

**Mendon City Council Meeting**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Mendon City Hall & Library**  
**15 N Main**  
**Meeting began at 6:00 PM**

**In Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Ed Buist

**Council Members:** Greg Taylor, Bob Jepsen, Karole Sorenson, Kelly Barrett, Jon Hardman

**Clerk:** Teena Young

**Treasurer:** Daphne Carlson

**Recorder:** Paul Cressall (*excused*)

**Public Works:** Kirk Taylor

**Engineer:** Eric Dursteler (*arrived at 7:35pm*)

**Attendance:** Colin K Hadfield, Steven Cornelson, Isaac pierce, Kyle Harris, Deputy Travis Clark, Matt Anderson, Casey Snider, Bruce Leishman

Mayor Buist opened the meeting at 6:02pm. Colin Hadfield led the Pledge of Allegiance with Kelly Barrett saying the prayer.

Council reviewed and approved the November 2018 minutes.

Council reviewed the November and December 2018 bills. Bob stated that the celebrations budget is over budget, and we haven't gotten to May Day at this point. Mayor Buist stated that we will need to look at it and make an adjustment. There will be money for the May Day celebrations. Kelly motioned to approve November and December 2018 bills. Bob seconded, and the council agreed unanimously.

Mayor Buist welcomed Matt Anderson who is the Northern Utah Director for Senator Romney's office. Matt stated that council is welcome to call anytime for help with federal agencies and/or legislation concerns.

**Deputy Travis Clark**

Deputy Clark stated that he noticed the engine brakes signs have been installed. He has been out here during grave shift and hasn't noticed any problem with the engine brakes. He asked if council has noticed an improvement. Bob stated that he has noticed an improvement.

Deputy Clark's biggest concern is 100 E near the school. The school zone is an issue as he has ticketed people going 20 mph over the speed limit. They are making efforts to enforce the school zone. Deputy Clark asked about winter parking. Kirk stated that Dave Welker has asked about it, and Kirk let him know of a few areas in the subdivision that have been an issue. Council thanked Deputy Clark for his work.

**Greg Schroeder – Culinary Water Extension**

Greg stated that he is needing to get water to his property that he plans to build on. He has talked to Kirk about it and the city engineer gave an estimate to get the culinary water to the property. The estimate was \$37,000 to bring an 8" line. He is looking at an alternative way to approach this. He understands that the state recommends a distance range of 200-500 ft to a fire hydrant. He is also told that there are situations where hydrants are 660 ft apart within Mendon. He has done some mapping of some other distances in the city that are over 500 ft. He is looking for some forbearance, so he doesn't have to run an 8" line and put a fire hydrant there. Greg proposed that a water line go up the driveway of his home which would be 409 ft. The other option would be to allow a 2-inch line for the residence. He understands that there is a

2" line on the other side of the road. He also understands that developers are responsible for the cost of the extension. His argument is that he shouldn't have to do an 8" line for the single home.

Jon stated that fire protection is a big issue. The issue is the home may be sold down the road and if the city didn't have adequate fire protection the city would be responsible. Jon stated that there are a few things that need to be looked at. One of those is that the home must be set back at least 50' from the centerline of the stream and the septic tank needs to be 100' from the stream. We need to see something there to show the placement.

Jon has talked with Kirk, there had been some previous talk by previous councils about putting a larger line 12" on the south side of the road to accommodate future growth. If it is decided to go that way, the city would be willing to help with that cost. Greg would still need to handle the cost of going under 200 N. Kirk added that the irrigation line is on the south side also. We may need to go on the north side. We need to talk to the engineer to determine that. Kirk stated that he had talked to Rod Sorensen, previous council member, who worked on a plan to bring a large 12" truck line down. If that is determined to be the plan, then the city would bear some of the cost.

Jon stated that his feeling is that there are too many cases where the city has allowed something to go forward and then other groups come back to claim that it was allowed so other instances should also. Jon's position is that we are not held to repeat the same mistakes that have previously been made. Jon stated that his water budget is already at 75%, and he still needs to find money to get the new well water line into the city system. Greg asked about a timeline for the city to make a decision. Eric isn't here to discuss, the reasoning behind the 12" line would be to help extend water further to the north. Kelly suggested that an easement be written, if the line goes up the driveway. Kelly would be comfortable to allow an easement. Jon asked about whether it is fair to impact the existing home or property in the event of a fire. The proposal would be to access the new home through another property and potentially impacting that home owner. Jon doesn't know if that right.

