

1 Town Council Meeting

2 August 20, 2025

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

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

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11 **Public Present:** C. Dale Steele, Cindy Steele, Lynn Fowers, Sherryl Fowers, Chris McMullin, Nick Childs,
12 Malory Callway, Cody Christensen, Jaida Renzello, Merrill Chatwin, Nancy Balzy, Greg Balzly, Sam
13 Henstra, LeighAnn Zonner, Katie Taylor, Erika Bishop, Laurel Bishop, Joel Bishop, Corinne Aagard

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15 1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- 16 a. Councilman Brenan Jackson gave the opening prayer.
- 17 b. Mayor Neil Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

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19 2. **Approval of Minutes for July 16, 2025**

20 a. Councilman Brenan Jackson made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for July 16, 2025.

21 Councilman Eric Hazelet **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

- 22 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
- 23 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
- 24 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
- 25 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
- 26 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

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28 3. **Approval of Expenditures totaling fifty-two thousand seven hundred thirty-six dollars and
29 ninety-seven cents. (\$52,736.97).**

30 a. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a Motion to approve the expenditures as listed. Councilman
31 Grant Lundberg Second and the motion Passed all in favor.

- 32 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
- 33 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
- 34 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
- 35 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
- 36 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

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38 4. **Approval of Work Orders**

39 a. There were no work orders to review.

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41 5. **Commission & Staff Reports**

42 a. **Police Chief Report** – Chief Hurst reviewed the CAD stats from the past month.

43 b. **Fire Chief Report** – He reported that he had been paid by the County and Feds for those fires.

44 He reported that they are close to getting the new brush truck into service. They had to replace
45 the front and back windows, and because it failed inspection, they had to replace a tire and back
46 brakes. They are working on getting it up to shape to have it ready for service.

47 c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Avery Fitzgerald reviewed the agenda items from
48 their last meeting.

50 **PUBLIC FORUM –**

51 **Corinne Aagard** – She came to speak against the proposed building permit requirements amendment
52 changes. She stated that she has been told that she's blowing this whole thing out of proportion, but she
53 feels that it is important that everyone who could be affected is involved in the discussion. She said that
54 she has signatures with people who are against these proposed changes. She has 21 signatures. She
55 said that she will not be giving the petition to the town for fear of retribution, but she would be happy to

56 show the council those signatures. She feels that it is important to have the government out of her rights,
57 and she feels that government oversight is already out of control. She said that she moved to Genola
58 because she felt that this would be a place where government would stay small and wouldn't be getting
59 into her business.

60 Mayor Brown responded as a point of information. The building inspector has presented to the town that
61 there would be some value in adopting some additional requirements, the council has yet to vote on it.
62 The planning commission has approved a proposed amendment, but until the building inspector comes to
63 the meeting and explains the changes and the applicable laws he will not have it on the agenda. He
64 doesn't want the council to rush into this, and they want to make sure that there is a level of comfort with
65 these proposed changes.

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67 **6. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2025-15 appointing the Mayor and City
68 Clerk as the Privacy Officers.**

69 a. Mayor Brown explained that the State legislature passed some privacy legislation that applies to
70 municipalities, and this is a formality to meet some of those requirements. It was stated that our
71 Town already has a privacy policy in place.

72 b. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 appointing the Mayor
73 and City Clerk as Privacy Officers. Councilman Grant Lundberg Second and the motion Passed
74 all in favor.

75 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
76 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
77 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
78 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
79 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

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81 **7. Discussion and possible action with Mindi Rose on removing the posts at the cemetery.**

82 a. Mindi Rose was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to hear and
83 understand her concerns but where she is not available, he would like to postpone this discussion
84 until she is available to be in attendance.

