

Mendon City Council Meeting
March 8th, 2018
Mendon City Hall & Library
15 N Main
Meeting began at 7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Mayor: Ed Buist

Council Members: Karole Sorensen, Kelly Barrett, Jon Hardman, Greg Taylor

Clerk: Teena Young

Treasurer: Daphne Carlson

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Excused: Bob Jepsen

Attendance: Devron Andersen, Colm K Hartfield, James Bindrup, Bracken Geary, Bret Fannesbeck, Aaron Fannesbeck

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Petersboro Ward Webelos presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Teena Young said the prayer.

Council reviewed the February minutes and approved.

Council reviewed the February bills. Jon motioned to approve the bills; Karole seconded. Council approved the bills unanimously.

Deputy Sutherland and Deputy Chesnut were not present. Greg stated that there are people who have turkey permits. The hunt ends on the 14th, Mayor Buist will let Deputy Sutherland know.

Animal Control – Michelle Aguilar

Mayor Buist introduced Deputy Aguilar to Councilmember Kelly Barrett who is the liaison with Animal Control. Officer Powell was not able to be present. Office Aguilar stated that Mendon has had 24 animal control calls. Mostly dogs at large or missing dogs. Mayor Buist asked if they come and drive through town. Most of the cases in Mendon are from calls, there are some patrolling hours. Mayor Buist stated that he gets some phone calls and he informs the public to call the dispatch to report problems. Michelle will leave her contact information.

Youth Council – Greg stated that they will be filling eggs next Saturday at 9. Mayor Buist asked that council support the youth for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Devron Anderson – Access from city road to county property

Devron addressed council a few months ago concerning a one lot subdivision located in the county. Back in 1972 the entire adjacent road was annexed into Mendon City. The problem is that he needs to have approval for accessing the property from city road. Two concerns that Eric and Kirk had is that there is no drainage off that road. He is willing to sign a deferral agreement that when drainage is put in he will pay for that. Also discussed was a future trail, and he would sign a deferral agreement on that also.

The subdivision was approved with conditions; two concerning the city. One is approval from the city for access and the other is to complete any required road improvements along the property. Devron doesn't believe that there are any improvements needed but he is willing to sign a deferral.

Eric stated that we are requesting a 33' right away, we will provide a letter approving access. A letter of deferral is a good idea. Jon has a potential conflict of interest recused himself from voting on this as he has a neighboring property. The mayor and the council need to sign the access letter. Kelly motioned to approve the access agreement. Karole seconded the motion. Greg, Kelly, and Karole voted in favor. Jon abstained. A letter will be prepared for signatures.

Aaron Fannesbeck, Eagle Scout project

Aaron stated that he will be doing landscaping around the city building. He is working with Kirk. Mayor Buist stated that Bob Jepsen is involved also. Bob is wanting to get this in by May Day. Aaron showed council the landscape plans. Some of what is planned isn't going to work. The biggest concern is that the flag pole needs to be the focal point. Karole stated that there has been some talk about bringing the Mendon fort monument back down to the city building area. Council thanked Aaron for his project.

Mendon/Wellsville Canal Company annual fee and administration fee

Paul stated that the Mendon/Wellsville Canal Company has raised their annual fee. Jon reminded council that the canal company is raising fees to try to save up some funds for the new spillway. They are trying to raise the fee in increments. Mendon City has tied an administration fee to the annual fee for those shares rented by the city. Paul stated that we bill for those rentals in April. Greg asked if the fee would be raised again and Jon stated that yes, there is a potential for a significant raise. This increase will help as it sits and gains interest. The canal company is responsible for 15% of the cost. We don't know the actual cost until the bids come in, but we will have a clearer picture this fall. Mayor Buist read Resolution 2018-04 Yearly Canal Water Rental Fee which increases the annual fee to \$33, matching the canal company fee, and increases the administration fee to \$13.50 per share annually. Jon motioned to accept the resolution as read. Greg seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted in favor.