Kelly recommended that we look at the fire protection options and whether they are met. Greg asked if he wrote an easement, would the city allow a regular 2" line? Jon stated that Chief Ray Olsen needs to weigh-in before the decision is made. A fire truck may not be able to access through the wet area. Greg is looking for alternatives that everyone feels comfortable about. Kirk stated that the access would be off 200 N, which would be where the fire department needs to access. Greg stated that the house could be accessed on both sides. Bob's concern is that we have had complications with people sharing a driveway. Kelly stated that the fire access and the water access could be two separate things. Greg stated they will still have access off 200 N and could use water access through an easement on his parcel. Jon added that the water code only permits a 3/4" or 1" service line. Mayor Buist asked that Greg work with Eric, Ray, Kirk, and Jon to come up with an agreement.

### **February City Council Meeting – Date Change**

February meeting will be changed to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Work Mtg Date/Agenda Items with Council and P&Z**

Bob talked with the P&Z commission about scheduling a work mtg. He is requesting that February P&Z meeting begin at 6:30 PM and the work mtg with council be held afterward at 7:30 PM.

### **Employee Policies**

Mayor Buist read the Driver Qualification Program Bob motioned to accept the policies as read. Jon seconded the motion. Council Discussion: Kelly stated that the fleet manager should be consistent, and he recommends using titles instead of the named individuals. The policy will be changed to list the Public Works fleet managers to be the Public Works Director and the Mayor, and the City Council

Liaison over the fire department and the Fire Chief to be the fleet managers for the fire department vehicles. Bob amended the motion to approve of the policy and include the titles as the fleet managers on the driver qualification policy. No further discussion. Council agreed unanimously.

### **Bruce Leishman – Request for culinary hookup at the end of Cobblestone Line**

Bruce wasn't yet in attendance to the meeting. Jon stated that Bruce produced city council minutes from 1994 where the council gave allowance for a hookup extending the culinary line up Cobblestone to Bruce's property. Jon stated that several years later, about 10 years ago, the council decided that the property no longer qualified for the extension. The cobblestone tank only supplies water for the current 34 homes so if we were to allow this hookup, we would have to upsize the cobblestone tank. Jon's suggestion is that we deny the request until such time we can upsize the tank. The tank isn't a priority right now and isn't in the budget. Bruce could reapply when the water system is more able to accommodate. Jon motioned to decline the request. Karole seconded. No further discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Kirk Taylor, Public Works Director**

Kirk stated that we got tagged by OSHA, so we met their requirements by providing a hazardous materials inventory at city facilities. The shingles on the Mendon station were repaired, hopefully it fixed the water problem in the corner. Kirk got ahold of the carpet contractor to make some repairs on the carpet in the library. There was one interment. Kirk stated that in speaking about fire protection, he remembered that the access to Bruce Anderson's is blocked by a downed tree. It may need to be mentioned to Fire Chief Ray Olsen.

In November's meeting, Kirk proposed to give Mason an increase to \$12 per hour, but it was unclear as to whether it was just for snow plowing. Kirk stated that his intent was to increase Mason's wage not just for while he is plowing snow. The minutes stated that it is for the snowplow backup, but that wage already exists; his specific discussion and intention was for Mason's wage. Council would like to change the wages to be based on titles instead of names. Mason's position will be the Assistant Public Works II. The Assistant Public Works I title is for a potential future full-time employee, replacing Logan. Bob motioned to increase the Assistant Public Works II wage to a \$12/hour. Karole seconded. No further discussion. Council agreed unanimously, with Greg abstaining. Mason will be given the back pay because this was the intent of the change in November. Kelly asked that we use him for the more skilled jobs and training, while using the lower wage employees for other tasks.

In October Kirk was asked to go down to Jeremy Martin's to check on the drainage system. He noticed that the Porter's had built a building on the city property. Paul Taylor did not issue a building permit. Joni stated that P&Z didn't discuss or give permission for the building either. The building is quite large, and it is actually on the city owned parcel. Jon stated that we need a letter from the city. Kelly stated that it may be worth while to have a surveyor mark the property boundary. The letter should say that the improvements need to be moved. Mayor Buist agrees with the survey and will ask Eric to line up a survey. Jon wants to make the property markers permanent or at least GPS marked. Kelly stated that it is worth doing that. John Davidson and Mayor Buist will draft a letter together and get it sent to the home owner.

