

Town Council Meeting

April 16, 2025

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Neil Brown, Councilmembers: Grant Lundberg, Eric Hazelet, Curtis Thomas
Absent: Hale Robison

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, Planning Chairman John Rosenberger, City Attorney Josh Nielsen, Fire Chief William McMullin

Public Present: Ivy Allred, Renae Gheen, Corinne Aagard, Sam Taylor, Ace Cottle, Janel Cottle, Derek McMullin, Corey Carter

1. Call to Order – Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

- a. Councilman Grant Lundberg gave the opening prayer.
- b. Sam Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2025

- a. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for March 19, 2025. Councilman Curtis Thomas **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
 - iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
 - v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES

3. Approval of Expenditures

- a. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of eighty-nine thousand seven hundred thirty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$89,731.59). Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
 - iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
 - v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES

4. Approval of Work Orders

- a. There were no work orders for approval

5. Commission & Staff Reports

- a. **Police Chief Report** – There was no representative from police department in attendance.
- b. **Fire Chief Report** – He reported that he met with Councilman Eric Hazelet and Assistant Chief Corey Carter to go over the budget numbers for the next fiscal year. He also reported that the town will now have to prepare and budget for cancer screenings. The State will cover the first 3 years of testing but the town will then have to start covering the cost.
- c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman John Rosenberger reviewed the previous agenda items. He also introduced Commissioner Avery Fitzgerald as the new Planning Commissioner Chairman. He is stepping down due to his work requirements.

PUBLIC FORUM – Renae Gheen – She voiced her concerns about the town participating in Ranked choice voting and was opposed to the town participating in it again this election cycle.

Corinne Aagard - She spoke out against ranked choice voting and asked the bouncily to not participate in the program again this year.

6. Discussion and possible action on awarding a bid for leasing the towns surplus secondary irrigation water.

- 56 a. The council opened the four sealed bids that were received. The highest bid was for Kent Pyne
57 for the strawberry water. There were no bids for the summit creek shares.
58 b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to award the surplus water to Kent Pyne.
59 Councilman Eric Hazelet **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
60 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
61 ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
62 iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
63 iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
64 v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES
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66 **7. Discussion with Building Inspectors about building permit requirements for accessory**
67 **buildings in amending the engineering requirements.**

- 68 a. The Council had a discussion with Ryan Staheli from Staheli and Associates about the
69 requirements for building permits and the requirements for the accessory buildings. They
70 discussed the risks and liabilities that the town could assume if they continued to allow accessory
71 buildings to not be engineered. They discussed the need to add the requirements for soils
72 reports, Manual J, Gas schematics, res checks, and moving to a fully electronic system. Mr.
73 Staheli discussed how several of the items are required by the state including the res checks and
74 manual J. They discussed that Enbridge gas requires that a gas schematic be submitted and
75 approved or they will not set a meter. They discussed the costs that could be associated with
76 these requirements especially the soils report that would be added onto the property owners
77 expenses, but Mr. Staheli also talked about looking at this as an insurance policy, not a cost. The
78 asked Deputy Clerk Nikki Preston how she felt about moving to a fully electronic system and she
79 was very much in favor of it.
80 b. Mayor Brown asked that this discussion item be put on the next agenda for a more detailed
81 discussion.
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83 **8. Discussion and possible action on appointing Ace Cottle as the fire Marshall for the Town of**
84 **Genola.**

- 85 a. Councilman Eric Hazelet and Fire Chief McMullin explained the purpose of having a fire marshal
86 especially for any commercial building. They explained that having our own fire marshal helps so
87 that we don't have to contract out with other cities or businesses to fulfill these inspections. He is
88 also expecting to do yearly inspections of our commercial buildings.
89 b. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a motion to appoint Ace Cottle as the town's Fire Marshall.
90 Councilman Curtis Thomas Second and the motion Passed all in favor.
91 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
92 ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
93 iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
94 iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
95 v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES
96 c. Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston then swore in Ace Cottle.
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98 **9. Discussion on the possibility of an addition to the public works building.**

