

Town Council Meeting

March 20, 2024

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Lucinda Thomas, Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, City Attorney Josh Nielsen, Chairman John Rosenberger

Public Present: Marcene Perry, Danielle Lundberg, Kate Blatter, Ali Thomas, Diana Thomas, Lauren Palfreyman, Erika Bishop, Adalyn Ray, Laurel Bishop, Anna Braithewaite, Matt Church, Sherryl Fowers, Lynn Fowers, Chad Coburn

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

- a. Dallen Thomas gave the opening prayer.
- b. Lynn Fowers led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes for February 21, 2024 and March 8, 2024

- a. Councilman Hale Robison made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for the meetings held on February 21, 2024 and March 8, 2024. Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
 - ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
 - iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
 - iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES

3. Approval of Expenditures

- a. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars and nineteen cents (\$74,392.19). Councilman Hale Robison **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
 - ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
 - iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
 - iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES

4. Approval of Work Orders

- a. Request from the Fire Department in the amount of \$3000 for Structural PPE for the Fire Department
- b. Councilman Thomas had questions about what constitutes a structural PPE set.
- c. Councilman Thomas made a **Motion** to approve the Work Order for \$3000 Structural PPE set. Councilman Robison **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
 - ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
 - iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
 - iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES

5. Commission & Staff Reports

- a. Police Chief Report – Lt. Mike Wall – Mayor Larson thanked Lt. Wall for his service.
- b. Fire Chief Report – Chief McMullin - reported that they put in the AFG grant application for the new fire truck. Brush 171 project – He reported that they received a free box from the state, but they are working on painting it and updating the truck including the lights. Mayor Larson

- 55 reminded him to look at his budget and see what he can save for the future fire truck that they will
56 need.
- 57 c. Planning Commission Report – reported on agenda items from the last planning commission
58 meeting.
- 59 d. Josh Nielsen Legal – asked the council's opinion concerning the water ordinance and how they
60 wanted to update the ordinance. The council decided that they want to fix immediately what they
61 know needs to be fixed and then continue to work on it in sections.

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63 PUBLIC FORUM –

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- 65 A- **Sherryl Fowers** – She believes that the Summit Creek Irrigation Water that floods through
66 Genola. She stated the history of Summit Creek Water. She believes that it is a man-made
67 problem because there is no natural stream.
- 68 B- **Lynn Fowers** – He believes that in previous court cases that Summit Creek Irrigation shouldn't
69 be diverting any water through Genola. He would like to see the Town force them to not do this.
70 He doesn't like that the town, Summit Creek, and Santaquin City has allowed people to fill in the
71 ditches.
- 72 C- **Mayor Larson** responded to some of the questions. He praised the help from Santaquin City in
73 seeking funding to help extend the pipeline. He reported that Summit Creek is already trying to
74 empty the ponds to make enough room for the snow melt. Last he stated that there is limited
75 options for the city as a whole to do anything where the water starts up in the mountains way
76 above the Genola City and even Santaquin City limits and it is harder to regulate those areas.
77 Mayor Larson was careful to caution that he will not be going onto private property to do things it
78 puts the Town at a liability that he not willing to take.

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80 **6. Discussion and possible action with Kate Blatter and Aliceson Thomas on collaborative**
81 **service projects and team building leadership activities for Miss Genola**

- 82 a. The Miss Genola Contestants showed the community project that they would like to do, which are
83 making mats for refugee mats. The mats are made from grocery bags and have been proven to
84 help the refugee stay off the cold ground and help keep people warmer in cold temperatures.
85 They are working with the charity organization Stitching Hearts. The council appreciated their
86 service project and told them that they would have the support of the council for what they
87 needed to complete the project.

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89 **7. Discussion and possible action on a preliminary plat for Smith Family Farms owned by the**
90 **Marcia Gay Garner Trust located at approximately 350 E Center Street Parcel #29.035.0147**

- 91 a. The Council looked over the plans and confirmed with the planning commission chair that the
92 plans had met all requirements.
- 93 b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to approve the preliminary Plat for Smith Family
94 Farms owned by the Marcia Gay Garner a trust located at approximately 350 E Center Street
95 Parcel #29.035.0147. Councilman **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 96 i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
97 ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
98 iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
99 iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
100 v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES

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102 **8. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-01 a Proposed re-zone from A-1 to R-1 for**
103 **property owned by Stuart Bagley located at 1220 Hillside Dr in Genola Parcel #29.018.0017**

- 104 a. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to approve the proposed rezone from A-1 to R-1 for
105 property owned by Stuart Bagley located at 1220 Hillside Dr in Genola Parcel #29.018.0017.
106 Councilman Curtis Thomas **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 107 i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
108 ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
109 iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
110 iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES

111 v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES
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113 **9. Discussion and possible action with Chad Coburn on the Rodeo Festivities at the town**
114 **celebration and purchase of the old snowplow truck for the purpose of making it into a water**
115 **truck.**

