

Genola Town Council Meeting
Minutes – February 13th 2008

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3 Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. Council present: Mayor Eric Hazelet, Councilman Bryan
4 Draper, Councilman Ewell, Councilman Greenwood and Councilman Vail. Prayer was offered
5 by Mr. Calvin Ewell. Mayor Hazelet led the pledge. Mayor Hazelet conducted the meeting and
6 welcomed those present: Marc Halliday, Marty Larson, Delos and Cleo Carter, Nikki
7 Anderson, Mark and Renae Gheen, Phil Harold, Chris Steele, Chief Denis Howard, Ivy Allred,
8 Viola Mecham, Sandra and Steve Greenwood, Bill and Wayne Penrod, June Stewart, David
9 and Darlene Gray, Calvin and Colleen Ewell, Curtis Rowley, Rudy and Patty Scott, Beth
10 Coleman, Emily Clinger, Sherryl and Lynn Fowers, and Max Throckmorton.

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12 Chief Howard was present to give the council information on a fraud incident that has been
13 referred to the secret service. He indicated that this fraud has happened in the south end of
14 Utah County and he spoke to residents that were present about checking their credit card/
15 bank statements frequently. This has been turned over to the Secret Service. Chief Howard
16 also reported that the Santaquin Police Department has been awarded a Speed Trailer by the
17 Federal Highway Administration. This should arrive by the end of February.

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19 Mr. Curtis Ludvigson and Mr. Terell Dunn from the Rural Water Association were present to
20 give a presentation on the water rates. This presentation gave information on what the
21 current rates are, how far the town is in the red, and how we can make the town's situation
22 better. Mr. Ludvigson also gave water rates and water structures from other communities in
23 Utah. Councilman Draper gave Councilman Greenwood information on how he came up with
24 the figures to give to Mr. Ludvigson. Questions from Councilman Greenwood on impact fees
25 and if they go into the water fund, if the town could take money from impact fees to help
26 subsidize the water bills. Impact Fees and what they can be used on were explained to the
27 residents. CDBG monies were also discussed. Mayor Hazelet explained that the Town is not
28 eligible for another CDBG grant until 2010.

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30 Council explained to the residents that the town cannot pay for the expenses for the water
31 system with the amount of revenue that is being brought in. Mayor Hazelet stated that it has
32 been at least 3 years since the water has paid for itself.

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34 Discussion on what the Rural Water Association does for our community. Mr. Phil Harold was
35 present and explained some of the benefits that he receives from them.

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37 Mrs. Cleo Carter was present to speak on behalf of the Agriculture Citizens of Genola. Mrs.
38 Carter explained to the council that she does not feel that the rate increase that has been
39 suggested is fair to the dairymen and farmers. The research that Mrs. Carter completed that
40 compared Genola to other towns was given to the council. 2:38.39

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42 Mrs. Emily Clinger asked about implementing a tiered rate structure. She would be in favor
43 of increases that are in smaller increments than Mr. Ludvigson suggested.

44 Discussion from residents on saving for surplus. Council explained the disadvantages of
45 putting a pump in storage for later use.

46 Council and residents discussed different options and used different calculations on bills to

47see the outcome.

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49Motion by Councilman Greenwood to delay the implementation of the overage charge that we
50voted on and open it for debate on the issue.

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52Discussion on motion between council on continuing discussion, leaving it how it is for now,
53that will force a decision by April 1st. 3:09.25

54Mayor Hazelet explained to residents that we cannot take from the general fund anymore to
55pay for the water.

56Councilman Greenwood explained his motion again, and stated that he believes that the
57increase is a knee jerk reaction.

58Motion died.

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60Mayor Hazelet stated that the council intends to look at all the options and make an
61informative decision. Mayor Hazelet explained the reasoning behind inviting Mr. Ludvigson to
62this meeting, to give information for the council and residents.

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64Motion by Councilman Greenwood to refer this issue to a committee.

65Motion died.

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67Comment from Mr. Throckmorton to council. He asked that the council be merciful to the
68farmers and dairymen. He appreciates the council considering the residents requests. Mayor
69Hazelet thanked Mr. Throckmorton for coming and commenting.

