

**Mendon City Council Meeting**  
**January 8th, 2015**  
**Mendon Station – 95 North Main**  
**Meeting began at 7:00pm**

**In Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Ed Buist

**Council Members:** Greg Taylor, Kelly Barrett, Jon Hardman, Shawn Osborne

**Recorder:** Paul Cressall

**Treasurer:** Daphne Carlson

**Clerk:** Teena Young

**Public Works Director:** Kirk Taylor

**Excused:** Bob Jepsen

**Citizens in attendance:** Avery Jensen, Christian Jensen, Jonathan Gyllenskog, Darren DeBloois, Corrie Wallace, Bob DeGasser, Eric Dursteller, Becki Taylor, Emily Wright, Marhsall Nethercott, Abe Watkins, Stephen Bevan, Seth Smith, Pete Watkins

Mayor Ed Buist called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout, Christian Jensen, with the prayer being given by Councilman, Shawn Osborne.

**Minutes:** The November 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Bills:** The November 2014 bills were reviewed. Motion to approve the bills was made by Shawn Osborne and seconded by Greg Taylor. Motion passed. December 2014 bills were reviewed. Motion to approve bills was made Greg Taylor and seconded by Jon Hardman. Motion passed.

**Youth Council Report – Emily Wright**

The youth Council decorated the station for Christmas and sponsored a community sing-a-long in December. They will be supporting the Heart of Mendon Kid's Art Camp this summer and will also be planning the Easter Egg hunt. The youth council continues to pursue the possibility of a Mendon Service Scholarship. Mayor Buist commended the youth council on the Christmas Community Sing-a-Long and asked that the Youth Council provide the music for the May Day dance.

**Urban Deer/Turkey Population – Darren DeBloois - Department of Wildlife Resources**

Darren DeBloois, DWR, came to advice the council on the urban deer population and how to address the associated issues. Mr DeBloois reported that DWR has begun a pilot program working with cities to develop plans for urban deer. DWR has worked with Bountiful and Highland in developing pilot management programs specific to each city's needs. The Division issues a certificate to the city allowing the city to start addressing the issues, basically jumping the line and not needing to wait for DWR resources to be available.

Highland implemented an archery program, with a specific group of archers, who discretely remove the deer. The deer are then processed, with the meat being donated to homeless shelters. Bountiful City has a trap and release program. The city has built traps, which they bate and monitor. Once a deer is caught, DWR is contacted to relocate the deer.

Cache County cities utilizing DWR services are Newton and North Logan. The pilot program allows cities to jump the line, but the city bares most of the responsibility.

Corrie Wallace, DWR Land Owner Specialist, stated that DWR does have a program to address damage caused in commercial situations that can aide property owners. Darren DeBloois suggested that the city have a public process and recommended a survey to determine the opinion of the residents. Mayor Buist asked for a sample copy of a survey, stating that the city only hears from the individuals who are having problems with the deer.

Daphne Carlson asked for clarification about deprivation tags as she has had calls with people questioning whether there is a deprivation hunt. Corrie Wallace stated that the land owners have to have 5 acres of

cultivated crops in order to apply for these tags. Corrie Wallace stated that there are currently turkey deprivation tags available. Residents can call the Ogden DWR office for more information.

If Mendon City participated in the pilot program, the city would be responsible for the costs. Bob DeGasser asked: if the city caught and euthanized the animal, would the DWR help with the cost of processing the meat so that it could be donated. Darren stated that this would have to be discussed in the plan. The studies say that the cost to move a deer is about \$500, but if there are volunteers to help the cost would be less. The plan would include a Measurement for Success; one measurement may be less damage to property. Mayor Buist asked that Bob DeGasser work with DWR to make a plan for the city and present ideas to the city council. A survey will also be collected to determine the residents' opinions of the matter.

Darren DeBlois also addressed the turkey problem. Currently, DWR and Mendon City are working to keep turkey's up in the foothills. Corrie Wallace stated that she has some traps available for hotspots in town. Jon Hardman stated that in general numbers are down this year. Depredation tags are available and a fall hunt has also been established. Jon Hardman stated that DWR has been working with the city for 3 years to try to keep the turkeys in the foothills.

**Animal Control – Todd Parker – Cache County Sheriff's Office** – not present to the meeting. Shawn Osborne commented that Animal Control officers only work a certain number of hours per week and won't come out after hours, adding that other members of the sheriff's office are not aware of what to do with animal control issues.

#### **Lot-split & Building Permit restrictions**

Kelly Barrett talked to local entities about how building and subdivision limitations are handled. Rich County has a provision that allows a once subdivided lot to be re-subdivided only after a five year waiting period. Hyrum city also has a five year provision for additional subdivisions. Wellsville doesn't have a time limit. Kelly Barrett stated that he would like wait an additional month in order to talk to additional cities before further discussion. Mayor Buist stated that he would like to allow people to split their lots but that the new lots cannot be tied to a building permit.

