

# Town Council Meeting

## October 15, 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, Chief Rod Hurst, Chief William McMullin

**Public Present:** See attached

**State Officials Present:** State Representative Stephanie Gricius, Holly Sweeten - Assistant to Representative Burgess Owens, **Jay Morris Assistant Director of Air Quality, Chad Gilsen Division of Air Quality, Chris Pennel Division of Air Quality, Zach Aanderaud Division of Air Quality**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Neil Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
  - a. Chris Laker gave the opening prayer.
  - b. Chad Coburn led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Discussion and possible action with concerned citizens from Genola and surrounding areas focusing on current and potential future operations and address concerns about dust control, as well as its short- and long-term effects on agriculture and public health and safety**
  - a. **Jaida Renzello** – She discussed the effects of the large dump trucks on our roads especially on the safety for our children at the bus stops. She expressed that the roads are not built wide enough for all these trucks to keep coming on them and is extremely concerned about the safety problems that it creates.
  - b. **Dale Steele** – He presented information showing the health hazards of the silica dust that comes from these pits. He expressed his concerns over testing and how he felt that there wasn't adequate testing. He showed how other states, especially Nevada, had stricter standards for testing. He expressed his concern over the lack of testing officials in the State of Utah. He said that it was important that we not repeat mistakes that have happened before. He is worried about these hazards and not only how they affect the elderly but also our children and how this damage could follow them their whole lives.
  - c. **Sheryl Fowers** – She showed how the dust from these quarry or gravel pits affects the fruit farmers dramatically. She taught about how hard it has become to meet the FDA guidelines with all the dust that these create and the mites that live in that dust.
  - d. **Brenan Jackson** – He spoke about how in his full-time employment with the Utah High School Sports Association. They are working with a grant from the University of Utah to get air quality monitors installed at every school. He talked about how they are using these monitors to help protect the kids from harmful irritants, but that the closest monitor to the Genola Valley is in Payson High School and wants us to work to get more monitors in our area to help us obtain real time air data. He wants to encourage everyone to support legislation to help protect our air and our lands.
  - e. **Discussion with visitors**
    - i. Mayor Brown offered time to the representatives to make comments on what they heard. Many spoke about how they will try to help but ask that the public recognize that they must work within the parameters that have been set up for them. They talked about how they learned more about how the dust affects people and crops, and how hopefully they can work with different agencies to help the community where they can. They talked about how it is important to work together as federal and state agencies and understand the legalities from both sides. They talked about how Rep Gricius would be putting forth some legislation hopefully this coming session but knows that they will need the support of the community which might include showing up at the state capital and helping to lobby other representatives to support the legislation.

55                   ii. They discussed the types of monitors used and the cost of them. They spoke about how  
56                   they don't have a choice but to use certain monitors that the state requires. Mayor Brown  
57                   then excused the visitors but asked the audience to stay.

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59                   Mayor Brown then took the time to show the audience a painting that was donated to the Town by  
60                   Douglas Aagard. It is a large painting depicting Mark and Jolene Larson longtime residents of Genola  
61                   doing farm work. He stated that they will be hanging the painting in the council room at the Public Safety  
62                   Building. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Aagard for donating it to the town.

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64                   **3. Approval of Minutes for August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

65                   a. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a Motion to approve the minutes for the August 20<sup>th</sup> and  
66                   September 17<sup>th</sup> Councilman Grant Lundberg Second and the motion Passed all in favor.  
67                   i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES  
68                   ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES  
69                   iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES  
70                   iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
71                   v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

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73                   **4. Approval of Expenditures**

74                   a. Councilman Eric Hazelet made a motion to approve the expenditures in the amount of forty  
75                   thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars and forty-one cents (\$40,826.41). Councilman Grant  
76                   Lundberg **Second** and the motion Passed all in favor.  
77                   i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES  
78                   ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES  
79                   iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES  
80                   iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
81                   v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

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83                   **5. Approval of Work Orders**

84                   a. There were no work orders to approve.

