

**Genola City Council Meeting  
April 8, 2020**

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Marty Larson, Councilmembers Neil Brown, Lori Christensen, Hale Robison and John Savage.

Staff Present: Fire Chief William McMullin, City Recorder Lucinda Thomas, Legal Counsel Joshua Nielsen and Minutes Secretary Brittany Thornton.

Citizens Present: Coby Jones and Melissa Scott

**\*\* Please note this meeting was conducted as an electronic public meeting via Zoom.**

**7:00pm CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Larson urged everyone to fast and pray this coming Good Friday for coronavirus relief efforts.

1. Approval of Minutes, March 11, 2020.

Mayor Larson suggested a change to Page 6, to add that the boy scouts will be catering the town celebration in Councilmember Brown's motion.

Councilmember Robison made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020, as amended.

Councilmember Savage **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

2. Expenditures: \$24,772.54  
Anderson Law Center \$4,910.00  
Bankcard Center \$1,424.96  
Brian's Auto Supply \$587.85  
Farrall Gas \$646.30  
IFA \$545.24  
John Cowan \$1,470.00  
Rocky Mountain Power \$1,055.13  
Santaquin City \$9,436.92  
Staker & Parson Companies \$2,181.47  
Strawberry Highline Canal Co. \$1,884.67  
Summit Creek Irrigation \$630.00

Councilmember Brown made a **Motion** to approve the expenditures in the amount of twenty-four thousand, seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty-four cents (\$24,772.54).

Councilmember Christensen **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

Approval of Work Order with Franson Civil Engineers.

#2020-01 Analysis of Alternate Tank and Well Sites

#2020-02 work on the project's environmental compliance and reclamation coordination.

Councilmember Christensen made a **Motion** to approve Work Orders #2020-01 and #2020-02 for Franson Civil Engineers.  
Councilmember Brown **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

**Reports:**

Fire Chief McMullin reported that fireworks have been ordered for the town celebration. Chief McMullin reported that the fire department has been working on getting physicals done for the year. Chief McMullin reported on recent grass fires that have taken place in the area. Chief McMullin suggested that some of the higher grasses along the roadway be mowed down and Councilmember Robison reported that Chris Steele will begin doing this, as well as spraying for weeds. Mayor Larson asked for an update on COVID-19. Chief McMullin reported on a few cases in Santaquin and that precautions will be made when responding to any possible cases.

Lucinda Thomas gave a report on recent action taken by the Planning Commission. Ms. Thomas reported that three site plans were approved last week; two in Stubbs Estates and one in the Bateman Subdivision.

**Public Forum:**

No public comment was heard.

**Agenda Items:**

1. Discussion and possible action awarding a bid for the Town's surplus water for the 2020 season.

Mayor Larson asked Councilmember Brown to conduct this item, as he had submitted a bid for the surplus water and will be abstaining from this discussion.

Lucinda Thomas reported that three bids were received, which she opened and reported:  
-Marty Larson, \$2.51 per inch for all Strawberry Water and no bid on Summit Creek.  
-Bryan Draper, \$3.20 per inch for all Strawberry Water and no bid on Summit Creek.  
-Lynn Fowers, \$5.09 per inch for all Strawberry Water, and \$78.57 per share for Summit Creek (\$550.00).

Councilmember Brown asked for a motion and stated that the highest bid for Strawberry was from Lynn Fowers.

Councilmember Christensen made a **Motion** to accept Lynn Fowers bid of \$5.09 per inch for all of Strawberry Water.

Councilmember Robison **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor. (Mayor Larson abstained from voting.)

Councilmember Brown asked for a motion on Summit Creek Water

Councilmember Christensen made a **Motion** to accept Lynn Fowers bid of \$78.57 for 7 shares of Summit Creek.

Councilmember Savage **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor. (Mayor Larson abstained from voting.)

102 2. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2020-02 Water Department Ordinance  
103 Amended.

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105 Joshua Nielson reported on changes that have been implemented. Mr. Nielson reported this is  
106 ready to be voted on.

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108 Councilmember Brown made a **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2020-02 Water Department  
109 Ordinance, as amended.

110 Councilmember Savage **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

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112 3. Discussion and possible action on scheduling events for the Town Celebration and  
113 Rodeo.

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115 Mayor Larson voiced concern regarding deposits being placed and not being refundable, if the  
116 celebration isn't able to take place.

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118 Councilmember Christensen reported she asked Coby Jones from the Roping Club to give a  
119 report on the rodeo.

