

**Genoa Town Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Brian Williams, Clerk Dave Whitgob, Member Greg Pace, Member Jenn King and Karen Holmes.

Also present was Town Manager, Sheryl Gonzales.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Brian Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. at the meeting room at 2289 Main St., Genoa, NV.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Commissioner, Nancy McDermid.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Item

Clerk Whitgob moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Member King and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Item

Member Pace moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 20, 2009. Motion seconded by Clerk Whitgob. Motion passed unanimously.

Member King moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2009. Motion seconded by Member Holmes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Sue Knight said as an out-growth of the Strategic Plan, a committee of residents and anyone else interested, will meet on Thursday, March 5th, at 10:00 AM, for the purpose of discussing the under-grounding of utilities in Genoa.

Resident Dan Aynesworth said he has volunteered to go to Washington DC as a lobbyist and he will be presenting some Genoa agenda items. He met with resident Bill Brooks and Town Manager Sheryl Gonzales to develop a list of topics for the Town of Genoa, including funding for underground lighting and specific land acquisitions from the U.S. Forest Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Sheryl Gonzales gave her Town Manager report:
 - The Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 PM. A second workshop, if necessary, is scheduled for March 24th.
 - Marian Vassar and her committee have been busy preparing for the annual St. Patrick's Day event on Tuesday, March 17th, at 6 PM in the Town Hall. Everyone is invited to this fun and festive evening of a potluck dinner, raffle prizes and entertainment. A

traditional dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and vegetables will be served along with potluck salads and desserts.

- The NDOT grant application to assist in the funding of the Carson Street drainage project will go in this week. The Town's request is for \$39,150.
- The Town of Genoa was recently highlighted in the New York Times. The article describes the benefits of owning a home in Genoa and the Valley.
- Thank you to Sue Knight for her efforts to have Genoa featured in Nevada Magazine's Tour Around Nevada magazine in the May/June issue. As part of the official stop on the "tour", the magazine staff will visit the Town during May or June. At this time, they give away magazines and also present the Town with a Tour Around Nevada plaque and framed story.
- The Town has all event chairs confirmed except for Christmas in Genoa. Kitty DeSocio has agreed to chair the July 4th Barbeque, and Jenn King will chair the Halloween event.
- We will be starting a new class at the end of the month. It will be Pilates. It will be Tuesday mornings from 9AM to 10AM beginning March 31st. More information will be presented in the next newsletter.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Member Pace requested Item #3, Approve the Town's Policies and Procedures, be pulled and continued to the April meeting.

Clerk Whitgob moved to approve the Consent Calendar as modified. Motion seconded by Member Holmes. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Approve the Comptroller's Report/Budget Performance Report for January 2009.

4. Approve renewal of the 5-year agreement between the Town of Genoa and the Genoa Cemetery Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. Presentation regarding the Town of Genoa Resolution on Light Pollution adopted May 9, 2000.

Sheryl Gonzales introduced Maggie Tracy who has appeared before the Board previously to discuss light pollution.

Maggie Tracy gave a presentation regarding light pollution and dark skies reaffirming the resolution adopted by the Board on May 9, 2000.

The resolution will be put in the Genoa Connection Spring newsletter.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Sierra Philharmonic July 4th Pops in the Park event.

Clerk Whitgob gave an update regarding the Sierra Philharmonic July 4th Pops in the Park event and plans for the future. The SPL (Sierra Philharmonic League) intends to continue to exist and to hold his event. The League's membership is dwindling and they are trying to decide what to do about it. The SPL has decided to do a "soft hand off" to the Carson Valley Arts Council and the Town of Genoa as both groups are stakeholders in what goes on. A transition team has been formed. The SPL is working towards obtaining a grant.

Clerk Whitgob said the Town will probably participate in this year's event and shadow the event along with the Arts Council. A transition will take place after the conclusion of this year's event.

Member Pace asked what direction the Sierra Philharmonic League wants from the Town. Clerk Whitgob said not so much direction as it is participation, cooperation and eventually that the Town would be a facilitator of the event. The SPL vision is that they would "wind out" of the event, and the Arts Council and the Town of Genoa would step in.

At this time, the Town grants \$2,500 for the Pops in the Park event.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Walley's Hot Springs Expansion RCI Project No. 09114.5.

Gary Grottke, majority owner and manager of David Walley's Resort, reviewed plans for a proposed expansion of David Walley's Mountain View Resort. When the last 3 buildings are completed, there will be 120 total units on the east side of Foothill.

The new project is on the west side of Foothill. This project will total 216 units in 17 buildings. The last phase is not scheduled to begin until 2024.

Jeremy Hutchings from R. O. Anderson Engineering said the entrance to the new project would be across from the now-existing north entrance on the east side. All material removed from the project site would be used on site.

There was discussion about pedestrian, and other traffic, crossing the road from the new site to existing services on the east side based on concerns that Foothill is a winding road with a 55 mph speed limit. Resident Bill Brooks suggested that a pedestrian tunnel be put underneath the roadway.

Mr. Hutchings discussed water and sewer systems, as well as drainage issues.

There was discussion regarding a pedestrian path/access to the Town of Genoa.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2009R-001 providing recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners for the Outdoor Festival Ordinance No. 2009-1280 amending Douglas County Code Chapter 5.12.

Sheryl Gonzales said at the February 17, 2009 Genoa Town Advisory Board Special Meeting, the Board approved a resolution that recommends to the County Board of Commissioners to include language in the Outdoor Festival Ordinance amending Douglas County Code 5.12 that provides exemption for all unincorporated Douglas County Towns created pursuant to NRS 269.500 – 269.562 inclusive. The first reading of the Ordinance was held at the County Board of Commissioners meeting on February 19th. There were several comments received from the audience and the Board of Commissioners directed the District Attorney's office to re-look at and/or revise the Ordinance with community in-put. A resolution has been developed for discussion and review tonight.

Chair Williams reviewed background relating to the resolution. He recommended to let the resolution "lie" and if there is an appropriate time to bring it up again, that can be done.

Nancy McDermid, Chair of the County Board of Commissioners, commented that she had received emails and phone calls from different organizations that they would not be able to put on outdoor festivals based on the way the proposed Ordinance was written. In-put is needed from the people most involved in putting on outdoor festivals. The Commission felt that a workshop consisting of communities and organizations that would be affected by the Ordinance, should be held. No date has been set.

Discussion continued regarding the resolution and proposed Ordinance.

Ms. Gonzales stated if the Town was not satisfied with the outcome of the workshop process, the Town Board may want to look at the resolution at that time.

Clerk Whitgob moved that we participate in the workshop towards a desirable end and once the workshops have concluded, we make a decision at the time whether or not to enact the resolution. Motion seconded by Member King. Motion passed unanimously.

A short recess was taken.

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 PM.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the Town Manager's Annual Evaluation.

Sheryl Gonzales said the annual evaluation of the Town Manager for the period of February 2008 to March 2009 is now due. This provides an opportunity for the Town Board to review the evaluation completed by Chair Williams and to provide input as well as direction to the Town Manager regarding performance and future goals. Accomplishments are attached to the report.

Chair Williams reviewed the evaluation. There was Board discussion regarding the evaluation.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the Town Manager's goals. The goals will be discussed further at the March 10th Board meeting.

Clerk Whitgob moved to approve the evaluation prepared by Chair Williams and that it be submitted to Human Resources, to wait to find out the result from Human Resources, and then to act on that result as a Board. Motion seconded by Member Pace. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Member King moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. Motion seconded by Member King. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Wilkison