**Deputy Sutherland** was not able to attend but emailed a report to Mayor Buist. He has increased his coverage through Mendon for the past month. Kelly Barrett stated that he met with UDOT officials who did a speed study on SR 23. Speed limits are set on the 85 percentile. The speed study through Mendon indicated that the average speed through Mendon is higher than the posted speed limits. State law states that the speed limit must be within 5mph of the speed study. The speed study found that the average speed on SR 23 through Mendon was 37mph. Based on this study the speed limit would be increased to 35 mph. Officials are proposing 45mph limit entering town then decreasing to 35mph when closer to center of town. Then similar signage will be mirrored on the other end of town. They are willing to wait and conduct another speed study in 3-4 months. If increased enforcement could decrease the numbers for the new speed study then the speed limit could stay at the current 30 mph. Kelly Barrett added that it doesn't hurt to do another study and that residents would probably prefer to see the speed limit remain. Shawn Osborne stated that it's not the citizens of Mendon who are speeding through town, adding that with increased patrolling we would see the speed study numbers decrease. Greg Taylor stated that many people walk along that road and would like to see the limit kept at 30mph. Jon Hardman agreed. Mayor Buist will talk to Deputy Sutherland about continued enforcement.

#### **Wellsville Duathlon Route**

The bike route will be North through Mendon on SR 23 and then proceed back through Mendon to Wellsville on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Council approved the race.

#### **Kirk Taylor – Public Works Director**

Kirk Taylor stated that the cemetery has been slow this winter. No issues with parks. It has been a mild year for snow plowing. Kirk stated that the plow has an electrical issue and other wear and tear. The plow has been used for 6 years and it may be time to think about replacing it. The one ton truck will be

10 years old also; Kirk would like to look into getting a newer truck with a stainless steel bed.

Water service connection fees need to be raised because of increased costs of materials and labor. A resolution needs to be made to increase the fees. A public meeting will be held in February to raise these fees.

Paul Cressall asked about the possibility of posting of status of building permits on the city's cloud. This will allow him to know when a home is complete and when water/utility billing should be in place.

## **Council Reports**

### **Shawn Osborne**

Shawn Osborne stated that he has been looking at revising the current website but that it has written in several different codes. It will be easier to be completely re-do the website. The digital recordings of the meetings will be put on the website. Shawn is setting up new email addresses for staff and council with the extension @mendoncity.org. Old email addresses will be forwarded to the new email addresses. The Mayor's Blog will also be online. Comcast will be doing a study to determine why we have very low bandwidth and may need to upgrade the hardware. Shawn Osborne also has set up an online cloud for backup through DropBox, which will cost approx. \$100 per year. Daphne asked if residents could input their email addresses on the website in order to register for the city's email list.

### **Jon Hardman**

Jon Hardman stated that we have an excess of funds available from the well loan and that the city could use it for additional related projects. Jon added that the roof on the 100,000 gal storage tank at the cemetery needs to be replaced and the surplus money from the loan could be used for this project. He will report back next month. Jon added that the new technology allows for the water sources to be monitored and that the ups and downs can be observed.

### **Kelly Barrett**

Kelly Barrett mentioned that the youth council reported on the scholarship, and they need an account for people to get tax exempt status for donations. Daphne stated that they are still working with the attorney, but money can be collected now and put into a fund when it is set up. Kelly reported on the Fire Department stating that three people sent to Utah Firefighter's Winter school. The city will be working with the county for storm water improvements.

### **Greg Taylor**

Greg Taylor stated that the damage on the SE corner of the Mendon Station is improving, adding that the gutters may need to be fixed as the damage is most likely being cause from water getting in. Becki Taylor cleaned out the closet downstairs and found May Day t-shirts and flags and wanted to know what to do with them. Mayor Buist stated that the t-shirts can be sold or used by the youth council. There is no knowledge of where the flags originated. Greg Taylor stated that he would like to get a rack for the folding chairs in the basement and will investigate cost.

### **Mayor Buist**

Mayor Buist will talk with Deputy Sutherland. Mayor Buist, Kirk Taylor and Jon Hardman attended the Wellsville City Council meeting. Mayor Bailey had previously approached by the Mayor about purchasing water from Wellsville. Mayor Bailey, Wellsville city, and Mendon City representatives discussed the prospect of connecting to the Wellsville culinary water system in the future. The city will need to work with Wellsville about the development of the west side of the valley and this is a long term project. Eric Dursteller, city engineer, stated that the state has funding available for locating water sources. Mayor Buist added that he wants to see what is available here but that connecting with Wellsville is an option. He added that other cities are combining resources and this may be something in Mendon's future.

Mayor Buist met with the architect of the new building. The final plans should be ready for the Feb 2015 meeting and it should be out for bid in March 2015. The city is on target to break ground during the July 24<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Teena Young will be scanning the city ordinances in order to have digital copy online and on the city cloud.

Greg Taylor stated that he had question about LDS missionaries living with families in their homes. Planning and Zoning will discuss whether this is in accordance with city ordinance. The Council expressed additional concerns about short-term rentals and would like Planning and Zoning to discuss this issue further as to ensure there are no loop-holes in the ordinances.

Shawn Osborne motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Kelly Barrett. The motioned passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.