

# Town Council Meeting

## December 10, 2025

**Elected Officials Present:** Mayor Neil Brown, Councilmembers: Grant Lundberg, Brenan Jackson, Curtis Thomas

Absent: Councilman Eric Hazelet

**Staff Present:** City Clerk Lucinda Thomas, Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, Planning Chairman Avery Fitzgerald, Chief William McMullin, Chief Rod Hurst

**Public Present:** Corey Carter, Daron Hughes, Katie Taylor, Dale Steele, Kacey Zillig, Brent Wetsel, Amelia Wetsel, Tammy Coburn, Chad Coburn, Chase Shepherd, Ashley Shepherd, Lenny Shepherd, Brad Shepherd, Kiley McMullin, Ivy Allred, Macade McMullin, Gage Olsen, Cooper McMullin, Corinne Aagard, Dale Steele, Ray Carter, Spencer Foster – MAG, Gavin Ross, Angela Ross, Dougals Aagard, Jared Steele, Macie Steele, Eric Taylor, Jenna Taylor, Chase Bennett, Necia Bennett, Steve Bateman, George Simon, George Simon II, Lisa Simon, Greg Judd, Justin Rose, Weslee Rose, Lisa Olsen, Shyanne Carter, Megan Barker, Brad Bateman, Shelley Bateman, Shelly McClellan, Jake McClellan

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

- a. Chad Coburn gave the opening prayer.
- b. Mayor Neili Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2025**

- a. They discussed a couple of changes that needed to be made including fixing the second and roll call wording on the canvassing documents.
- b. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from November 19, 2025 with the approved alterations. Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
  - i. Mayor Neil Brown - YES
  - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg - YES
  - iii. Councilman Eric Hazelet - ABSENT
  - iv. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES
  - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

**3. Approval of Expenditures**

- a. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of Twenty-four thousand, seventy-five dollars and seventeen cents (\$24,075.17). Councilman Neil Brown **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
  - i. Mayor Neil Brown - YES
  - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg - YES
  - iii. Councilman Eric Hazelet - ABSENT
  - iv. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES
  - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

**4. Approval of Work Orders**

- a. Mayor Brown explained that Les Olson IT is contracted to provide IT support to the Town. During their review to meet state standards they determined that we would need a firewall installed on the town computers. This contract is for 3 years for an amount of \$1040.72.
- b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to approved the work order for Les Olson IT. Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
  - i. Mayor Neil Brown - YES
  - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg - YES
  - iii. Councilman Eric Hazelet - ABSENT
  - iv. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES
  - v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES

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**5. Commission & Staff Reports**

- a. **Police Chief Report** – He reviewed the CAD stats for the month of November. There were 37 officer generated and 30 public generated. The council and Chief Hurst discussed a few if the calls including the trespassing calls and how they are reported.
- b. **Fire Chief Report** – He had nothing to report, except a reminder about Santa at the Station this Saturday.
- c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Fitzgerald reviewed the agenda from their last meeting.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Corinne Aagard** – She doesn't want the office to be training with MAG as she feels that they have an underlying agenda that would affect our city adversely. She isn't happy about a new tax that is on the agenda, and she would like to know more about that. She doesn't like the idea of a new nuisance ordinance, and when she ran for City Council and visited with the residents she felt that most of the residents were not open to new taxes. She reminded the council that they were elected to keep the government small and that they should not be actively pushing to create a larger government, but instead to keep the government out of peoples lives.

**Dale Steele** – He wanted to give a new report on the gravel dust situation. He reported that several of the orchard owners, have agreed to put together some funds to help fund the purchase of monitors. Councilman Jackson did respond that the Division of Air Quality Monitor is going to be the most important thing, because that is the only monitor that they can use for any official business. It is important to work with the division and help get the monitor is a good spot.

**Ray Carter** – He loves the community and wants the community to go back to what it was, and because of this issue their have been a huge increase in hostility and negative feelings toward each other. He wants to comment on the ordinance that was apart of the agenda packet. He has concerns with most of the document but specifically the light height. He stated that the industry standard for rodeo lights is 23-30 feet. This lighting standard is because a horse doesn't see the same as human and without the lights at the proper height it can greatly affect the safety of the rider and the horse. He reviewed surrounding community light height requirements, and noted that in all cases where the pole height is lower than the industry standard there is an agricultural standard. He reiterated what he stated last month which is that agriculture is more than just plants but it is also livestock, he stated that this has been clarified in Utah State Courts. He brought up that in the proposed ordinance document of animals kept 25 feet away from property line he would lose a large portion of his property that could no longer be used.

**6. Discussion and possible action with Spencer Foster about exploring the adoption of a municipal telecom tax.**

- a. Mayor Brown explained that the reason this is on the agenda, is because we received a notice from the state regarding a delay in receiving the funds. The Clerks and council didn't know what this was, and so we wanted to learn more about it. They asked Spencer Foster from MAG to come and teach the council about it.
- b. Spencer Foster from MAG came and gave a presentation about the telecom tax. He reviewed what the municipal telecom tax is and how it is generated, how the tax is dispersed if adopted, how it can be adopted, how the money received could be used, and reason's why other local municipalities have adopted it. The provider pays the tax, however, it is passed onto the end consumer. The council asked questions about why this tax is in place. Mr. Foster stated that this tax because a more reliable form of income for the city, and there have been other cities who have done this tax instead of raising property taxes or relying solely on sales tax or B&C roads funds for road projects. He stated that this tax is just added to the general fund so there isn't rules about how or where the funds can be spent, which makes the tax more usable for the city.

