

Mendon City Council Meeting
February 7th, 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, Kelly Barrett, Jon Hardman

Clerk: Teena Young

Treasurer: Daphne Carlson

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Engineer: Eric Dursteler

Planning & Zoning Chair: John Davidson

Excused: Karole Sorensen

Attendance: *No Public Attendance*

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Greg Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance with Teena Young saying the prayer.

Mayor Buist excused council member Karole Sorensen. Council approved the January 2019 minutes. Council reviewed the January 2019 Bills. Jon motioned to approve the bills; Greg seconded. No further discussion. Council approved the January Bills.

Public Hearing: Cemetery Expansion Plans and Cost Estimate

Mayor Buist closed the public meeting opening the public hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Eric Dursteler presented three options for the cemetery expansion. Option #1 provides 4,000 grave plots and places them northwest of the existing water line which proceeds diagonally across the parcel. Option #2 includes the water line being moved; this provides room for more cemetery lots further to the south and closer to the existing cemetery. A berm would be built east of the water tank. Option #3 is more within walking distance from the existing cemetery, leaving the 6 potential parcels to the north open for other uses. Jon stated that there are 2 water lines; an 8" line and a 12" line. Bob stated that the 8" is older than the 12". Jon stated that the older line probably would have been put in when the tank went in, perhaps the 1980's. Bob stated that moving the waterline will add cost but would allow for the use of the property that is currently below the water line. Kirk stated that we have talked about a 16" line, eliminating the two separate lines. Jon stated that we need to think on the placement of the future tank, we may want to consider other options for its location. We don't have additional water at that location to fill an additional tank. Bob asked if there is another tank location, would we need the two separate lines. Jon stated that the only issue is that the Lundahl's are tied into the 8" line, we could change it over.

Kelly preferred the moving of the water line, stating that we are building a road anyway, and we would gain enough buildable lots to help pay for the change of the line. Mayor Buist stated that it keeps the cemetery together. Eric stated that when the road is built it will become a natural dike. Jon stated that the berm would allow for any water to be moved away from the cemetery lots. Jon added that he went to the Mendon/Wellsville Canal meeting and because the property that contains Pioneer Park and the cemetery is one tax ID number and part of it is below the canal, we will get an option to do a secondary water system and avoid having to do a well. Daphne stated that there is approximately \$90,000 in the perpetual care fund, we can't drain it, but can use the money to get started on the project.

Eric Bowen doesn't favor having any cemetery plots below the water tank and is concerned with that location. He is wondering if there is a way to stay away from the tank. Mayor Buist stated that the first two plot sections to the south could be eliminated, leaving room for parking directly below the tank. Jon added that financially there would be options with the remaining property to north of the proposed cemetery. Jon stated that the fill from the 100 E project, ground up asphalt, would be used to begin building the base for the road.

No further comments.

Mayor Buist closed the public hearing at 6:32 P.M. opening the public meeting.

Mayor Buist asked Eric to move forward on those changes and pursue a cost estimate, separated into project phases. Phase I would be getting the secondary water system, moving the water line, and installing the access road.

Cemetery Fees

Bob stated that he called surrounding communities to compare cemetery fees. Bob suggests increasing the fees to cover some of the costs. Daphne stated that we don't have perpetual care in the analysis. Logan City includes the perpetual care all in one. Daphne stated that some cities have a filing fee, a fee for reissuing a deed, and a fee for placing a headstone without permission. She suggested that we look at those as well. Richmond non-resident fees are triple the resident fee. People shop for cemeteries. Eric Bowen stated that we have approximately 18 burials per year, so maybe \$2000 per year is brought in. Daphne stated that right now all fees have gone to perpetual care. Mayor Buist would like to make this part of the public hearing in June. Daphne stated that some cemeteries offer small sites for children or cremation. Eric Bowen stated that right now we can only bury one cremation per lot. If people want a cheaper option, we may want to consider an area for cremation burials. Eric Bowen stated that in Hyde Park a resident plot is \$50, non-resident plots are \$1500. People call from all over the country and want to buy many lots and turn around to sell them at a profit. Our policy is that these plots are not for resell, and one person can only purchase 4 plots at once.

