

**Mendon City Council Meeting**  
**January 14, 2016**  
**Mendon Station – 95 North Main**  
**Meeting began at 7:00pm**

**In Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Ed Buist

**Council Members:** Greg Taylor, Kelly Barrett, Karole Sorensen, Jon Hardman (arrived at 7:44 pm)

**Clerk:** Teena Young

**Recorder:** Paul Cressall

**Treasurer:** Daphne Carlson

**Public Works Director:** Kirk Taylor

**City Engineer:** Eric Dursteler

**Library Board:** Katie Child

**Excused:** Bob Jepsen

**In Attendance:** Rick Shelton, Bonnie Odd, Janet Willardson, Lisa Robins, Ryan Yonk, Mandy Powell, Katie Child, (Senator Lyle Hillyard arrived after the meeting had closed.)

Mayor Buist opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karole Sorensen with Kelly Barrett saying the prayer. Mayor Buist excused councilmember Bob Jepsen. Jon Hardman will be arriving late. Mayor Buist also welcomed the newest council member Karole Sorensen.

The November 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved.

November and December 2015 bills were reviewed. Motion to approve the bills was given by Kelly Barrett with Greg Taylor seconding. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Youth Council**

Cambrie Hyatt represented the youth council. On Dec 5 they helped the Heart of Mendon with a babysitting fundraiser. The town sing-a-long was a success, with many performance groups participating. The youth council requested additional funds for the sing-a-long next year. They are also looking for an Easter Bunny suit and fundraising money for the suit. The budget for the Easter egg hunt is \$300. They will be planning the Easter egg hunt and having a youth council party. Mayor Buist asked that they come next month with a proposed increase in budget for the sing-a-long.

**Deputy Sutherland – Law Enforcement**

Deputy Wirthrich has accepted a new position so it will just be Deputy Sutherland at this time. Mayor Buist thanked him for his service. Deputy Sutherland stated that a major concern in the winter is when a car is left idling and unlocked; cars or merchandise inside can be easily stolen. The sheriff's office hired a new full time animal control officer so they will have someone working from 8am to 8pm Monday- Friday. Mayor Buist stated that we are still having incidents with dogs after hours, and when an animal poses a danger, we need deputies to come out even when animal control is not on duty. Bob and Mayor Buist have talked with LT Peterson about this issue also. Sutherland will talk with the dispatchers about the problem. Mayor Buist stated that Deputy Sutherland does a great job and added that there are still concerns about the high speeds on HWY 23. Sutherland said that since they have raised the speed limit, he hasn't written any situations but will continue to monitor speeds.

**Library Board**

Katie Child introduced the library board to the council. They will have a representative at each city council meeting. Mayor Buist stated that Karole will be the new council representative. Mayor Buist will also be involved because of the new building project. Mayor Buist asked about the RAPZ money. Katie stated that they need to purchase the merchandise and then the county will reimburse the cost. Daphne stated that the county may accept an intent to purchase.

## **Development/Annexation Q&A – Jenn Felton**

Jenn Felton, who was scheduled on the agenda, was not present to the meeting.

### **City Building**

Mayor Buist updated the council and public concerning the city building project. The bidding process has begun. A pre-bid meeting will be next Thursday and bid openings will be on Feb 11. As things have gone on, it has turned into a lot bigger process than it was expected to be. With it being a city building, it has had to have proper stamping from engineers. Currently there are 11 companies who have requested bid documents. The plan is to start the project when the ground thaws this spring.

Two Bike races are scheduled for May. The Randy Wirth Half Century Ride, May 21 and the Wellsville Duathlon, May 28.

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

Kirk stated that the pot holes have been an issue this winter. There haven't been any interments at the cemetery with the snow on the ground so far. There is a transducer on the cemetery tank that is going bad. It isn't a big deal this time of year, but it needs to be taken care of. Snow removal has just been small storms so far. Kirk, Daphne, Teena, and Logan have been holding Safety Committee Meetings once per month. Karole will be forwarded the meeting minutes. The Utah Governments Trust gives a reduced premium rate for cities who hold the meetings. It could be \$800 annual credit; Daphne proposed that the money be used for safety equipment and gear for Kirk and Logan. Mayor Buist stated that it is a great idea for the money to go to those purposes and asked that Karole oversee those needs. Mayor Buist thanked Kirk for his work.

