

Town Council Meeting

April 15, 2026

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Neil Brown, Councilmembers: Grant Lundberg, Chad Coburn, & Brenan Jackson (participated electronically)
Absent: Curtis Thomas

Staff Present: Recorder Lucinda Thomas, Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, Planning Commission Chairman Daron Hughes, Chief William McMullin, City Attorney Josh Nielsen

Public Present: Danielle Lundberg, Katie Taylor, Corinne Aagard, Carolyn Greenwood, Lisa Fowers, Chandler Fowers, Dale Steele

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Neil Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
 - a. Mayor Neil Brown gave the opening prayer.
 - b. Corinne Aagard led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2026**
 - a. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from. Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and the motion **Passed**.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – Yes
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
3. **Approval of Expenditures**
 - a. Councilman Chad Coburn made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of Sixty-Nine thousand one hundred twenty-nine dollars and sixty-five cents (\$69,129.65). Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed**.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – Yes
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
4. **Approval of Work Orders**
 - a. There were no work orders to approve
5. **Commission & Staff Reports**
 - a. **Police Chief Report** – There was no representation from the Police Department at the meeting.
 - b. **Fire Chief Report – Chief McMullin** reported that Assistant Chief Carter and Captain Derek McMullin went back and inspected the new fire truck there were a couple of issues that they found and Rosenbauer is working on fixing those issues. They are expecting to receive the engine by the end of May. They are hoping to have something set up during the Town Celebration to show the new truck to the Town.
 - c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Daron Hughes reviewed the agenda items from the last meeting. He reported that the commission would like to request that the council approve an engineering study to study the key roads to verify if the town's roads can handle the heavy truck traffic.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Carolyn Greenwood - presented documents obtained from a Utah County GRAMA request regarding the CMC Pit's conditional use permit. She argued that the permit explicitly includes a

truck route that prohibits trucks from traveling south into Genola. She emphasized that this conditional use permit provides the town with legal grounds to enforce road restrictions.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with Sandstone Psychology to provide services to our Fire Department.

- a. Mayor Brown stated that this is required by Utah State Code to have someone on contract to provide mental health care to first responders. They have negotiated the contract, and Sandstone has agreed to the proposed amendments.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the contract as revised with Sandstone Psychology. Councilman Brenan Jackson **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

7. Discussion and possible action on ordinance 2026-04 Building Construction Code and agreement 2026-01 a cooperative agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

- a. Josh Nielsen explained that the town must adopt the 2024 Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Code to comply with a cooperative agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. The ordinance also updates building, fire, and residential codes to align with current state versions. This is also codifying the codes that have been passed previously. The State WUI code does allow for the Cities to draw their own maps if they don't want to adopt the State map. The Fire Department hasn't drawn up their own map yet, so right now we will adopt the state map until such time as Chief McMullin proposes a map specifically for Genola designating high-risk interface areas.
- b. Councilman Chad Coburn made a **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2026-04 and Agreement 2026-01 and allowing the correction of formatting and typographical errors. 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 – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

8. Discussion and possible action on ordinance 2026-05 a proposed amendment to the Land Use Appendix adding Cemetery Zoning.

- a. Mayor Brown explained that this amendment to the Land Use Appendix prohibits **private cemeteries** in all zones to avoid future complications regarding maintenance, funds, and land-use restrictions. Public cemeteries will remain permitted.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2026-05. Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – Yes
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

9. Discussion and possible action with the Rope Club represented by Chad Coburn to renew the arena lease for the 2026 season.

- a. The council discussed renewing the annual lease with the Rope Club, represented by Chad Coburn, for the 2026 season. The club provides planning and labor for the town rodeo in exchange for scheduled arena use on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The \$500 fee covers the use of the town's tractor for grooming.

- b. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to approve the Arena Lease with Rope Club. Mayor Neil Brown **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – Yes
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

10. Discussion on the heavy truck traffic.

- a. Mayor Brown reported that legal counsel Matt Church from the Utah Local Governments Trust, who is the town's insurance company, is conducting a deep dive analysis into the town's ability to restrict truck traffic given the newly discovered CMC Pit permit documents. The newly discovered document states that the Pit would not allow traffic to come their pit and go through the Town of Genola. The current pit owner has signed a document stating that he would abide by the original pit permit. The council discussed the county's refusal to enforce its own permit conditions, the safety hazards caused by trucks on narrow roads like 800 East, and the impact of House Bill 502, which limits local authority to restrict truck traffic. Several residents expressed the opinions both in favor of a truck route and against. There were discussions about the problems that the Town is experiencing because of the lack of enforcement from Utah County. Councilman Lundberg asked Planning Commission Chairman Hughes about their request that was made earlier in the meeting regarding funding for a study. Mr. Nielsen responded that the commission asked for the study, as one of the reasons that a truck route could be put into place is if the study found that the roads were not built up to an engineering standard to handle the heavy truck traffic. Mr. Nielsen stated that he felt that this might be something that Mr. Church might suggest depending on his analysis but recommended that they wait until his response came back. The council will wait for the legal opinion before taking further action.

11. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-02 to accept an additional \$1200 offered by America250 to enhance our town celebration

- a. The council considered accepting an additional \$1,200 from America250 to enhance town celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the United States, bringing the total to \$2,700. The funds may be used for signage or special rodeo ceremonies.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2026-02 to accept an additional \$1200 offered by America250. Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – Yes
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

12. Council Comments

- a. Mayor Neil Brown – there were 15 bids for the new public works building, ranging from 1.5 million to 2.3 million. The Town and WPA will go through the bids and break them down to analyze them side by side. The plan is to accept the bid on the May 20th meeting. The bids are good for 60 days, so if they don't decide on May 20th the council will have to have a special meeting. He reported that the town has been frugal and saved and this building will be able to be paid for with cash.
- b. Councilman Grant Lundberg – He reported on the progress on the town celebration and improvements on the ball fields.
- c. Councilman Chad Coburn - Noted that the state declined funding for safety projects on Highway 6 and the five-way intersection. He also questioned the value of the town's \$800 contribution to the South County CARES coalition, suggesting the money should be withdrawn if the organization does not provide direct local benefits.
- d. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – was excused from the meeting
- e. Councilmember Brenan Jackson – He stated that he met with Chief McMullin and went over the budgets, and wants to thank the department for all their work that they put into the community.

13. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Councilman Chad Coburn made a **Motion** to adjourn. 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 – absent
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

Minutes Approved on: May 20, 2026

Lucinda Thomas

Lucinda Thomas City Recorder