2019 Law Enforcement Contacts (moved to next month)

Eric Dursteler, City Engineer

The Coldwater well construction is under design, and we are hoping for a bid date in March. We asked if we could use the extra COGG money for chip sealing, we are looking into that. We had a pre-bid meeting for the COGG 100 E Road project. The estimate for the survey of the city parcel on 250 S is \$1000, the survey will be completed.

Cache County GIS Mapping Service

Kirk stated that he met with Cary Jenkins, Cache County GIS specialist. They have the capability to use the Cache County mapping system to map valves, water lines, hydrants, and signs. It can all be done with a phone or an iPad. There are 5 cities now using the county's GIS system. Kirk would like to go that direction as well and get these things mapped. Pictures can be uploaded on the system. He would also like to do some submeter mapping. Right now, the county isn't charging anything for the system. It may have a cost in the future. Mayor Buist stated that he would like to look at what the charges would be. Kirk would hope that it would be based on the size of the community. The county road supervisor is also wanting everyone to use the system. Eric stated that there are GPS submeter systems, Jon stated that we should go ahead and get the GPS and put it toward the water because it would be used for meters and water lines

Kirk Taylor, Public Works

Kirk identified a few culverts that we may need to look at replacing and upsizing, he would like to do that before resurfacing. We are going to try to work with UDOT to replace a culvert. Kelly will look into it. Kirk was wondering if Mendon paid for the material, would UDOT install it. Kelly stated that it would be more likely the other way around.

There is an aerator attachment for the mower that Kirk is looking at with a suggested retail price of \$5000. Bob asked about having a vendor come in and do it. Kirk will look into that also.

They have met with Greg Schroeder concerning the water line on 200 N. The state will allow a 4" line if they don't have a fire hydrant on the line. We gave him an estimate bid and a list of preferred contractors.

Work Meeting with P&Z

John Davidson will conduct the meeting as it will be part of the commission's administration meeting. Jon is asking that we have an agenda with some structured items to discuss. Suggested agenda items will be emailed to Teena and Gail. Jon stated that there are a large number of things to consider in the General Plan.

John Davidson stated that they have gone through the Zoning Ordinance, and he will share it with the council for their review.

Council Reports:

Bob Jepsen

He met with the May Day Committee, Queens Tea is March 23rd and Pizza Party March 28th. Mayor Buist stated that looking at the budget there were a few reasons for the celebrations budget being over. One reason is that May Day submitted some bills late carrying over to the current budget. Daphne stated that we also need mailing addresses. Another reason was the portable toilets during the 24th celebration. Mayor Buist will probably increase that budget to cover that cost next year.

Greg Taylor

The Youth Council had their kick-of-party a few weeks ago. DWR has trapped 320 turkeys, and he has noticed a big difference. We did start with 6 traps, now we are at 4. It has been a struggle when the snow recedes. Bob asked if DWR is wanting to get the count to a specific number. There are other members of the community that say they are taking too many. Greg has counted 180 roosting in town. There was an incident yesterday. A dog got in the trap and killed two birds. DWR law enforcement was contacted. They approached the dog owner, who stated they didn't care. The law officer stated that we may have to pull the traps. DWR has bent over backwards to help and do what they can with the situation. On a positive note, those that have previously raised concern about the turkeys stated that it is much better. DWR will be here next meeting. Hopefully we will get some town people as well.

Kelly Barrett

Kelly asked about our portion of the COGG money. We paid \$139,000, holding some until the road is complete. The south 100 E project will add to the cost. Kelly asked if we are still doing the 300 N to 400 N. Eric is watching the cost on the other project before that is determined. The county did give us permission to repurpose those funds.

Fire Department will be getting some promotions. Some of the long-time volunteers have quit, and we'd like to get them a plaque for their service.

Jon Hardman

Nothing further

Mayor Ed Buist

Daphne stated that Brent Linford has been tasked to finding the titles for the FD vehicles. She gave him a photo copy of the titles. She has mentioned to Ed that we should keep all titles in one secure location. Kelly and Ed agreed if the fire department wants a copy, they are welcome to have a copy, but they should be filed together in the office.

Mayor Buist stated that he is beginning to work on the budget. The preliminary budget meeting will be in May.

P&Z is needing more members. Shara Swan is joining the board. Jeri Hansen, Heidi Jensen, Tawna Fannesbeck, and Janet Lott were all approved to serve on the commission.

Jon motioned to adjourn, Kelly seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.