

Town Council Meeting

July 15, 2026

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

Absent: Brenan Jackson

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: Dale Steele, Danielle Lundberg, Neil Richardson, and Nate Christensen

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

- a. Councilman Curtis Thomas gave the opening prayer.
- b. Mayor Neil Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2026

- a. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from June 17, 2026. Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and the motion **Passed**.
 - i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
 - ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
 - iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

3. Approval of Expenditures

- a. Councilman Chad Coburn made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of one hundred two thousand, one hundred forty-two dollars and sixty-one cents (\$102,142.61). 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 – YES
 - iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
 - v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

4. Discussion with Neil Richardson and Nate Christensen on the new Utah Cybersecurity legislative Update HB 19, HB 165 and SB123.

- a. Neil Richardson and Nate Christensen representatives from Yisida to educate the council on the legislative updates on Cybersecurity. The state has made funding available to rural community water systems to help with critical water systems security. They stated that they have a program where they can help get the grant money and then use their program that is state approved to put a security system on it. They offered to come and meet with Mayor and the Public Works Director to see what they can do to help the Town. Mayor Brown said that he would meet with them, and to email him to set up the meeting.

5. Commission & Staff Reports

- a. **Police Chief Report** – Chief Hurst reported **104 case numbers** for June, including one accident, one child abuse case, and 20 citations. He noted the Town Celebration was handled without major incidents
- b. **Fire Chief Report** – Chief McMullin reported applying for a FEMA AFG grant for an extractor and dryer (\$30,000), if the grant is received the Town will have to put some money to it. The Council discussed selling the old E1 Becker fire engine; they decided to list it on a specialized online bidding website rather than accept a \$7000 private offer, the online bid website valued the truck around 15,000 and \$20,000. The Website will keep 10% of the total purchase amount. He talked

55 about trying to recruit 2 possibly 3 new firefighters to help replace the 2 that they have recently
56 lost.

- 57 c. **Planning Commission Report** – Chairman Hughes reviewed the agenda items from their last
58 meeting, including the recommendation for the amendment to the Developmental Standards that
59 is on the Council's agenda tonight.

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61 **PUBLIC FORUM –**

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63 **Dale Steele** – He feels that the proposed change to the development standards is needed, but he would
64 like to see if the Town ever takes ownership from shares of secondary water that default, he feels that
65 those owners need to be compensated as we won't be allowing them to sell it.

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67 **Daron Hughes** – He would like more action taken on the kids who are riding their dirt bikes and ATV's
68 through town without helmets and speeding.

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70 **6. Discussion and possible action regarding an amendment to the Development Standards**
71 **Ordinance and secondary water requirements.**

- 72 a. Mayor Brown wanted to address the concerns that Dale Steele raised during the public forum that
73 the town might "take" water shares from residents who fall delinquent without providing
74 compensation. Mayor Brown explained that Genola seeks to avoid taking full ownership of water
75 shares—unlike neighboring cities like Spanish Fork or Salem to keep management in the hands
76 of residents. Instead, the town will be added to the title of shares during development to ensure
77 the water stays local. If a share becomes severely delinquent, the town could pay the balance to
78 keep the water in Genola and potentially rent it out to recover costs.
- 79 b. Councilman Grant Lundberg made a **Motion** to adopt the proposed ordinance 2026-08 an
80 amendment to the Development Standards Ordinance. Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and
81 the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 82 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
83 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
84 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
85 iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
86 v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

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88 **7. Discussion and possible action on a decision whether to maintain a street light on the corner**
89 **of 141 Highway 6**

- 90 a. Mayor Brown requested a streetlight from UDOT for this intersection, describing it as a "very
91 dark" and "messy spot". UDOT agreed to cover the installation costs during intersection
92 rebuilding, provided the town pays for maintenance and power. Clerk Thomas estimated the
93 power cost at roughly \$13 to \$21 per month. The Council agreed the safety benefits far
94 outweighed the minor cost
- 95 b. Mayor Brown made a **Motion** to maintain a street light at the corner of 141 and Highway 6.
96 Councilman Curtis Thomas **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 97 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
98 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
99 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
100 iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
101 v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES

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103 **8. Discussion on amending the fee schedule**

- 104 a. The Council discussed with the town clerks on increasing several fees, including cemetery fees
105 for non-residents to match neighboring towns and increasing the conditional use permit fee. Staff
106 will prepare a formal draft for approval. They discussed the cemetery fees and how they are
107 dramatically less than the neighboring communities. They asked Clerk Thomas to bring in the
108 research during the next meeting.

