop signs at the 5-point**  
124 **intersection.**

- 125 a. Councilman Robison showed pictures of the new signs that UDOT has put in to warn of the  
126 upcoming 5 points stop sign. He reported that UDOT recommended that the town put on a  
127 flashing light on top of those signs. The lights on the stops are not cheap and he is asking the  
128 council how they feel about spending that kind of money on these signs. He mentioned that  
129 recently there was an accident hitting one of the town's residents.  
130 b. There was an in-depth discussion about whether the need for a flashing lighted sign justified the  
131 cost which are about \$2500 apiece.  
132 c. Councilman Lundberg asked Sargent Wall how he felt about the flashing signs and if he feels that  
133 they are effective. Sargent Wall replied that recently Santaquin City did install a couple of these  
134 signs in a problem intersection and they have seen a marked difference. He knows that they are  
135 expensive but feels that they are effective. Councilman Lundberg stated that he feels that they as  
136 a council talk a lot of the dangers of the intersection, so he feels that it is time to actually act.  
137 Councilman Brown asked if there was a need for all proposed 3 signs or if the Town could save  
138 money by installing less signs.  
139 d. Councilman Stan Judd made a **Motion** to put a flashing stop signs on center street and  
140 southbound 800 east and put yellow lights on the UDOT signs. Councilman Hale Robison  
141 **Second.**  
142 e. Mayor Marty Larson questioned if the yellow lights are battery or solar. It was clarified that they  
143 would be solar, as they didn't feel that they would be very expensive. Sargent Wall did speak up  
144 and stated that his concern is that if they only lighted two of them that people would only pay  
145 attention to two of them and completely miss the third.  
146 f. Councilman Stan Judd amended his **Motion** to put 3 flashing stop signs and not put the yellow  
147 lights on the UDOT signs. Councilman Hale Robison **Second** the motion **Passed** all in favor.  
148 i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes  
149 ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes  
150 iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes  
151 iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes  
152 v. Councilman Hale Robison – Yes  
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154 **10. Discussion and possible action on the need to purchase a Cleary building for the new**  
155 **snowplow.**

- 156 a. Councilman Robison stated that with the purchase of the new snowplow he and public works  
157 director Chris Steele feel that it is important to purchase a shed that would protect the new snow  
158 plow from the elements and hopefully preserve it to help it last longer. He has received a bid for  
159 a Cleary Building for \$60,000 to purchase and build a two bay building, the second bay could  
160 house the backhoe or the older second snow plow, and would have a little storage space.  
161 Councilman Robison stated that currently with the streets budget and the road impact fees they  
162 do have the budget to pay for this proposed building.  
163 b. Councilman Neil Brown was worried about the look of having a lot of little buildings that don't  
164 match. He would like to see that the town look at tearing down the older shop and expanding it to  
165 make it functional for all the equipment. It was pointed out that it would be a significant cost

166 difference. Councilman Brown stated that he felt strongly that the building should look like  
167 everything matched, and wasn't just thrown together. Mayor Marty Larson stated that he would  
168 like to see a cost comparison before any decisions are made. Councilman Robison stated that  
169 he didn't feel like this is something that they should rush but that they need to make sure that they  
170 make informed decisions.  
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172 **11. Discussion and possible action on a Multi-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement.**

- 173 a. This agenda item was discussed and voted on during the last meeting, and it was decided that it  
174 didn't need to be discussed further. No action was taken.  
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176 **12. Council Comments**

- 177 a. **Mayor Marty Larson** – reported that the wellhouse building is that the electric meter and conduit  
178 is scheduled to be finished soon and the fencing should be up soon. They were hopeful that the  
179 next couple of weeks to have the wellhouse finished.  
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181 b. **Councilmember Hale Robison** – He asked the council to start thinking about the possibility of  
182 putting a weight limit for trucks on our roads. There is a new gravel pit that is starting just outside  
183 our city limits, and he is worried that these big trucks will ruin some of our roads that were not  
184 built to handle that kind of weight. There were concerns about how that could limit the local  
185 farmers and it was brought out that an agricultural truck wouldn't have the same weight.  
186 Councilman Robison stated that he spoke with our at city attorney and UDOT and they both  
187 stated that the city council would be well within their right to put a weight limit on their roads to  
188 protect and preserve their roads. He is worried as they are planning on putting in a concrete  
189 plant out there and he is worried about the traffic and the weight of those trucks. Sargent Wall  
190 mentioned that the officers do not have the certified scales to be able to accurately weigh those  
191 trucks but putting a limit on axles could be a good alternative and make it much easier for the  
192 police department to enforce. Councilman Robison said that it would be easy to say local  
193 deliveries are exempt and he would get with the local fruit farmers and find out what their average  
194 trucks weighs. Mayor Larson asked that this item be put on the next meeting for further  
195 discussion.  
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197 **Councilmember Grant Lundberg** – he spoke with Kathy Banfill she was living in the home that  
198 burned down. Unfortunately, the soccer pictures were burned in the fire, but she is still planning  
199 on doing the recreation again next year.  
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- 201 c. **Councilmember Stan Judd** – he had nothing to report.  
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203 d. **Councilmember Neil Brown** – he spoke with comcast to discuss with them the possibility of  
204 providing high speed internet in Genola. He stated that several companies have been interested  
205 in putting internet here but that none of the companies have the available funds and immediate  
206 pressure to push the project forward. They are looking at possibly trying to get a grant to help  
207 pay for that expansion. Dominion Energy is not expecting to receive an answer from the Utah  
208 Public Service Commission by the end of February. Currently Dominion Energy is proceeding  
209 like everything is going to be approved but he expects that as soon as the approval is given that  
210 the project will proceed forward quickly. Mayor Larson commented that they approached  
211 Strawberry Highline Canal Company asking for maps with the pressurized irrigation lines were  
212 etc., he stated that we might need to encourage them to talk to the local residents to help prevent  
213 potential damage to secondary water lines. City Clerk Lucinda Thomas spoke up and stated that  
214 during a conversation that she had with Mr. Christensen from Dominion Energy that he informed  
215 her that this project could take longer than originally estimated just because of the sheer size of  
216 our city boundaries.  
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218 **13. Motion to Adjourn**

- 219 a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hale Robison  
220 **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in Favor.  
221 i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes

- 222                   ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes  
223                   iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes  
224                   iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes  
225                   v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes  
226           b. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30pm.

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228 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

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231 Minutes Approved on: December 13, 2023  
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