- 99 a. Mayor Brown talked about his experience in touring the Payson public works building and seeing
100 what it could really be like. They discussed the need to expand the building and possibly move it
101 to a different location to accommodate the larger needed building. He has spoke with Chris
102 Steele, and he said that he was worried about the width of the building, but because of where
103 they are currently planning on putting it there wasn't going to be another option. He stated that
104 Mr. Steele had arranged for a tour of the Payson Public Works building. Which they realize is
105 much bigger than the town could probably afford, but there were design elements that could be
106 very beneficial. Including Floor Drains, water plumbed, air compressor, Drive through access,
107 the width of the building would need to be larger to allow a wider width for the plow trucks to at
108 least 50 ft. He asked Chris what else he would like to have. Chris told Mayor that he would like to
109 have an office or two and a bathroom. He believes that many of these changes would make the
110 job safer for the employees. Mayor Brown stated that in order to accommodate the larger
111 building and/or the pull through option the building would have to be moved from it's current

location, and the suggested location would be in the empty field south of the cell towers. They discussed the way to design the building, do they hire a company that does buildings and then hire somebody to do the finish work, or do they hire somebody to build the building from the ground up. Mayor Brown wanted to have the input of the council and how they felt about the building. He wants to make sure that this building will meet all the needs not just for the immediate future, but also for the years to come. They talked about the possibility of needing a ventilation for the building, and French drains for the building. Mayor Brown said that he would start working on putting together updated needs of the building and asking Roper Buildings and Cleary Buildings for updated bids. They will discuss this again at the next meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action on appointing a Mayor Pro Tem.

- a. It was discussed and Councilman Thomas nominated Councilman Lundberg as he has had the most experience on the council. Councilman Lundberg stated that he was willing to serve.
- b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a Motion to nominate Councilman Lundberg as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Eric Hazelet Second and the motion Passed all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
 - iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
 - v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES

11. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution 2025-05 Agreement 2025-02 an interlocal agreement for Utah County to administer the 2025 Municipal Election.

- a. Mr. Nielsen explained that this is simply an agreement for the County to run the election, it sets the fees, etc. Mr. Nielsen didn't have any concerns with the agreement.
- b. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-05 an Agreement 2025-02 an interlocal agreement for Utah County to administer the 2025 Municipal Election. Councilman Curtis Thomas **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
 - iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
 - v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES

12. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-06 participating in the rank choice voting program

- a. The council felt that the residents didn't really understand the program, and that they are against the ranked choice voting system. They would like to have the residents confident in the election results.
- b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to not approve Resolution 2025-06 participating in ranked choice voting. Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
 - iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
 - v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES

13. Discussion and possible action on fast cast vote for early voting in the 2025 election.

- a. Mayor Brown read the proposal and he felt that it would be a lot of hassle that wasn't needed. He expected that it would be an additional cost. They felt that the election process was already enough. The council decided that this was not in the best interest of the town and would not be taking any action on this agenda item.

14. Discussion and possible action on an impact fee review study.

- a. It was reported that the last impact fee study was at least back in 2008. Mayor Brown stated that as long as nobody contests them that it really doesn't matter, and if your impact fees are relatively

low then people are unlikely to contest them. He stated that he talked to MAG who no longer does the studies, but they recommended another company who does them and they will defend them if they are contested, however, he stated they are expensive roughly \$20,000.00. This is not something that can be done in house as we do not have the expertise to do them. Councilman Thomas asked if they are covering the town's needs, and Mayor Brown stated that we wouldn't know without the study. The purpose of the impact fees is that when someone moves in they put pressure on the town's systems. These impact fees are meant to be used to help cover the costs to continue the needed improvements that more use brings. Parks and Water are easy to quantify however the roads are much more difficult. The money has to be used to cover the impact of growth. Each impact fee is supposed to be designated as what it is to be used for, and the town is also supposed to have a facilities plan. Mayor Brown stated that there was a contest in 2003, and the town did have to refund the impact fees. Attorney Josh Nielsen stated that in the next week he will be attending a Municipal attorney conference, and this exact topic will be on the agenda. Mayor Brown asked him to come back to the next meeting ready to report on what he learned. Councilman Lundberg stated that this is something that we need to take seriously and start working on that.

15. Council Comments

- a. **Mayor Neil Brown** – He is meeting with a company that has been contracted by the state of Utah to do a security analysis specifically about the water system. They will even be scrutinizing the billing system, and if they find any shortcomings to provide free of charge systems to secure them. He said that he would report and the outcome of the meeting next month.
- b. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg** – he stated that he has already talked to Lucinda about the changes that he is requesting. He reported that he asked Staker Parson for more money this year, and the Town Celebration will have to cover an additional cost to help cover the costs as the costs of the fireworks have gone up a lot. They are going to do the helicopter flights again. He gave an update on the Easter Egg Hunt,
- c. **Councilmember Curtis Thomas** – He didn't have anything to report.
- d. **Councilmember Hale Robison** – he excused from the meeting
- e. **Councilmember Eric Hazelet** – He is working on the budget with Chief McMullin for the coming year.

16. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn. Councilman Eric Hazelet **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – YES
 - iii. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iv. Councilmember Hale Robison – ABSENT
 - v. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – YES

b. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:47 pm

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

Minutes Approved on: May 21, 2025

Lucinda Thomas
Lucinda Thomas City Recorder