

# Town Council Meeting

## September 17, 2025

**Elected Officials Present:** Mayor Neil Brown, Councilmembers: Eric Hazelet, Brenan Jackson, 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:** Mindi Rose,

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Neil Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
    - a. Councilman Curtis Thomas gave the opening prayer.
    - b. Mayor Neil Brown led the pledge of allegiance.
  2. **Approval of Expenditures totaling forty thousand, one hundred and one dollars and seventy-three cents (\$40,101.73).**
    - a. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures as listed. Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
      - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
      - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
      - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
      - iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
      - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES
  3. **Approval of Work Orders**
    - a. There were no work orders to review.
  4. **Commission & Staff Reports**
    - a. **Police Chief Report** – Chief Hurst reviewed the CAD stats from the past month.
    - b. **Fire Chief Report** – he is hoping to receive the updated MOU from the state and hope that the council will be able to address that in October. He talked about the mitigation efforts that the department had taken care of to meet some of the state requirements. He asked about a public safety google calendar. Clerk Thomas stated that she was pretty sure that they already had one, but that it hadn't been updated or used regularly. She stated that she will resend it, and we will try to keep it updated. Councilman Thomas had questions regarding how wide of an area they go for mutual aid. It was explained that the mutual aid agreement is for everyone, and that they take whatever equipment is requested.
    - c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Avery Fitzgerald reviewed the agenda items from their last meeting.
- PUBLIC FORUM** – there was no one signed up for the public forum
5. **Discussion and possible action with Mindi Rose on removing the posts at the cemetery**
    - a. She is requesting that those posts are removed. She mentioned that she feels that she and her niece are good drivers and this is the only accident that she has had. She stated that she had spoken with one of the city workers and he explained that the posts are there to keep people from driving on the grass. She stated that she has frequented other cemetery and feels that this is not a common method, but instead it is inset more. She feels that people who are at the cemetery are grieving at that should be the focus, not on a pole. She thinks that something should be more rounded and not as square. Councilman Thomas brought up that there might be a sprinkler head in the corner and that post might be there to protect the sprinkler as well. The council stated that they appreciated that it was brought to their attention, and they will talk to the public works and see what if anything can be done. Councilman Hazelet, asked Clerk Thomas is the cemetery plots were GPS'd all the way to the edge, she responded that she didn't know the answer to that

question. They talked about maybe needing to push the road out a little further to keep people away from the edge. He mentioned that due to the history of the people driving on the grass he is opposed to taking out the poles all together but thinks that we should work together with public works to see what can be done.

**6. Discussion and possible action on a rezone recommended by the Planning Commission for M. Lyman Family Properties, to consider a proposed zone change from A-1 Agricultural to the R-1 Residential Zone for the property located at approximately 963 N Main Street in Genola Parcel #29.017.0002.**

- a. Mayor Brown mentioned that the planning commission recommended this planning commission, but he has some concerns with rezoning the whole 120-acre parcel where some of the land is very wet and he doesn't feel that it would be able to be developed, and he has concerns with the Town rezoning that R-1. He would rather just rezone the front portion of the parcel to about 800 feet, where they are hoping to subdivide into a couple of lots and leave the remainder piece A-1 Agricultural. City Attorney Josh Nielsen stated that any zone changes request needs to be approved by ordinance. He wants to clarify that they would need to amend the ordinance to show the meets and bounds of that proposal and it would need to be contingent upon the applicant submitting a new description of the partial parcel.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2025-07 a partial rezone of Parcel #29.017.0002, owned by M. Lyman Family Properties from A-1 Agriculture to R-1 Residential. The area to be rezoned will be on the east from the parcel bordering Main Street to the West for 800 feet. And this is contingent upon the applicant filing an amended application giving the meets and bounds description of the land. Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
  - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
  - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
  - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
  - iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
  - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

**7. Discussion and possible action on a continuance for a solution to keep the safety of the parking stalls in the southeast corner of the park.**

- a. Mayor Brown stated that this discussion had been continued from last time, so that everyone could go and look at the area in question. Councilman Jackson stated that he had thought about putting up a couple of concrete barriers and now he thinks that isn't the right idea. He is not in favor of the poles he thinks that will cause more problems and damage and instead giving up a stall or two and instead putting up a retaining wall to help push the traffic up towards the road. He asked if UDOT or MAG could help us get some assistance to help us make a more informed decision. Mayor Brown thought that maybe we could get some help through MAG to help us out. Councilman Hazelet stated that he is comfortable with giving up a stall but feels that the barrier would need to be a little larger than a curbing, because he feels big trucks would just drive over it. Councilman Lundberg stated that he isn't opposed to it but feels like we might be jumping the gun a bit. He asked if this kind of situation has ever happened before and feels like getting some professionals advise from outside sources could be helpful, he doesn't love the idea of the council making decisions based on only one event. He's worried that they will try to solve that problem only to make a bigger problem in the future. They talked about the possibly of just removing the parking at the spots, or moving the stop sign and adding striping so that it would become more clear as to where that road lines are to be. They decided to have Mayor Brown talk to MAG to see what kind of help is available and discuss this again at a future meeting.