85                   **6. Commission & Staff Reports**

86                   a. **Police Chief Report** – Chief Hurst went through the case reports for the month.  
87                   b. **Fire Chief Report** – Chief McMullin reported on the checks that had been received for fires  
88                   worked outside of the jurisdiction. Mayor Brown asked Chief McMullin if there had been any  
89                   progress on the shared cost with Spanish Fork Metals for the water line on Highway 141 or state  
90                   road, he reported that he hadn't made any progress yet but will work on it. Mayor told them that  
91                   this would be the best time of year to install it, so it may now have to wait another year.  
92                   c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Fitzgerald reported on the items from the last  
93                   meeting. They talked about whether agricultural buildings needed to have building inspections or  
94                   if they should qualify for smaller lots. Mayor Brown stated that before any changes are made, he  
95                   would like to see what liability the town has for these buildings, and if there isn't liability there then  
96                   we could look at it.

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98                   **PUBLIC FORUM**

99                   **Corrine Aagard** – She keeps hearing comments about the roads, and she would like to hear  
100                   what the council feels about the smaller narrow roads and how they feel about expanding the roads as  
101                   she feels that our smaller roads help build the charm of our small town and that if we expand our roads it  
102                   would lead to faster growth which is something that she doesn't want. Mayor Brown reported that our  
103                   B&C road funds that we receive from the state have only been enough for us to maintain and not to  
104                   expand. Widening the roads right now, that only happens when developers come in and we require them  
105                   to build the roads. He reported that they haven't done anything with planning for wider roads at this time.  
106                   She doesn't like the idea of going outside for help like MAG or UDOT. Mayor Brown reported that he had  
107                   talked to someone with UDOT about parking and stated that their suggestions were not any different than  
108                   what we had come up with already. He reported that Chris Steele, the public works director has already  
109                   contracted with someone to paint the lines at a diagonal so that they fit better and they will also paint lines  
110                   behind so that everyone knows where the edge of the road is. There is also going to be a stop line that

111 will be painted as well and there will also be some parking spots that are too close to the intersection as  
112 well with no parking signs. He also stated not to move the stop sign more out to the intersection because  
113 of liability issues, but to raise it instead. It was also discussed to make sure that at the same time when  
114 these lines are painted to have the lines painted on Hwy 6 and 800 East so that cars know where their  
115 lane is.

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117 **7. Discussion and possible action regarding an amended contract with American Towers**

118 a. They discussed the proposed contract extension which ends in 2039, the council discussed the  
119 proposed changes, and the council was adamant that they don't want to lock the Town into  
120 another 15-25 years. The council decided to not accept any contract changes at this time.  
121 b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to not accept this proposed contract extension.  
122 Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.  
123 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES  
124 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES  
125 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES  
126 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
127 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

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129 **8. Discussion and possible action on the public works building floor plan**

130 a. They reviewed the proposed plans and the purposes of different parts of the building. They  
131 discussed parking changes that could happen for the Town Celebration. They are trying to  
132 determine if they need to install a hydrant. Mayor asked for formal approval from the council to  
133 move forward with this plan.  
134 b. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to move forward with this plan. Councilman Curtis  
135 Thomas **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.  
136 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES  
137 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES  
138 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES  
139 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
140 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

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142 **9. Council Comment**

143 a. Mayor Neil Brown – He stated that he spoke with Chris Steele about the cemetery. He talked  
144 about how the Public Works Director was emphatic that they don't take out the post as the  
145 cemetery plots come within 8 inches of the side of the grass and the post is there to protect the  
146 sprinkler lines as well. Mayor Brown and Councilman Hazelet were both very adamant that they  
147 make sure to protect the cemetery and keep people from driving over the graves. There is a way  
148 to put in curbing system but that would be expensive. They discussed that the posts are painted  
149 bright orange, and they don't feel that this is something that they should change at this time.  
150 b. Councilmember Grant Lundberg – he had nothing to discuss  
151 c. Councilmember Eric Hazelet – he had nothing to discuss  
152 d. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – he had nothing to discuss  
153 e. Councilmember Brenan Jackson – He is going present to the town council a proposal later about  
154 monitoring systems including a TELLUS brand which is a brand that the division of air quality  
155 brought up earlier in the meeting. He stated that we might need to add a cellular service option.  
156 He stated that he would email out the options so that the council has plenty of time to review  
157 them. He reiterated that this data wouldn't make a difference in what the division of air quality  
158 looks at but that it could help give us a voice to our representatives and legislatures to help  
159 hopefully make better decisions.

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161 **10. 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  
166 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES

167 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
168 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES  
169 b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11pm

172 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

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Lucinda Thomas

## Lucinda Thomas City Recorder