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

Eric Dursteler reported that he set up folders on the cloud under City Projects. He will put any presentations or documents related to city projects on the cloud for the council to view. In reference to the ground water study, there are some new equipment that we will be using. They will be looking into the three sites previously discussed: west of the cemetery, west of the school and south of town. The areas close to the school and near the cemetery may have potential because of a clay layer in the ground. There is also ground water to the south of Mendon, but wells on the south of Mendon do not produce as much water. The ground water study will begin in April.

*Jon Hardman arrived at 7:44pm.*

Jon asked about if the area above the Cobblestone well would be an option. Eric stated that it hadn't been considered because of data from previous tests, but we have a few months to think about where we would like to look. Eric added that we will find water, it is just a quality issue.

At 7:47pm Mayor Buist called for a break. The meeting resumed at 7:52pm.

### **Council Reports:**

#### **Jon Hardman**

Jon Hardman stated that Eric has reported on the ground water study that will be done. Paul Cressall stated that the canal fee was raised \$2 per share. It is a council decision on whether to increase the fee for the residents who rent the shares from the city. Jon stated that Mendon-Wellsville Canal raised the rates for needed improvements. There are 150 to 160 residents who rent the shares from Mendon City. This still allows the city sufficient shares to water the parks. Currently the rental cost is \$41 per share. Kelly stated that we should raise the fee to match the increase. Jon Hardman motioned to raise the rental fee to \$43 to match the increase. Greg Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Bob Jepsen**

Bob Jepsen was not present to the meeting, so Mayor Buist updated the council concerning P&Z. Building Inspector, Paul Taylor, will be attending P&Z meeting next month in order to get permits started for the new building. The Planning commission was asked to look at the loop holes that have been encountered with the subdivisions and developments. P&Z will suggest ways to close these loop holes. More detail on the development checklists are also needed. Mike Morgan stated that he will be stepping down after the end of his term in May. If there is someone that is steady and

knowledgeable please offer suggestions. Mayor Buist mentioned that Bob feels strongly about pursuing the Cobblestone annexation. Jon stated that if the people of cobblestone come forward and want annexation then he would be supportive. Bob will look at the options and investigate.

**Greg Taylor**

Greg stated that there isn't much this time of year. Mayor Buist mentioned that the south east corner of the station needs to be fixed. Also, Greg will look into what money will be needed for the cemetery and the buildings in the next budget year. Jon mentioned the need to expand the cemetery. Within the next couple of months, the council will work with Eric Bowen to make a 3-5 year plan. There currently are 48 available burial lots. It would be beneficial to start on the landscaping, prior to the expansion. Mayor Buist will be looking at adding a new full time employee for public works. Paul mentioned the option of contracting to relieve some of the work that Kirk does.

**Karole Sorensen**

Karole reported that Ray Olsen is willing to help provide NIMS compliant training for the council and staff. Mayor Buist stated that he has a contact that can do the training for free in 3 hours. Karole also spoke with Bruce Andersen about the trails who said there is one more bench to be put in along the trail. Bruce wondered if there was any RAPZ money available. Daphne mentioned that the current population grant was used to fix the playground equipment. The Heart of Mendon is looking for more donations and have more projects planned. Jason Christensen will be turning over the Heart of Mendon to the board they have in place.

**Mayor Buist**

Mayor Buist stated that the city building will not be open for rent. The Mendon Station will remain the rental facility. There may be piano recitals or other cultural events at the library. The Library board will schedule the events at the library. The library will be closed during public meetings.

**Kelly Barrett**

The Fire Department was charged \$1200 for the fire hydrant testing. It was Ray's understanding that the money should come out of the water budget. Jon stated that was what has been done before. Paul will transfer the charge to the water fund. Jon stated that in the past several people have done the testing and they are all paid separately. Jon would like to know when the testing was done and who did it. Emergency calls are remaining the same. The ISO rating is the same as Logan City, and it is good for insurance rates. The fire department is looking to replace a 35yr old truck soon. Kelly also stated that he supports the Youth Council and recommends adding money to their budget for the sing-a-long as has been requested.

Greg Taylor motioned to adjourn, Kelly Barrett seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:21.