111 **9. Discussion and possible action on a road chip sealing project**

- 112 a. Councilman Coburn stated that himself and Chris Steele talked about how over the next 4 years
113 they would like to try to chip seal all the roads in Genola. The council reviewed the two different
114 bids with a large difference in the cost one from Hale sand and Gravel and another from
115 Christensen Ready Mix. The Christensen Ready Mix was dramatically less where they don't
116 charge a mobilization fee, and overall cost – effectiveness.
- 117 b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to approve the bid from Christensen Ready Mix.
118 Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 119 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
120 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
121 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
122 iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
123 v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
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125 **10. Discussion and possible action on a proposed amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention**
126 **Ordinance to include language as required by FEMA**

- 127 a. City Attorney Josh Nielsen gave a brief recap of the ordinance, stating that we had passed this
128 earlier and had taken out some of the FEMA language regarding coastal waters, etc. However, it
129 was rejected because some of the wording was changed. Now the document is back to its
130 original form.
- 131 b. Mayor Neil Brown made a Motion to approve Ordinance number 2026-07 an amendment to eh
132 Flood Damage Prevention ordinance. Councilman Grant Lundberg Second and the motion
133 Passed all in favor.
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135 **11. Discussion and possible action on signing a contract with EarthTech Engineering to approve**
136 **earth moving activities for the new public works building.**

- 137 a. Mayor Brown stated that the public works building has been delayed. As we are required to have
138 somebody who is looking out for the town as the trench is being dug. Mayor Brown reported that
139 he had done a lot of work trying to find somebody to do this work. EarthTech is a company that
140 Santaquin city has used in these types of situations and has found them to be highly
141 recommended. The excavator will not move dirt without the engineer there. Mayor Brown would
142 like to have authorization to sign it as needed. It was expected to be under \$2000 a day he is
143 asking for permission, about \$10,000.
- 144 b. Councilman Curtis Thomas made a **Motion** to approve Mayor Brown to sign the contract and to
145 allow a spending limit of up to ten thousand dollars. Councilman Chad Coburn **Second** and the
146 motion **Passed** all in favor.
- 147 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
148 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
149 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
150 iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
151 v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
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153 **12. Council Comments**

- 154 a. Mayor Neil Brown – Mayor Brown reported on an Air Quality meeting that he attended earlier in
155 the day. He reported that the person responsible for the inspections statewide said that the
156 problems in Genola must be fixed because they haven't received any complaints. Mayor Brown
157 expressed his frustrations that they have been working so hard to fight this problem, but nobody
158 will help with reporting the problem. He stated that the state will not take our problems seriously if
159 we as a community don't report the problems. He is hoping that the councilmembers will get on
160 board and help file these complaints and help their neighbors do it as well. Mayor Brown offered
161 to attend the South Utah County Concerned Citizens(SUCCC) meeting to relay the information
162 that he learned at this last meeting. Dale Steele who heads up SUCCC stated that he would love
163 to have him there and hopefully he can help reignite the members as he feels that some of the
164 members have become complacent and are tired of talking about the same thing over and over.
165 He reported CMC pit trucks had resumed traveling south through town in violation of their
166 contract. He noted that the County Attorney requires "indisputable proof," such as photos of the

- 167 truck actually turning south at the pit entrance, including a clear license plate and company logo.
168 The Council discussed using trail cameras to gather this evidence safely
169 b. Councilman Grant Lundberg – He reported that this
170 c. **Councilman Chad Coburn** – Reported that he felt that the rodeo went very well. He reported
171 that this year that they didn't make as much money, because this year the city didn't participate
172 financially in the Rodeo projects this year. He's excited for the Road projects that are coming.
173 d. **Councilmember Curtis Thomas** – He recapped the successful celebration and discussed the
174 timing of future fireworks he would like to have the fireworks on Thursday night instead of having
175 them go off so late at night on Saturday night. The council generally favoring keeping them on
176 Saturday night despite some noise complaints, and says that this is historically the ending to a
177 town celebration.
178 e. Councilmember Brenan Jackson – was excused from the meeting.
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180 **13. Motion to Adjourn**

- 181 a. Mayor Neil Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn. Councilman Neil Brown **Second** and the motion
182 **Passed** all in favor.
183 i. Mayor Neil Brown – YES
184 ii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – YES
185 iii. Councilman Curtis Thomas – YES
186 iv. Councilman Brenan Jackson – Absent
187 v. Councilman Chad Coburn – YES
188 b. The Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm
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190 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston
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193 Minutes Approved on: July 15, 2026

Lucinda Thomas

Lucinda Thomas City Recorder