

Town of Genoa
AUGUST 19th, 2025

Roll Call:

Board Members: Mayor-Brenden Houder, Melissa Wolfe, Mary Keyes, Carla Weeks,

Absent: Eddie Becker, Louis Hulstine, Joseph Vigliatura

Employees: Chanzi Oulds – Clerk, Rene Bojorquez – waste/water operator, and Kirk Osborn – Maintenance

Guest:

Lewie Wells, Jim and Darlene Hatley, Wayne Ewing, Virginia Sutherland, Troy McCue, Teressa Hansen.

Brenden Houder called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Carla Weeks Motion to approve agenda for August 19th, 2025, seconded by Melissa Wolfe, motioned passed all in favor.

Guest comments:

Wayne Ewing is having a YARD SALE put on by Plains Community Church September 13th, 2025, 9AM-4PM. Sending a signed letter to Government for underfunding mandates.

Business Item:

We conferenced in Two Girl and a Mural. Talked to someone from the tourism board. They had been in talks with Pat Vice, about doing the water tower. A lot of the budget would go to a lift and materials. They could incorporate our design somewhere else. They would love to paint a mural in town, wanted our opinion on the matter. We are not opposed. Will get an around about date. The Tourism Board is offering to pay 50%. The Southwest Cylinder may be a good spot for the painting. The design may not fit on there. They would wave design cost. They would also cut their rate in half. Discussion of a wolf incorporated into the design. The design would cost around \$20,000. She would be able to get around \$15,000 covered. They would be happy to help with fundraising money. Talk to Co- Op they may be willing to help since the mural would be shared by them, we would try to put it on the elevator. May ask Tower to pitch in since it may benefit them. The local bank may be able to take donations. We will try to get donations so that the mural will be able to happen. Trying to get something by the end of next week. Trying to get paint ordered by September 1st, 2025. The paint guarantees a 30-year warranty for the color. We asked if Two Girls in a Mural if they could have a design by August 26th, 2025. They are trying to be done by the end of September due to weather issues. We will check into fundraising through homecoming/school and may help promote. Re-Visiting the plan going forward. We will touch base with them next meeting on August 26th, 2025.

Melissa Wolfe, Mary Keyes, Carol Weeks

Approval of the minutes July 15th, 2025. Carla Weeks motioned for the approval of the minutes on July 15th, 2025, except for correction of a word, motion was seconded by Mary Keyes motion passed unanimously.

Carla Weeks motioned to approve the bills and file the financials for the month of August 19th with looking into the Black Hills Account and Miles Saver Shopper to the system totals report, Melissa Wolfe seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Correspondence – CML, Colorado magazine.

Department reports:

Attorney – Nothing new

Clerk – A certified letter was sent to the RV on 92 Kunkle, about them unhooking from out water. We may have to take issues to court. New meetings will Sept 17th and October 29th. MVEA set a public hearing for the ordinance previously presented in the last meeting will be on Sept 16th. I will see if it can be changed to the 17th of September. After that we will go back to 3rd Tuesdays. We will look into getting direct deposit set up if its free and doesn't cause any issues. We have a Cirsa Audit on September 12th at 9 AM. Let Kirk and Rene know they would need to be made available. Ben Miller will be shut off if we do not receive his \$250.00.

Maintenance – Mitigating the tree by Vice's. He did not trim it, it may die soon. Has cleaned some stuff up with the chainsaw. Completed the clean up in the sewer 4,000 lbs, of trash 10,00 lbs of concrete and 8,000 lbs of plastic. New pumps new hose new filters, trash pumps used to pump out the sewers. Moved the seat fixed the throttle cable. Road drag re-built all of it. Grated a couple roads. Grated the entrance in front of the town. Used to have some forks and brackets so we can have a forklift rebuilt brackets. Took 3 Trees out of the bark took the pile of dirt and pile of chips out. Scraped off the boarders where the flowers may sit. Sewer Timers are working correctly. One pond runs for 6-10 and an hour off, and the other one runs from 11-3 and an hour off. It gets warm in there, so he gives it a break. Changes to the time can be made easily. All the trash has been removed from the bus barn; we are looking into putting them on the other side where it's missing a door. We need to put some braces on the extension of bus barn it does not seem real sturdy. A lot of extra cutting due to so much rain. He has picked up the fence and will try to do it this weekend. We need to bill the churches insurance, for the fence. Chanzi and Kirk will get a bill together for them. Rehung the stop sign on 6th and Kunkle, it is now bolted on the telephone pole.

Water/ wastewater – Rene stated we are still finding nitrates he has tested all sources of water. The strips are not very accurate by give you a good idea. The solutions for nitrates will be that GMS will incorporate that in their plans. The day we had no water pressure. The control panel for the main pump had gone into airplane mode from maybe getting too hot. Sanitary inspection September 16th. Getting records from anywhere from 10-15 years old. They will also check into the facility. Called around you get our finished water tower inspected. We will have to deal with a new company instead of Marine Divers company, they are no longer due what we need done. Turbidity Calibration Kit. Rene stated it was around \$400.00. Brenden gave the go ahead to purchase it. There are no maps of where our pipelines are, and our sewer lines are. There is a website where is stores all your maps or anytime you do maintenance it keeps track of the dates. It documents a lot of stuff. It is \$20.00 a month. We may be able to talk to GMS to see if they have any of our maps to be able to put them on the website.

Safety report – Kirk cut down the trees at the park.

Community and economic development – Troy McCue sent his report.

Code Enforcer: Sent the certified letter to 92 Kunkle Complaint was made about not spayed/unneutered cats running around, and she would like the matter handled. We are sending a notice that any outdoor cats need to be spayed/neutered. 5th and Hicks a street sign was pulled out of the ground. Kirk will fix it.

Old Business:

Water Project – GMS will be here Tuesday, August 26th for a Special meeting about the Community Development Block Grant. We already have the water project in motion and looking into getting grants. GMS will be filling us in on everything that's going on.

Resident communication email access – Mary Keyes found programs. Multiple Board member stated they were fine using their emails they choose they do not need a govt or more professional email address if they wanted to change their email they could.

No movement on 92 Kunkle.

New Business:

Parks & Recreation, Mary stated that GoCo's last date for this year is September 11th to apply for a grant, we may have to wait until next year. They will give advice about making us a park. They are concerned with getting the community involved. If we could get a watering system installed, we may be able to get plant more plants and trees. We have a representative name Sammie. We could send out a letter, stating we are asking for them to make sure they come so that we may be able to get grant money. We could maybe have a BBQ and something else maybe even suggested going to the school and having the kids do a survey. Check about changing the baseball field to something else. We will check into having a fundraiser with the fire department in October. We will check back in next month to check on the progress.

Grants and Low interest loans -GMS has a meeting about a grant on August 16th, 2025.

Board Comments – NONE

Staff, Council and Mayor Comments – NONE

Melissa Wolfe motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 9:15pm. Carla Weeks seconded the motion, motion passed with all in favor.