

Town Council Meeting

June 17, 2026

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

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

Public Present:

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

- a. Danielle Lundberg gave the opening prayer.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2026

- a. Councilman Brenan Jackson made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from May 20, 2026. 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. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand five hundred seventy dollars and seventy-two cents (\$451,570.72). 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

Councilman Curtis Thomas joined the Meeting at 7:06pm

4. Discussion with Representative Stephanie Gricius

- a. Utah State Representative Stephanie Gricius came to report and her progress legislatively on the dust issue. She brought Dave Callus with her who is representative from the Sand and Gravel Industry, he doesn't work for any particular company.
- b. During the session there was bill on dust mitigation that was passed. It raised the compliance fees for the pits and these funds will be used to hire 2 new inspectors. Required all pits to put up signage for how to contact the pits, regulators, etc. for those specific pits. It will also include information on how to file a complaint to help encourage more community interaction. She then turned over the time to Mr Callus. Mayor Brown stated that he understood that the new inspectors wouldn't begin until next summer as they aren't collecting the new fees starting July 1, 2026
- c. Mr. Callus work for the organization the critical infrastructure material coalition. Their organization works to watch what is going on in the industry and to help promote best practices. He reported that not all of the aggregate producers are part of the coalition only about 50-60% are members. He reported that he heard from the department of environmental quality that because of the budgeting that they might be able to hire those inspectors a little sooner than expected. He reported that the 6 current inspectors are covering the entire state and are stretched pretty thin and he is hoping that this will help relieve the pressure off of them a bit. He reported that these new inspectors will be focused on the aggregate producers. He reported that the aggregate producers, farm Bureau, league of cities and towns, will continue to meet to try to

56 help work together on how they can improve. He talked about water reuse: The coalition is
57 exploring water reuse for dust mitigation, a practice used in Arizona but currently restricted or
58 legally uncertain in Utah.

- 59 d. Mayor Brown reported that he has another meeting with Chris Steele and the Department of Air
60 Quality about a new monitor to be placed at the Water Tank. They are also discussing the
61 possibility of a second monitor.
- 62 e. Representative Gricius reported that some of the clarifying language has been updated to state
63 that the division of Air Quality does have the power to shut down a pit if they are not in
64 compliance with their dust mitigation plans.

65 66 **5. Commission & Staff Reports**

- 67 a. **Police Chief Report** – Chief Rod Hurst - documents for these reports included May CAD
68 statistics showing 41 officer-generated and 23 public-generated incidents for a total of 19 total
69 offenses, as well as a month-end report from the Santaquin Police Department. They noted that
70 this is a lighter month than in previous months.
- 71 b. **Fire Chief Report** – Chief McMullin discussed the delivery of the new fire engine and proposed a
72 "push-in" ceremony (an old fire tradition) to put it into service once training is complete.
- 73 c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Hughes reviewed the agenda items from their
74 previous meeting. He stated that a resident requested an amendment to the town's pool
75 ordinance, asking if a \$50,000 safety cover could replace the required 6-foot fence. The resident
76 has stated that some of the surrounding communities have added this to their code. He asked
77 what Councilmembers feeling were about this proposed change. The Council expressed
78 concerns about covers failing or being left open, though they noted that a yard-encompassing
79 fence with self-latching gates might already satisfy the current, somewhat vague ordinance.
80 Water Rights Protection: To prevent water from being moved out of town, the Mayor proposed
81 that at the time of subdivision, the town become a co-owner of the water rights. This would allow
82 residents to use the water but require town approval for any transfer outside of Genola. He
83 reported that Strawberry Highline Canal Company requires a minimum of 2 feet per acre remain
84 on the land, however, they are strongly considering the removal of that requirement. The
85 Commission requested the presence of Mayor Brown at the next meeting to explain more of this
86 proposed language change in the developmental Standards ordinance to the commission
87 members. He agreed to attend the meeting.

88 89 **PUBLIC FORUM –**

90 **Corrinne Aagard** – She shared her appreciation to the council to respond to her when she tries to
91 contact the council. She challenged the idea of "free" grants, reminding the Council that all government
92 funds originate from taxpayers. She commented on the importance of keeping children safe with
93 Swimming Pools and that it is important to make sure that a fence is at least around the yard, but not
94 specifically around the pool itself. She feels that it is important to inform neighbors and they can keep an
95 eye on their children.