Bob stated that we have talked about an out building at the shop and asked Kirk about his plans. Kirk stated that we need to prioritize the needs there; his priority would be to get parking there. He can absorb the equipment being stored in the cemetery shed for now.

## **Council Reports:**

### **Bob Jepsen**

Bob asked John Davidson to start P&Z February meeting at 6:30 PM, allowing for a work meeting with council afterward. There are issues about enforcement and discussion about the general plan. Bob stated that there are abandoned vehicles that are on the city right-of-way also. Deputy Clark will help deliver the letters to the owners of the vehicles, if needed.

A public hearing will be held in February concerning the expansion of the cemetery. He doesn't think he can do everything in one year but would like to cut the road. Kirk asked about irrigation water use above the canal. Jon stated that Kirk Lindley mentioned that they hadn't made a final decision but were discussing. Let's make sure that is the case, before we pursue a well. We have water shares that would easily work for the cemetery, and we could avoid the cost for the well.

Jon stated that his hope to go into the work mtg with some basic side boards and give P&Z the latitude to give their recommendation. We voted to extend the master plan until August, so we need to be thinking about that also. John Davidson stated that they have been working on the regulations and have rewritten the code. It is being edited to present to council. Jon added that we need to take our first serious stab about what to do with sewage even though that is so far away; we need to have a plan in place before we see our options minimized. Previous general plans put commercial zones to the east, but Gene Hiibner is putting a conservation easement on much of that property, so the future commercial zone will need to be discussed.

### **Eric Dursteler, City Engineer**

*arrived at 7:25pm.*

Eric stated that the cold water well pumped at 635 gal/min, he recommends that we go with 600 gal/min for calculations, which would allow 420 connections. Phase II Mendon Gateway Road project is in discussions. The new bid it is at \$50,000 but included a large mobilization cost. It is being re-negotiated. The South 100 E project will be bid in Feb. The cemetery well estimate will be provided also. Eric is in the process of evaluating the impact fee schedule and has contacted that city attorney for evaluation of what can be charged.

The 420 hookups include allowance for secondary water. Typically, secondary use is 2/3 of the allowed water, so if Mendon continues to require irrigation water, the allowed hookups would be many more. Kelly asked if the state requires a buffer, and if we should keep the city's buffer. Eric stated that he suggests that we do have the city's buffer because we can't encroach on the state's limit. Jon, Eric, and Kirk met to talk about were to bring that water into the system. The hope is to combine cobblestone well and the new well, blending both. Jon stated that council needs to include this on the master plan, so that a future city council doesn't branch off the transfer line before the water is blended. We could have bids out in April for the extension of the line. The state is going to require the whole design package. Eric's idea is to use two bid packages.

### **Greg Taylor**

Youth council held the community sing-along in December which was enjoyable. Buildings: the next step for the station is to see if the moisture in the corner of the station is fixed, since the shingles were replaced. We started trapping turkeys in November, so far 262 turkeys have been trapped. We have 6 traps that are being moved around town. We did have one deer harvested with the urban deer hunt. The urban deer hunt will begin again in August. We may take up to 20 deer within the 3 year plan.

**Karole Sorensen**

Karole is happy to have the engine brake signs on the highway. Emergency preparedness meetings were cancelled due to undemand. The group in charge of Heart of Mendon have also stepped down. Karole will be meeting with the library board this evening.

**Kelly Barrett**

Nothing further.

**Jon Hardman**

The irrigation companies will be starting their annual meetings beginning in February. Kirk asked if they could provide the city with maps of their systems. Kirk does his best to let them know when he sees a Blue Stake that may affect an irrigation line.

**Mayor Ed Buist**

Mayor Buist stated that he will continue one-on-one's with staff and council. Mayor Buist thanked Deputy Clark for being willing to help with enforcement issues. Mayor Buist asked Eric to arrange to have the city's parcel surveyed that was earlier discussed. Bob asked about the cemetery fees. We will look at that next month with the public hearing.

Casey Snyder, Utah State Rep, stated that the legislation session starts in two weeks and he will send out emails when the session starts. Jon stated that we'd like to know when bills impact the city. One issue, Jon mentioned is that when we get these flooding events, we collect all the water from the snowpack. If there was a way to get the water down to the river before a lot of homes are impacted, that would be beneficial.

Bob motioned to adjourn with Karole seconding. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.