

Town Council Regular Meeting

February 15, 2023

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Marty Larson, Councilmembers Neil Brown, Grant Lundberg, Hale Robison, Stan Judd (arrived late)

Staff Present: City Clerk Lucinda Thomas, Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston, Fire Chief William McMullin, Santaquin Police Sargent Shaw

Public Present: Angie Bates, DeeAnn Thomas, Bryan Draper, Carol Draper, Laurel Bishop, Erika Bishop, Josh Sensinger, Jamie Sensinger, Kathleen Banfill, BJ Smith, Chris McMullin, Marcee Nelson, Carl Draper, Chan Clayburn, Blaine Kennison, Jared Cowan, Greg Smith, Caroline Bates, Kate Blatter, Adelaide Blatter, Janna Manookin

1. Call to Order - Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

- a. Jared Cowan gave the opening prayer
- b. Jamie Sensinger led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes for January 18, 2023

- a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to approve the minutes for January 18, 2023. Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – absent
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison – Yes

Councilman Stan Judd arrived at 7:06pm

3. Approval of Expenditures

- a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to the approve the expenditures in the amount of one Million seventeen thousand six hundred eighteen dollars and eighteen cents (\$1,017,618.18). Councilman Grant Lundberg **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

4. Approval of Work Orders

- a. **Approval for the Fire Department** - Approval of a work order to pay \$500.00 to the AFG Grant Writer who is helping write a grant to help with the purchase of a new fire engine.
- b. Councilman Neil Brown explained that the council in a previous meeting agreed to pay a grant writer but never authorized an amount. The Grant writer has finished the work and the fee was \$500.
- c. Councilman Neil Brown made a motion to approve the work order and pay \$500 to the AFG Grant Writer. Councilman Hale Robison **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

5. Recognition of Greg Smith for his 40 years of service in the Genola Fire Department. – Chief William McMullin shared some of his experiences in working with Greg Smith and the contributions

that he brought to the Genola Fire Department. Mayor Marty Larson presented Greg Smith with an award on behalf of the Town and the Fire Department.

6. Commission and Staff Reports

- a. **Police Report – Sargent Shaw** – 53 calls for the month of January 24 traffic stops with 13 citations issues and a total of 24 violations.
- b. **Fire Chief Report- Chief William McMullin** – AFG grant has been submitted, the total requested for the grant is \$750,000, with a 90/10 split in payment. He reported that currently they are leaning to purchase a Rosenbauer engine as they are easier to find parts for at a local auto parts shop. Marcee Nelson has completed the basic EMT program and has passed her test. The dispatch fees will be going up 8% and he expects to have those exact numbers for the next meeting and to be planned for the next fiscal year.
- c. **Planning Commission Chairman – Chairman John Rosenberger** – He went through the agenda items from the last planning commission meeting. Mayor Larson brought up to the Chairman that a subdivision wanted to know why they weren't allowed on an agenda for a preliminary plat until they had all their approvals. Chairman Rosenberger said that they would talk about that in commission meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM – There was no one signed up for the Public Forum.

7. The Miss Genola Contestants will present their service projects that will be carried out if they win. The Miss Genola pageant is to be held on March 18, 2023, at Goshen Elementary School.

- a. The Miss Genola contestants individually got up and told the council what service project they would like to work towards if they would be crowned Miss Genola. Jana Manookin the assistant director invited the council to participate and attend the Miss Genola pageant that is scheduled for Saturday March 18th.

8. Introduction of the new recreation director Kathleen Banfill and a discussion and possible action on the need to raise the fee for field use by other cities and towns.

- a. Councilmember Grant Lundberg thanked Ms. Banfill for her being willing to take over the recreation department, especially as he knows that this is all new to her. Ms. Banfill reported that Eureka, Goshen, and Genola have all decided to play together for teams, with all signups happening in Genola. Games will happen in all three cities, so the need to raise the field usage fees won't be needed at this time but is probably something to consider for the future.
- b. Ms. Banfill reported that she would like to see the town put some money in the future towards putting lights on the fields. She stated that not having lights really puts the town in a spot where make up games are hard to schedule because of the limited daylight.
- c. She also reported that they will be required to enforce the rule of no dogs in the park. This is a rule for the UBBA and if the town wants to stay apart of the program this is a requirement. She stated that if dogs are on the premise and they are not a service dog then she will ask them politely to leave and if that doesn't happen, she will simply just call the police.