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86 **8. Discussion and possible action on a solution to keep the safety of the parking stalls in the
87 southeast corner of the park.**

88 a. Councilman Hazelet discussed an accident that occurred at the southeast corner of the park in
89 the parking stalls where a semi-truck ran into a parked minivan. He stated that he has come with
90 some drawings and some possible changes that they could do to try to mitigate these problems.
91 He showed pictures of the accident and showed how this semi ran into a parked in the east side
92 parking stalls of the park. It was noted that he had several concerns about this accident, one
93 being the safety of the cars that are parked there the possibility of having these problems during
94 other times of days like during soccer games or baseball games and the possibility of kids or
95 people being. The accident occurred on July 15th, he proposing to put in a six-inch liners filled
96 with concrete to help protect those parking stalls. He worried about protecting the veteran's
97 monument as well. It was discussed that it is hard to restrict these types of vehicles because
98 they are public roads and they are public as well. He stated that he has spoken with the owner of
99 the CMC pit and his trucks are now given instructions to slow down through town. Mayor Brown
100 says that he feels like the CMC trucks have slowed down but that isn't every truck that comes
101 from that pit. He also stated that the police department have set up the speed trailers on main
102 street, and we have received the first set of data just not the second set and that should come
103 within the next. Mayor Brown reported that the police department is trying hard to discourage
104 speeding on Main Street. It was asked if we could at least restrict the trucks during school pick
105 up times, and it was reiterated that we cannot restrict the trucks from using the roads. These
106 gravel pits are controlled by Utah County because they are not in our city limits. Mayor reported
107 that he has spoken with the county about the quality of our roads and being able to handle the
108 weight of these trucks, and after talking with them and attorneys it was confirmed that the town
109 can't limit where the trucks drive, even if it is breaking down our roads. A question was asked if
110 we can create a route that they have to take, and the answer is yes, but we don't have one and
111 we don't have a good option. He stated that there are only two roads that are completed to go

112 north south, there is main street and 800 east. He feels that 800 east would be more dangerous
113 because there are more homes and they are closer to the roads that the homes on Main Street.
114 In 2017 the state legislature passed laws made it really hard for municipalities to control gravel
115 pits.

116 b. Mr. Zonner the owner of the car stated that they still haven't received any compensation for the
117 damaged vehicle and they are working with their insurance company. The accident occurred on
118 July 15th around 1:30 in the afternoon.

119 c. Councilman Brennan Jackson asked if he could have some time to look at the site and see if he
120 sees other options or ideas and to make sure that he is very familiar with the situation. He
121 thought about instead of putting in some of the concrete barriers that are moveable, but set those
122 up to just protect the entrance instead of putting in all the parking stalls, as he sees that those
123 could cause another problem when a big truck like a dually, etc. has its mirrors hit on the
124 delineators. Councilman Lundberg stated that he is worried about making sure that we don't hurt
125 our farmers. He's worried about narrowing that roadway so that the milk trucks can't come
126 through, or for a hay truck, or farm equipment won't fit. He would like to see us maybe instead
127 give up a parking spot and use the barriers there, so that we can protect the other parking spots
128 and the monument. He wants to make sure that the council is doing things not to detour the
129 trucks but to make sure that the place is safe. He's worried that if we are doing it for the wrong
130 reason, it could cause a legal issue. Mayor Brown wants us to make sure that we don't cause an
131 issue for even just regular sized vehicles.

132 d. The council decided that it would be most beneficial to continue this discussion next time and
133 allow all the council members to really look at the site and come back with good options to help
134 protect the park.

136 **9. Discussion and possible action with a group of residents about the dust that comes from the
137 Maverik Gravel pit on the southeast side of Genola.**