- 116 a. Mr. Coburn stated that he felt that they had a very productive meeting with the scouts. They
117 agreed that other vendors could come in as long as their product didn't directly compete with
118 what the scouts were offering at the rodeo.
- 119 b. **Rodeo Vendor Fee** – The Fee for Vendors at the Rodeo was discussed. It was clarified that at
120 this time that we don't have a separate vendor fee for the Rodeo and we have to follow the fee
121 schedule. It was suggested that there could be a higher fee specific to the Rodeo. It was
122 determined that it could be discussed during the next meeting as the fee schedule was not on the
123 agenda for tonight.
- 124 c. **Water Truck** – Mr. Coburn asked the council about the possibility of purchasing or being gifted
125 the old snowplow truck. He was informed that because it was city property it would need to be
126 bid on and that it would have to be published and put out there for anyone to bid and the Rope
127 Club would have the same chance as anyone else. The truck will be required to be taken off the
128 town's insurance and registration and it will become private property to the winner of the bid.
- 129 d. **Roping Chutes and leadups** – Mr. Coburn, showed a second bid for the roping chutes that they
130 are wanting to replace. It was decided that they would bring a work order during next months
131 meeting and the money will be split between the Rodeo budget and the Parks Budget.
- 132 e. **Dance** – There was much discussion on whether to include a dance during the rodeo. Many of
133 the Councilmembers were concerned about how the dance would be attended and what the
134 environment would be. They were very concerned with the opportunity that alcohol would be
135 present and how that might cause more problems than the dance would be worth. Ultimately the
136 council agreed to allow the rodeo committee to hold the dance on Saturday night, but that the
137 dance would need to be done by Midnight. Sargent Mike Wall stated that the police department
138 will do everything that they can to help at the event.

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140 **10. Discussion and possible action on the amended Verizon Cell Tower Agreement**

- 141 a. There was much discussion on the proposed agreement. Many of the councilmembers were
142 uncomfortable with extending the contract for another 25 years and locking the town in a contract
143 for so many years into the future.
- 144 b. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to deny any extensions to the current Verizon Cell
145 Tower Agreement. Councilman Hale Robison **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 146 i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
147 ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
148 iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
149 iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
150 v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES

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152 **11. Council Comments**

- 153 a. **Mayor Marty Larson** – reminded the council about the open house for Dominion Energy on
154 Monday March 25th and encouraged everyone to attend. He reported that some houses might be
155 able to served with gas by summertime.
- 156 b. **Councilmember Hale Robison** – reported that they found a contract with the gravel pit and the
157 county which states that they can't use the Genola as a truck route.
- 158 c. **Councilmember Stan Judd** – excused from the meeting
- 159 d. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg** – town celebration – Fire Department will do the fireworks
160 again, and he is appreciative of their help. They will work on what might need to happen for
161 certification. There was a proposal from someone to do Helicopter Rides for people at the Town
162 Celebration. It wouldn't be paid for by the Town it would something that people would pay for
163 themselves.
- 164 e. **Councilman Curtis Thomas** – He asked for clarification of the Town Celebration Dates which is
165 June 20-22. He asked about the propane tank for the public safety building. Chief McMullin
166 spoke up and stated that the town owns the tank and that his farm had sold it to the Town. He is

167 assuming that the farm will just buy it back. He asked if the town is planning on having natural
168 gas for all the town buildings. Mayor Larson stated that he wants that it done. He is wondering if
169 the Church of Jesus Chris talked to the Town about the new stake center that has been
170 announced. It was confirmed that the church has spoken to the town about the building permit
171 process but they have not applied yet, and that they would have to go through the same process
172 as anybody else through the planning commission.
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174 **12. Motion to go into a closed session –**

175 a. Mayor Larson made a **motion** to go into closed Session to discuss pending litigation.
176 Councilman Curtis Thomas **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

- 177 i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
- 178 ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
- 179 iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
- 180 iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
- 181 v. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES

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183 **b. The meeting then went into closed session at 9:12pm to discuss pending litigation.**
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185 **13. Motion to close the closed session**

186 a. Councilman Hale Robison made a **motion** to close the closed session. Councilman Grant
187 Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

- 188 i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
- 189 ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
- 190 iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
- 191 iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
- 192 v. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES

193 **b. The Closed session was then closed at 10:29pm**
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195 **14. Motion to Adjourn**

196 a. Councilman Curtin Thomas made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hale Robison
197 **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in Favor.

- 198 i. Mayor Marty Larson – YES
- 199 ii. Councilman Stan Judd – ABSENT
- 200 iii. Councilman Hale Robison – YES
- 201 iv. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
- 202 v. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES

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204 **b. The meeting was then adjourned at 10:30pm**
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206 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston
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209 Minutes Approved on: April 17, 2024
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Lucinda Thomas City Recorder