

Town Council Meeting

July 16, 2025

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Lucinda Thomas, Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, Planning Chairman Avery Fitzgerald, City Attorney Josh Nielsen, Chief Rod Hurst

Public Present: Norm Beagley, Joel Bishop, Laurel Bishop, Erika Bishop, Katie Taylor, Ivy Allred, Corinne Aagard, Spencer Foster

1. Call to Order – Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

- a. Norm Beagley gave the opening prayer.
- b. Joel Bishop led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2025

- a. Councilman Brenan Jackson made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for June 18, 2025. Councilman Eric Hazelet **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
 - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

3. Approval of expenditures totaling seventy-one thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars and seventy-one cents (\$71,667.71).

- a. Councilman Jackson had a few questions regarding a couple of expenditures, and they were explained to him.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures for Seventy-one thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars and seventy-one cents. Councilman Eric Hazelet **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
 - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

4. Approval of Work Orders

- a. There were no work orders to review.

5. Commission & Staff Reports

- a. **Police Chief Report** – Chief Hurst reviewed the case number stats from the previous month. They discussed the request to watch the speeding on Main Street. He reported that they have placed a speed trailer on North Main Street. He stated that they would leave the trailer for a specific number of days. He stated that when they received the data he would report it to the Mayor and Council and then they can determine if other speed controlling options need to be addressed.
- b. **Fire Chief Report** – Councilman Eric Hazelet represented the Fire Department and stated that the wildland engine has arrived and they are now working on outfitting the apparatus.
- c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Fitzgerald reported on the agenda items from their meeting held earlier this month.

6. Erika Bishop was crowned Miss Genola in May will report on her service project.

- 55 a. Miss Genola Erike Bishop reported on the service project that she did. She reached out to the
56 Autism Council of Utah and they helped make their PECS (Picture exchange communication
57 system) kits. These kits are used by police officers to help kids who are non verbal be able to
58 communicate. She stated that they did this during Genola Days and they had a few people from
59 the community who volunteered to help put these kits together.

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61 **PUBLIC FORUM –**

62 **Norm Beagley** – He stated that he knows that he works at the pleasure of the mayor, and if that
63 is ever needed to change that you can simply ask for his resignation and he would be happy to do
64 so immediately. He stated that we live in a representative democracy and where those who are
65 appointed or elected represent the people. This is not that they represent what we ought to be or
66 what our moral tenants or convictions should be, it is what they are. He believes that we need to
67 update the ordinance to require that all septic systems must be contained to their own parcels as
68 well as how many there can be on one lot. It doesn't feel that it would be fair to have a lot that
69 had multiple septic systems. He asked that the council ask the planning commission to
70 immediately start looking at this problem.

71 Mayor Brown stated that he would like to make some comments on this. He stated that there is a
72 development company that is wanting to put in a subdivision and they have property where septic
73 systems are not compatible. Their proposal would include pumping the septic across a proposed
74 road to a higher lot. Mayor reported that he met with the developers and the County Health
75 Department about this proposal. He reported that he was excited to learn that the Health
76 Department was eager to support the town. He stated that it was clearly communicated to the
77 developer that crossing the public roads would not be allowed. He stated that we have clear
78 controls on crossing our roads but crossing into other properties that could be an area of concern.
79 But it is something that he feels that the planning commission should start looking into right away.

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81 **Laurel Bishop** – She asked for a change to the speed limit on the north end of Main Street from
82 40 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. She stated that several years ago she asked for the
83 change, and she was told that it wasn't needed because there wasn't a high population in that
84 area, but now there has been an increase in population in that area especially and she would now
85 like to see it changed. She would also like to see a 4-way stop at 1600 North Main Street. She
86 doesn't feel like it is safe in that area.

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88 **Corinne Aagard** – She asked that they don't approve the proposed changes to the building
89 permit ordinance. She feels like it isn't the job of the council to protect the residents. She feels
90 that requiring all these requirements is opening the doors to just more government oversight.
91 She stated that she doesn't feel that these requirements are required by the state. She feels that
92 by requiring building permits that is what is actually opening the door to litigation not the requiring
93 of engineering to build the building. She feels like the risk of litigation is not something that we
94 should worry about because she doesn't feel like there are enough residents in Genola that would
95 even have the funds to bring a suit against the city.

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97 **Katie Taylor** – she asked that the Town Council do more about the speeding on the north end of
98 Main Street. She is asking that the council lower the speed limit from 40 miles per hour to 30
99 miles per hour. She feels like this is an added security for our kids. She isn't sure that she
100 agrees with a proposed 4-way stop but lowering the speed limit she feels would do a lot to help
101 protect that area. She stated that she does have a severely handicapped son who is non-verbal,
102 and she feels like having a slower speed limit can help protect him and the other kids in the area.
103 Councilman Jackson asked if they knew exactly where it turns from 30 MPH to 40 MPH Mayor
104 Larson responded that he was pretty sure that it turned at 800 north going north on main street.