9. Discussion and possible action on the status of the tank and well project budget and costs.

- a. Mayor Larson reported that due to some complications with the tank and well including the sluffing that happened with the drilling, the higher cost of construction and equipment including the concrete heaters, the longer time frame, and the extra drilling/blasting needed due to higher rock volume. It is expected to need around \$530,000.00. Mayor Larson presented the council with a couple of different options for the town to pay the additional cost:
 - i. The Town is applying for a grant with the Division of Drinking Water to pay all the extra expenses with this project. They are hoping to know within the month if the grant is an option.
 - ii. Mayor stated that there could be a possibility of a split where some is covered by a grant and the rest covered by the town.
 - iii. Whatever portion the town may be required to covered there are options that include:
 - 1)The Town could increase the payout time frame from a 30-40 year loan.
 - 2)An increase in the payment amount with each year.

- b. Mayor Larson stated that he expected to know more at next months meeting and be able to present the council with more complete options.
- c. The council discussed that they realize that most construction projects end up going over budget, and the current economic conditions made this situation not surprising.

10. Discussion and possible action on the election this year and if Genola will be doing rank choice voting

- a. The council discussed how rank choice voting eliminates the need for a primary and the costs that are associated with having a primary election.
- b. Councilman Neil Brown made a motion to use rank choice voting again this year. Councilman Stan Judd Second and the motion Passed all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes

11. Discussion and possible action on the arena agreement with the rope club. Chad Coburn said the rope club has no changes from the previous year.

- a. The council discussed the agreement and noted that the agreement hadn't changed from the previous year.
- b. Councilman Neil Brown made a motion to approve and sign the agreement with rope club. Councilman Stan Judd Second and the motion Passed all in favor.
 - i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
 - ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
 - iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes
 - iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
 - v. Councilman Hale Robison – Yes

12. Council Comments

- a. **Mayor Marty Larson –**
 - i. Mayor reported that UDOT has put the revisions to the Hwy 141 and Hwy 6 intersection and a climbing lane on Hwy 6 on their funding list and that it will hopefully be completed by the end of 2024.
 - ii. The shooting range is expected to have an emergency shut down shortly and then it is expected that the county will permanently shut it down. He knows that this is a polarizing issue for some gun owners but feels that this is the best for the safety of the residents that live close to the range. He recognizes the need for a shooting range just wants it in a better spot maybe on the other side of the Payson dump.
- b. **Councilmember Hale Robison –** He had nothing to report.
- c. **Councilmember Grant Lundberg –** He reported that the Town Celebration committee is starting to meet next week, and they are looking for lots of volunteers. He stated that they are still working on finding someone for the Easter Egg Hunt. He knows that they are needing to find a new Miss Genola Director. He is working on getting the fireworks set up, but he knows that they will be more money this year.
- d. **Councilmember Stan Judd –** He had nothing to report.
- e. **Councilmember Neil Brown –** He reported that he went to a conference regarding internet access. He reported that he feels that it is important for the local residents to report the speeds that they are actually getting at their home, so that the Town can rebut the claims that companies are already providing high speed internet here in Genola, in the newsletter that is coming out this month will have a link to have our residents report what speed they are actually getting at their own homes. He reported that he keeps trying to maintain contact with Dominion Energy and to encourage them to bring natural gas to our community. Dominion Energy is expected in the next couple of months to announce where their next rounds of funding will go to.

168 **13. Motion to Adjourn**

- 169 a. Councilman Neil Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hale Robison
170 **Second** and the motion **Passed** all in Favor.
171 i. Mayor Marty Larson - Yes
172 ii. Councilman Neil Brown – Yes
173 iii. Councilman Grant Lundberg – Yes
174 iv. Councilman Stan Judd – Yes
175 v. Councilman Hale Robison - Yes
176 b. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:19 pm.
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178 Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Nicole Preston
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180 Minutes Approved on: March 15, 2023
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