138 a. Dale Steele spoke for the group. He presented information about how dust doesn't just affect our
139 crops, but it affects our health, our roads, and he feels that Utah HB355 has stripped us of our
140 rights and our ability to regulate these pits, but the lack of concern from these companies and
141 from the legislature is disturbing. He is afraid of how it will affect his children and grandchildren's
142 health when they breath all this dust. He brought a lot of research on the effects of dust and how
143 it can affect our health. He brought studies that show that we don't need any more pits than the
144 current amount we already have will fulfill our growth needs till 2060. He talked about the
145 documents from the plants themselves about the dangers from the particulates. He talked about
146 how the dust kills everything around it. He talks about how no matter what you plant you can't
147 grow anything because the dust destroys the vegetation all around. He talked about the long
148 term effects that have happened in Brigham City from their gravel pit and how it has ruined those
149 peach orchards, he is worried that with all the pits surrounding Genola we will become victim to
150 this same type of situation where the gravel pits killed off the agricultural businesses. He would
151 like us as a community to join together to fight these pits and make the legislature listen to us
152 before our community and crops are ruined by the pits. He would like the city to join in the fight.
153 He showed pictures of the dust that is coming from the Maverick Pit that he can see from his
154 house. He stated that he has heard rumors that the Maverick Pit is wanting to put in a batch plant
155 and that would be much closer to Hwy 6 and that would affect the whole town with the smell and
156 chemicals. He wants us to stand up together and fight this. He talked about how the dust mites
157 have not just affected our fruit crops, but it is also affecting our normal trees including pine trees.
158 He is asking for the support of the Town Council to help educate the community and fight against
159 allowing this to take over the community.

160 b. Mayor Brown stated that he feels this is unfortunate given how much of the Town Council
161 meeting tonight was dealing with the same issue, and how these pits and the trucks are greatly
162 affecting our community. He would like to see more of our residents getting involved and
163 complaining to the Department of Air Quality, by taking pictures and reporting when the dust is
164 bad. He also believes that if they don't respond then he would like to take that to the media to
165 make some more noise about this issue and see if they will then listen to our complaints. He
166 would also like to invite some of our state legislatures down to our next council meeting and let
167 them come and hear about what this is doing to our community. Where we can educate these

168 legislatures about the dust, and how it affects our communities, health, and crops. We can talk
169 about the roads, the traffic, and the dangers to our kids. He is hoping that if we can talk to them
170 and try to get them to champion our cause. He stated that he would try to put in the next
171 newsletter instructions on how to contact the Department of Air Quality and he would hope that
172 our residents will just fill those lines with the complaints. Councilman Grant Lundberg suggested
173 that they have a point of contact for the community group. It was determined that Dale Steele
174 would be a good head of this group, and Councilman Hazelet suggested that we don't just invite
175 the state legislators but that we also invite the County Commissioners as well for them to see the
176 outrage of the community and the outrage of them just ignoring all the problems. He would also
177 like to have us work with our adjoining communities like Santaquin, Payson, and Benjamin etc.
178 c. Sherryl Fowers was then allowed to show how the dust mites have affected her fruit and the
179 quality of the fruit that she is then allowed to sell. She talked about how much the dust has
180 affected what they are allowed to do because of FDA requirements. The FDA and USDA
181 regulators are so picky and this dust problem is creating more problems.
182 d. It was asked if there is a lobbyist that represents the coalition of small communities. It was
183 reported that there is but they decide what they want to support. Mayor Brown stated that we are
184 not the only community that has to deal with this issue and he is willing to ask for help from
185 anybody.
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187 **10. Discussion and possible action in regard to adjusting the speed limit on the northern end of
188 Main Street.**

189 a. Councilman Jackson started the discussion saying that they were responding to some concerns
190 from some of the citizens who were asking the council to look at the speed limit on the north end
191 of Main Street. He has done some research and looked at the data from the speed trailer that
192 Chief Hurst provided. He reported that the speed trailer data that was from last year showed that
193 over 63% of the people driving the road last year were driving over speed limit. This year with
194 about 3 weeks of data 82% of the people were respecting the speed limit. He is still worried
195 about the area because of the bus stops, and the major thoroughfare that it has become, he is
196 looking at ways to change behavior, to help the safety of our town. He noted that through town
197 most of the speed limits is 30 miles per hour but up on the north end of town it is higher at 40
198 miles per hour. He is recommending that the council lower the speed limit to be 30 miles per
199 hour from 800 north to 2400 north, and then if it doesn't work then they can look at other methods
200 of changing behavior like adding a speed hump or stop signs. Councilman Lundberg stated that
201 he would like to have a consistent speed limit in town and feels that this would be a positive
202 change.
203 b. Councilman Brennan Jackson made a motion to lower the speed limit from 40 miles per hour to
204 30 miles per hour from 800 north to 2400 north on Main Street. Councilman Grant Lundberg
205 Second and the motion Passed all in favor.
206 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
207 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
208 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
209 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
210 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES
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212 **11. Discussion and possible action on approve the Mayor to sign the agreement with the WPA for
213 design activities related to the public works building.**