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71Discussion on Garbage contract.

72Motion by Councilman Vail to defer discussion on the garbage contract so he has time to
73review the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Greenwood. All voted aye. Motion
74carried.

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76Mrs. Beth Coleman was present to speak on the garbage issue. Mrs. Coleman asked
77questions to make it clear on garbage container size and collection price. Mrs. Coleman
78stated to the council that she does not believe that this is something that needs to be
79managed by the town; residents should be able to use the company of their choice.
80Questions on who would be managing the administrative costs for the garbage collection.
81Mayor Hazelet explained to Mrs. Coleman that Mr. Jay Mecham with Country Garbage had
82come to the town in 2006 with a much higher bid, and that the town was just trying to find a
83way to benefit residents and raise revenue for the town. Mrs. Coleman stated that she
84believes that there is a lack of trust in the town, and if this was a voluntary thing there may
85be residents that would consider this.

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87Discussion on residents burning their own garbage and on burning permits.

88Council discussed with Mr. Mecham on costs for billing along with collection. Mr. Mecham will
89put some numbers together and bring them to council next meeting.

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91Discussion on Non-Use Filing.

92Mayor Hazelet discussed with council information that he received from Representative

93Patrick Painter. He recommended that Genola, along with other towns do not file until the
94bill passes, he is very confident that this will pass, and that all of the communities will be filed
95at the same time. Councilman Greenwood read to council an article from the Daily Herald on
96this bill. After discussion on this item, Councilman Greenwood suggested that the Town file
97now and give the state engineer the reason for filing late. Mayor Hazelet agreed to speak to
98MAG and Representative Painter to see what the status of the bill is. Councilman Draper
99suggested that he also find out if there is a problem with filing late, he believes that they may
100just deny it now.

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102Discussion on Town Cemetery.

103Mayor Hazelet has given the map to Councilman Ewell. The surveying will take place when
104the snow has melted. Discussion on how much of the property will be developed to start.

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106Discussion on Disposal of Town Lots.

107Mayor Hazelet explained to council that in order to dispose of the 4 lots that the town owns,
108we need to declare them as surplus property, put them in the paper, and put them up for
109bid.

110Councilman Greenwood stated that before the city can dispose of significant real property, it
111must allow for public comment and the law as Councilman Greenwood understands it,
112(10-8-2) states that the city must have in place an ordinance defining what is significant
113versus surplus property. Utah code 10-8-2(4) (a) mandates it.

114Motion by Councilman Draper that the mayor has the authority to put in the paper the
115surplus property after checking with the attorney providing it says that we have the right to
116refuse any or all bids, a minimum bid of \$140,000.00, Mayor Hazelet checking on town
117ordinances, and checking on proper procedure for declaring surplus property. Motion
118seconded by Councilman Ewell, all voted aye, one abstention by Councilman Greenwood.
119Motion carried.

120Motion by Councilman Greenwood that if Mr. Brett Rich comes back and says you should
121exclude to have an ordinance that we immediately assign this to the planning commission to
122prepare us an ordinance.

123The motion was not voted on because Mayor Hazelet already committed to take it to the
124planning commission if the attorney required it.

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126Expenditures

127Waxie \$613.55

128LN Curtis \$1,575.00

129Mountainland Assoc. \$513.00

130Hanks Signs \$1,300.00

131Zions \$1,917.06

132Justice Courts \$1,252.51

133Santaquin City (Building Permits) \$2,567.96

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135Motion by Councilman Vail to pay the expenditures. Motion seconded by councilman Draper,
136all voted aye, motion carried.

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138Discussion on Town Celebration committee.

139 Councilman Ewell recommended that the celebration be held on June 27th, 28th and 29th.

140 Council agreed. Discussion on the Town not participating in the Genola Jam.

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142 Motion by Councilman Vail to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Councilman Ewell, all voted aye,

143 motion carried.

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145 Meeting ended at 11:54

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147 Minutes were recorded and written by Penny Thompson

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