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106 **7. Discussion on possible action on awarding the RFP for the new public works building.**

- 107 a. The council received 4 different bids with a varied price range. The council discussed that they
108 do not have to take the lowest bid if the council did not feel that the bids were complete. The
109 council dropped the lowest bid as it didn't include all requirements of the RFP. After discussion
110 the council was leaning more to the bidder WPA as they have built similar buildings in the

southern Utah County area. Mr. Norm Beagley, the Santaquin City Manager, was present, and he works for a neighboring community who has used WPA in the past. He reported that although they are not perfect, he didn't have any major complaints about the company and that the buildings that they have built for Santaquin City have all turned out well. They discussed the different bids and the difference between them as well as the completeness of their bids. They compared costs and compared septic options. The council felt that WPA best fit the needs of what the Town needed.

- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to accept the WPA Architecture submission for the design of the new public works building. Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
 - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

8. Discussion with Spencer Foster from Mt. Land Association of Governments about the government Data Privacy Act.

- a. Mr. Foster introduced himself as stated that he specifically works with MAG as a LAA (local administrative advisor), and that they are here to help communities like ours. He is going around to all the local communities to give this presentation to make sure that everyone understands what the new Utah State data privacy laws are and what communities need to do to comply with these laws. He went through a slide show presentation explaining the details of what the Town will be required to have in their Privacy Policy. He stated that full compliance needs to be met by 2027 which means that we need to have a program that is progressing, and that we need to fill out the privacy report, which isn't even subject to GRAMMA laws. We need to have it ready in case the office of Data Privacy Requests it. He stated that we needed to appoint a CAO and a records officer, typically this is your Mayor and Recorder. He reported that we will need to show how much of our staff is trained, he will send over the video link that will meet this requirement. He says that there will be more requirements each year and they will let us know what needs to be done. He talked about making sure that we only collect the data that we need too. He said that if we had any questions or need help filling anything out to let him know and that he would be happy to help us out. City Attorney Josh Nielsen asked how we are supposed to appoint your officers because the code didn't specify, Mr. Foster stated that they recommend that it is done by Resolution. Mayor Brown asked Mr. Nielsen to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

9. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation from the planning commission amending chapter 8 of the Subdivision Ordinance, updating the cul-de-sac requirements and removing the Development Review Committee.

- a. This is Ordinance 2025-07. They discussed that because a separate ordinance had already been created for the Development Review Committee and clarifications for cul-de-sac frontage requirements. Councilman Hazelet wanted to make sure that the turn around would still be large enough for the fire trucks. It was clarified that they turn around width has also been increased to 125 feet.
- b. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2025-07 in amending Chapter 8 the subdivision ordinance. Mayor Neil Brown **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
 - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

10. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-13 to approve Agreement 2025-08 regarding Santaquin Genola Court Interlocal agreement for judicial administration with Santaquin City.

- a. The old contract was very old and this is an update with new fees.

- 167 b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-13 to approve Agreement 2025-
168 08. Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
169 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
170 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
171 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
172 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
173 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
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175 **11. Discussion and possible action on resolution 2025-14 Recreation Grant Agreement 2025-09**
176 **between Utah County and the Town of Genola in the amount of \$5000.00**

- 177 a. This is a new agreement, but we aren't sure how often we will be able to get it. They stated that
178 this is a straight forward agreement.
179 b. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-14 to approve a recreation
180 Grant Agreement 2025-09 between Utah County and Town of Genola in the amount of \$5000.00.
181 Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
182 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
183 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
184 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
185 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
186 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
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188 **12. Council Comments**

- 189 a. **Mayor Neil Brown** – he reported that he was able to lower bills that were originally divided
190 evenly between all municipalities not considering population. They were able to successfully
191 have those bills changed to pay proportionately based on population. He asked everyone to
192 make sure that when they are in meetings and these things are discussed that they dividing costs
193 based on usage/population not just divide equally.
194 b. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg – excused from the meeting**
195 c. **Councilmember Curtis Thomas – excused from the meeting**
196 d. **Councilmember Eric Hazelet** – he didn't have anything to discuss
197 e. **Councilmember Brenan Jackson** – he didn't have anything to discuss but it was suggested that
198 he make arrangement to go tour some of the other facilities in neighboring communities so he
199 has a better idea of what the new building might need and look like.
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201 **13. Motion to Adjourn**

- 202 a. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a Motion to adjourn. Councilman Brenan Jackson Second and
203 the motion passed all in favor.
204 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
205 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – absent
206 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
207 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
208 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
209 b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm
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212 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston
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215 Minutes Approved on: August 20, 2025
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Lucinda Thomas City Recorder