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121 Coby Jones reported that he had been in contact with Mascaros, the stock contractor for the  
122 rodeo, and they are willing to work with the town on changing the dates, if necessary. Mr. Jones  
123 reported that other towns are having troubles getting sponsors with everything that's going on.  
124 Mr. Jones reported that everything is kind of on hold right now, as far as planning the rodeo and  
125 getting sponsors. Mr. Jones indicated he is looking from direction from the council on how to  
126 proceed.

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128 Councilmember Christensen voiced concern on obtaining sponsors, and suggested letting  
129 sponsors know that these funds could be refunded if the rodeo does not happen, or bank and  
130 earmark it for next year. Councilmember Christensen suggested labeling this until next month  
131 to see if things have changed. Councilmember Christensen voiced concern on if people would  
132 come in June, or would they still be practicing social distancing, even though the ban would be  
133 lifted.

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135 Councilmember Savage voiced concern over people not wanting to come and spend money,  
136 even later in the summer as opposed to June. Mr. Jones stated that Mascaros suggested  
137 October as a possible date.

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139 Mayor Larson indicated that Item 4 also has to deal with the town celebration. Mayor Larson  
140 stated that deposits would need to be made soon for the blow ups for the town celebration and  
141 that the deposit is non-refundable. Councilmember Savage questioned how much the town has  
142 budgeted for the rodeo and celebration and Councilmember Christensen reported that the  
143 suggested budget is \$35,000.00. Councilmember Christensen reported last year the committee  
144 brought in close to \$26,000.00 in sponsor money.

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146 Councilmember Savage suggested cancelling the town celebration. Councilmember Brown  
147 stated we can always cancel and then schedule something at a later time. Councilmember  
148 Christensen reported that her gut feeling is to cancel the rodeo in June, and if things open up  
149 later hold some kind of celebration and possibly hold a rodeo in October. The council concurred  
150 with this suggestion.

Chief McMullin reported fireworks have been ordered and that they could still go forward with the fireworks while practicing social distancing.

Councilmember Brown made a **Motion** to cancel the town celebration and decide to plan it based on the future social distancing requirements.

Councilmember Robison **Seconded**

Councilmember Christensen made a **Motion** to amend the motion to say rather than cancel, to say delay and/or cancel.

Councilmember Savage **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

Motion carries to say delay and/or cancel the town celebration and decide to plan it based on the future social distancing requirements.

Original motion **Passed** all in favor.

Councilmember Christensen made a **Motion** to cancel the jr rodeo for this year.

Councilmember Brown **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

4. Discussion and possible action on the cost of wristbands and the quotes for blowups, train rides, etc. for the Town Celebration activities in the park on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Heard with Item 4.

5. Discussion and possible action on required flood plan management measures with FEMA.

Josh Nielsen reported that a new ordinance needs to be passed to adopt the new guidelines set forth by FEMA. Mr. Nielsen indicated this needs to be passed by June and he's in the process of amending the current ordinance to address these changes.

Mayor Larson will ask Lucinda to place this on next month's agenda.

6. Discussion on suggestions for the Planning Commission to amend the I-3 Zone Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance, requiring roads to be put in.

The council concurred with requesting that the Planning Commission require this in their ordinance. The council concurred with requiring a buffer between these two zones.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Larson reported that \$87,000.00 was made available to help cities combat COVID-19.

Mayor Larson reported that a \$300,000.00 water smart grant was received to help go towards the tank and well.

Councilmember Savage reported that the Ms. Genola pageant was cancelled and instead will be doing an online campaign with last year's participants.

Councilmember Brown questioned the status baseball registration. Lucinda Thomas reported that applications have been taken but no fees, so they won't have to refund it all. Ms. Thomas stated that the recreation director is still hopeful they will be able to hold a season.

Councilmember Brown reported that the grant was received for the fire station asphalt pavement, in the amount of \$75,000.00. Councilmember Brown reported that these funds will be available in July and are available for 18 months.

Councilmember Brown questioned invoice for fence lawsuit. Mr. Nielsen gave an update on the pending litigation and reported this has been delayed due to COVID-19 and that discovery is taking place and the next hearing is set for October.

Councilmember Robison questioned how much is available for road improvements and Ms. Thomas reported there will be a little over \$100,000.00 available.

Councilmember Christensen asked Melissa Scott to report on the rodeo queen contest, which was supposed to be held on Tuesday, April 14. Melissa Scott suggested holding a contest at a later time and then those girls would represent Genola at surrounding rodeos, as well as represent at Genola's rodeo next year. The council concurred with this suggestion.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Robison made a **Motion** to adjourn.

Councilmember Brown **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Minutes Secretary Brittany Thornton

Approved on: 5/13/2020

  
Lucinda Thomas, City Recorder