**8. Council Comments**

- a. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg** – he didn't have anything else to be addressed
- b. **Councilmember Curtis Thomas** – he asked for clarification on council dates in the month of December.
- c. **Councilmember Eric Hazelet** – he didn't have anything else to be discussed at this time.

- 111 d. **Councilmember Brenan Jackson** – He had a couple of questions for Chief McMullin and he  
112 wondered how the mutual aid program works and who has command and who has gets the  
113 money for the fighting of those fires. Chief McMullin stated that depending on who's land it is will  
114 usually take over Incident Command, but at first it will be who is there first. But the town will be  
115 paid for the apparatus and personnel that are on the fire for however long they are on the fire.
- 116 e. **Mayor Neil Brown** – There was a resident Douglas Aagard who has painted a large and  
117 beautiful painting and has offered it to the Town to beautify the public safety room used for the  
118 town meetings. It is a painting by Jolene and Mark Larson bailing hay. Mayor Brown loved the  
119 idea, but he would like to have confirmation from Mark and Jolene that they would be OK with  
120 having their image on the wall and would like the council's OK to put it up. The council was OK  
121 with it, and they were appreciative to the Aagard's for donating it to the town. He had a meeting  
122 with the concerns citizens group meeting about gravel pits and the dust. He confirmed that at the  
123 October Town Council meeting will have Daron Owens, our state Senator, Stephanie Grecious,  
124 who is one of our state representatives, will be in attendance. Mayor Brown has been on the  
125 phone with the director of Environmental Quality, and he is sending down 2 representatives, one  
126 runs the program dealing with gravel pits, he reported that they did test a week ago, and they  
127 were in violation and were given 24 hours to fix it. He pressed them on having permanent testing  
128 and he said that he was told of a couple of issues with that. The most common time of violation is  
129 about 7am in the morning and their testing equipment doesn't work at that time of day, and the  
130 laser equipment that they use to test tests the opacity of visibility of the air, and if there isn't  
131 adequate light it won't work. He stated that to have a permanent testing station, there must be  
132 consistent nonconformity that they can prove, or the owner must agree. He stated that this  
133 director was not opposed to pressing the legislature to change the law so that we can have  
134 permanent testing sites. He stated that during the next meeting, they will all be there and they  
135 will have several speakers there to speak about different topics, including health concerns,  
136 agricultural concerns, and traffic concerns. He stated that if any of the council members would  
137 like to speak at that meeting, they are welcome to prepare some remarks. He stated that he  
138 doesn't expect to have any other agenda items at this meeting. Councilman Thomas stated that  
139 he would caution the council members to be judicial with their language to make sure that it  
140 doesn't come as we are causing defamation to the gravel pits, but that we get our points across  
141 as citizens of the community not necessarily as representatives of the town. Councilman Grant  
142 Lundberg stated that there were air quality monitors out there and wondered if it would be good  
143 for the town to purchase one for the Town to have more data. Chief McMullin who is a fruit  
144 farmer, stated that he already has one at his house, but Mayor Brown stated that the problem is  
145 that keeping track of particulate matter unfortunately doesn't help us with keeping track of  
146 whether someone is in violation of state law and they are very different things. The only thing that  
147 is actionable is the States opacity measurements. Councilman Lundberg stated that he realized  
148 that, but he wonders if us keeping track of that particulate matter might be helpful as we petition  
149 for changes is the states way that they regulate these pits. Mayor Brown stated that the  
150 representatives from the States of Environmental Quality are supposed to arrive 1 hour early, and  
151 he will take them on a tour and show them where the other pits are that the county has approved  
152 of and where other pits are that are currently in existence and show them the concerns that the  
153 residents currently have. He is encouraged by the community's participation and response.  
154 He reported that MAG (Mountainland Association of Governments) and any money whether state  
155 of federal has to be planned through MAG. He stated that they have a planning cycle every 4  
156 years, and the current cycle is just beginning. He reported that he had a meeting with them  
157 yesterday, and they are looking at different projects including 30-year plans. He would like to see  
158 where they plan on taking the highway over from the west side through Genola to connect to I-15  
159 so that the Town plans appropriately and 30 years later we don't have to see how to pay for  
160 removing houses.

## 161 9. **Motion to Adjourn**

- 162 a. Councilman Brenan Jackson made a **Motion** to adjourn. Councilman Eric Hazelet **Second** and  
163 the motion **Passed** all in favor.  
164 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES  
165 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES  
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- 167                   iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES  
168                   iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
169                   v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES  
170            b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

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173 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

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176 Minutes Approved on: October 15, 2025

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Lucinda Thomas

Lucinda Thomas City Recorder