112 **7. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to the Cemetery Policies and Procedures.**  
113 **a.** The council reviewed the proposed changes to the booklet that is given to people who purchase  
114 lots in the town cemetery, they discussed a couple of wording issues to better help clarify  
115 questions that the lot owners may have. They discussed the language for the reselling of lots.  
116 They will come again next month with a clean version of the document and discuss it again.  
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118 **8. Discussion on a proposal from residents about a nuisance ordinance amendment.**  
119 **a.** Brad Bateman read the proposed document to the council asking for lighting restrictions, dust  
120 restrictions, Livestock confinement distancing, and Noise restrictions. After Mr. Bateman was  
121 completed, Mayor Brown addressed the audience. He stated that he has talked to many  
122 residents and have heard all different sides of the arguments for or against. He asked the  
123 audience if there was a better way to handle neighbor issues than through government. He  
124 recognized that yes, the town could in-act these proposals, it would be totally legal, but he felt  
125 that this shouldn't be the Town's role. He engaged with the audience members with a long  
126 discussion on ways that they could better solve this problem on their own, neighbor to neighbor.  
127 At the end of the discussion both of the offending parties at the center of this discussion agreed to  
128 speak to one another and to find a way to work it out together.  
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130 **9. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-16 and MOU to accept \$1500 offered by**  
131 **America250 to enhance our town celebration.**

132 **a.** It was explained that this is offered to communities to help expand their current celebrations to  
133 include the celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They discussed that a committee needed  
134 to be created and it was determined that it will consist of Councilman Grant Lundberg, City Clerk  
135 Lucinda Thomas, and resident Danielle Lundberg. Councilman Lundberg sees helping to expand  
136 the Town Dinner maybe with some higher quality entertainment, and different dinner. We will  
137 agree to use their logo's etc. City Attorney Josh Nielsen has looked at the agreement and he is  
138 comfortable with it.

139 **b.** Councilman Curtis Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 and the Genola  
140 America250 committee. Councilman Curtis Thomas then rescinded the motion as the city  
141 attorney stated that it needed to also include the MOU.

142 **c.** Mayor Neil Brown then made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-16 and the attached MOU to  
143 accept the \$1500 offered by America 250. Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion  
144 **Passed** all in favor.

- 145 i. Mayor Neil Brown - YES
  - 146 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg - YES
  - 147 iii. Councilman Eric Hazelet - ABSENT
  - 148 iv. Councilman Curtis Thomas - YES
  - 149 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson - YES
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151 **10. Council Comments**

152 **a.** Mayor Neil Brown – He reported the division of Air Quality has another committee meeting on  
153 Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Utah State Representative Stephanie Grecious is ready  
154 to file a bill as determined by the results of the committee meeting. The Committee is attempting  
155 to add perimeter monitors for dust around every gravel pit in the state. There could be specific  
156 requirements regarding dust mitigation requirements, they are also talking about changes in how  
157 the fines work, and how the state can enforce violations. He stated that this committee has  
158 several representatives from different gravel pits, and he doesn't feel that they are fighting these  
159 changes, but that they are contributing to the solutions. He feels encouraged that we could see  
160 some real improvements in gravel pit dust and hopeful that this could help our situation. He feels  
161 that these changes will take a year or two before all the pieces are in place, but he does feel like  
162 this is progress.

163 **b.** Councilman Grant Lundberg – The City Celebration will be held June 18-20.

164 **c.** Councilmember Eric Hazelet – was excused from the meeting

165 **d.** Councilmember Curtis Thomas – He reported that he has invited Sterling Brown from Strawberry  
166 Water Users to come to our next Town Council Meeting and he is coming to explain the changes  
167 that now apply to Strawberry Water Users. Councilman Lundberg asked Josh if he knows of any

168 other communities that are trying to keep the water. Josh said that he knows they are all trying to  
169 keep the water and not lose it. Mayor Brown stated that Payson, Salem, and Spanish Fork all  
170 require that the water be deeded over to the city at the time of development and have been doing  
171 it for over 25 years. The town of Genola has worried about it in the past because the water  
172 couldn't be moved, but now that there is an option the Town does need to look at options to  
173 protect the town.

- 174 e. Councilmember Brenan Jackson – had nothing to report

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176 **11. Motion to Adjourn**

- 177 a. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to adjourn. Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second**  
178 and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

- 179 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES  
180 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – ABSENT  
181 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES  
182 iv. Councilman Eric Hazelet – YES  
183 v. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES

- 184 b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

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187 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

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190 Minutes Approved on: January 21, 2026

Lucinda Thomas

Lucinda Thomas City Recorder

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