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97 **Katie Taylor** - She spoke strongly against a designated heavy truck route on State Road 141. She cited a
98 five-way intersection where two teenagers died in 2009 and a blind corner near Kiegley Quarry as
99 reasons why diverting all truck traffic there would be more dangerous than the current Main Street route

100 101 **6. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a rodeo event. The event organizers** 102 **are Saul Mosquesda and Manuel Basillas.**

- 103 a. Organizers Saul Mosquesda and Manuel Basillas did not attend the meeting to present their
104 proposal. The Council expressed concerns regarding a similar event in Goshen that resulted in
105 high legal fees and police costs due to alcohol consumption and arrests. The Council took no
106 action on the request.

107 108 **7. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-03 the amended budget for the Fiscal Year** 109 **2026.**

- a. Commissioner Brenan Jackson made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2026-03 the amended budget for the Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Curtis Thomas **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 Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

8. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-04 the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2027.

- a. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2027. 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 – YES
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

9. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2026-06 adding the new public facilities zone

- a. This new zone was established to provide a regulatory framework for town-owned buildings like the upcoming public works building. This new zone is designed for structures and open spaces where governmental entities provide services to the community, the zone currently has no minimum lot size and a minimal 15-foot setback requirement.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2026-06 adding the new public facilities zone. Councilmember Brenan Jackson **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 Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

10. Discussion and possible action on an engineer study for the city roads.

- a. The Council evaluated proposals for an engineering study to assess the impact of heavy trucks on town roads. The study is intended to identify specific road repairs and "strengthen the town's position" when dealing with the county and industry operators. Two primary proposals were provided in the agenda packet:
- b. Horrocks Engineering: A scope of work focused on evaluating pavement structural and operational characteristics on Main Street and 800 East. A previous estimate for this study was cited at approximately \$45,000.
- c. Jones & DeMille Engineering: A proposal to complete traffic counts and pavement coring for a lump sum fee of \$10,380
- d. Councilmember Coburn asked Mayor Brown about the quality of the studies and if they would qualify for possible grants. He was unable to obtain all the grant information that was spoken about by residents during the last meeting. During his research he had only found one that the Town could qualify for, but Mayor Brown noted that CMC truck traffic has dropped significantly—seen only three times in recent weeks—after he presented permit violations to the county, and then a subsequent discussion with the County Attorney. From the date of that meeting Mayor has only had 3 days where he has seen truck traffic, and he works from home and lives on main street, so he sees all the trucks. He hasn't found a grant that the town would specifically qualify for at this time, but he feels that either one of these proposals would work if we find different grants later.
- e. Councilmember Brenan Jackson made a **Motion** to accept the Jones and DeMille bid for the engineering study. Councilman Curtis Thomas **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 Brenan Jackson – YES
- v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

11. Council Comments

- a. Mayor Neil Brown – Fiber Optic Internet: He believe that CentraCom has committed by the Owner of the company to Travis Pyne who does extensive work with CentraCom, to expanding its fiber network into Genola, with construction expected to start late 2026/Early 2027 and service active by the end of 2027.
- b. Councilman Grant Lundberg – He felt that the Town Celebration was in good shape, and The Council discussed the "small-town problem" of residents saving entire rows of benches with blankets hours before the rodeo. While they found it frustrating, they admitted it is difficult to enforce and reflects the high demand for the event. The reviewed the schedule of events that the council needs to be attendance for the Town Celebration.
- c. Councilman Chad Coburn – He felt that the Rodeo was ready.
- d. Councilmember Curtis Thomas – It was noted it was the new public works building groundbreaking will be July 22nd at 11am. They discussed the proposed colors for the new building but no decisions have been made.
- e. Councilmember Brenan Jackson – He would like to see us honor the youth who qualified for the state High School Rodeo. He would like to see the Fire Department to do more to recruit more Volunteer Firefighters and add those advertisements and include job descriptions in our next newsletter.

12. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to adjourn. 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 – YES
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – YES
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
- b. The Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston

Minutes Approved on: July 15, 2026

Lucinda Thomas

Lucinda Thomas City Recorder