214 a. During a previous meeting the council voted to accept the RFP for WPA for the new public works
215 building, he is just asking for permission to sign the agreement with WPA. He stated that the
216 town attorney has reviewed the agreement and was ok with it.
217 b. Councilman Brenan Jackson made a motion to give permission to Mayor Brown to sign the WPA
218 agreement. Councilman Eric Hazelet Second and the motion passed all in favor.
219 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
220 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
221 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
222 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES
223 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

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225 **12. Council Comments**

226 a. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg** – He didn't have anything to report at this time.

227 b. **Councilmember Curtis Thomas** – excused from the meeting

228 c. **Councilmember Eric Hazelet** – he reported that he received that there will be a lot of effort put
229 into to bike trails, he stated that it looks like it will tie in Hwy 6 and the highline canal trails.

230 d. **Councilmember Brenan Jackson** – He wanted to clarify, that the Mayor was going to invite our
231 county commissioners and our state senators and our state representatives. He clarified that it
232 would be Dale Steele at the contact person so that the council would know who to contact with.
233 He stated that there is a huge push for air quality at our schools and in his professional position
234 he is working with the Division of Air quality especially in situations like fire smoke and he feels
235 that dust is one of those situations as well, He said that there is a grant out there that we can get
236 an air quality monitor, that can be set up anymore on a city building and can generate real time
237 information on the quality of our air. He said that he would follow up on that and see what can be
238 done so that we as a community have good data on the situation.

239 e. **Mayor Neil Brown** – he reported that Mount Nebo Water user association had a meeting with all
240 elected officials that represent southern Utah county that included federal as well as state, and
241 county. They presented the studies of ground water and what needs to be done with it and
242 strawberry water. He felt that it was a good meeting, and he felt that it was very educational for
243 those elected officials every year so that they can keep it on their mind and not let those elected
244 officials forget about this end of the county and not just let Eagle Mountain and Lehi get all the
245 attention. He also reported that on September 16th Strawberry water will be allowed to be used
246 for non-agricultural uses including municipal and industrial and also be allowed to be moved from
247 land. Genola will have the challenge is when people move in and receive a bill from Strawberry
248 Water Users and Strawberry Highline and he is worried that people will not pay the bill or ignore
249 the bill and then we lose the water from the land. He is worried about selling the water to the
250 highest bidder and it could hurt Genola's ability to have secondary water and could then
251 aggravate the water issues and whether we will have enough culinary water because people
252 could start using the culinary water to take care of their land instead of using the secondary
253 water. He feels that at the bare minimum we need to educate the residents how secondary water
254 works. He reported that the interchange between Hwy 141 and Hwy 6 design work is done and
255 they expect that the work is to begin in May of 2026. He reported a new interchange will go in
256 North Payson and we will start to see dirt moved in in the next couple of months. They will build
257 the ramps out of dirt and then they have to let it set for two years and then they will build the
258 interchange. They will be adding two lanes, one each way from Payson to the Juab line.

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260 **13. Motion to Adjourn**

261 a. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a Motion to adjourn. Councilman Brenan Jackson Second and
262 the motion passed all in favor.

263 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES

264 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES

265 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent

266 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES

267 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

268 b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm

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270 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

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272 Minutes Approved on: September 17, 2025

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274 *Lucinda Thomas*

275 Lucinda Thomas City Recorder