Eric Dursteler, City Engineer

The bid opening for the new well was today. The engineer's estimate was above \$170,000 but the low bid came in at \$125,000. High Plains drilling was the low bidder. We have worked with them in the past. We are looking for a few more approvals from the State before beginning. Council will need to accept the bid. Jon stated that we need to get the land-use agreements to the state. One family is out of town for a funeral and will be contacted next week. Jon stated that one situation exists with a landowner to the south that has a well set up on a solar system. It costs them very little to pump their water for their culinary needs. The city well may impact their well, but we don't think it will. In working with the state and Department of Water Rights we have indicated that the city well is much deeper. If the new well does impact surrounding wells, we have been asked to give those landowners a connection. There are four homes within that area. This would have to be a professional analysis. Karole asked about prior tests. Jon stated that we didn't see any significant changes during those tests. The land owner to the south is concerned that if we did impact their well, which they pump with no electric cost, the city would charge the monthly water fee. Council needs to discuss if they would possibly wave the base rate, but not the overage, in this circumstance. Mayor Buist stated that knowing the situation, he would be comfortable to wave the base not the overage. Kelly agrees with the Mayor about the base rate and overage be charged. Jon stated it may not ever be realized. Kirk stated that it needs to be specific that this only allows hookups for those four homes, not future developments. Devron Anderson asked if there would be a time limit attached, such as 99yrs or the life of the home. Eric's thought is that the well is always there and would benefit the home forever. Jon stated that to be clear we would give them the value of the current water hookup fee or one future hookup. Jon's is confident that we won't see an

impact to this well as they are calling it a confined aquifer. Work on the well will start as soon as possible. Karole thanked Eric for his work. Greg asked if we do impact their well, would we need to make sure they pay for their assessment of that impact. Eric stated that the property owner would need to pay for the study and show a significant impact. Jon stated that none of these people protested our application, so he is hopeful.

Eric stated that the reinstallation of the well will be later when it dries up a bit. The IR scope is available and once we have a wet day, we will be able to use it on the Mendon Station to measure moisture levels.

We will be getting things going on the CCCOG project. Mayor Buist stated that there is a possibility that we pay as we go instead of upfront. Craig Buttars understands that some smaller cities have difficulty with the upfront cost. Residents haven't been notified yet. We will bid it out in June and begin in July. It could be 45-60 days of work and there will be some detours. We appreciate the CCOGG money for this project. Mayor Buist thanked Eric for his work on these huge projects.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works director

The Mendon Station concrete will be put in this Saturday. It was trenched last spring, so those trenches will be filled. Kaden Lott is heading that up as an Eagle Scout Project. Kirk stated that we need to look at possibly a French drain outside of the building. The food stand sink was installed. BRHD last fall asked that we have three basins. Wayne Myers installed the sink. BRHD also asked that some light fixtures be repaired or replaced. We also put a new water heater in the food stand

We had two interments at the cemetery. The plow is in for repair, we have a hydraulic leak. Kirk obtained a quote for a new plow, they are about \$7500. He also got a quote on a stainless-steel bed at \$15,000. Kirk stated that it doesn't make sense to put that on the truck, if we are upgrading the truck soon. When we do upgrade that would be the time to get a stainless-steel bed. We are needing to put money away for truck replacements.

Council Reports:

Greg Taylor

The Youth Council Easter Egg Hunt is coming up. So far we have trapped 252 turkeys and 2 have been harvested. They will stop trapping on the 12th. Jon stated that Greg, Kirk, and Logan have spent a lot of time to make this happen. Greg stated that there are quite a few hours put into this. Legally we must stop trapping and hunting on the 14th. Mayor Buist wanted to thank all those who have helped. We do have a few citizens that are upset and want an extermination decree on turkeys. We cannot and will not do that. We are doing what we can. Trapping will start earlier next year, and we will try to co-exist. Greg stated that landowners can get deprivation tags for a hunt that starts in August and runs to March 14th. Once we know the parameters we can get the word out so that we can get people involved. DWR did a count last week and they estimated about 200 turkeys in town now. The goal is for management.

As for the mule deer, DWR has approved an urban deer hunt. It is a three-year program. Our plan was to harvest up to 20 total deer. The 600' regulation still applies for written permission, and they have to turn in the heads of the deer. Hunting season would be August 1- October 15 for antlered and antlerless deer. Jon stated that we need to have something in place. Greg stated that we need to have a debriefing about what we expect before August 1st with the hunters.

Karole Sorensen

Karole stated that a ruler was donated to the city that was originally given to all the schools in Cache Valley Bank in 1924. It came out of the old red school which this building is a replica of. Dave Buist had it and donated it back to the city. Karole asked about the air break and noise ordinance discussion. Karole understands that it is signage we need. Kelly doesn't know what the process is but gave Karole the contact info. Karole will follow this up.

Kelly Barrett

Kelly stated we already discussed the road. Jon asked if JUB is working with UDOT on drainage south of town. Kelly stated that they had a meeting yesterday. Jon wondered about the water south of town near 2000 S. Kelly stated that there are a couple high priority areas, and UDOT is looking at all the crossings from the elementary school in Wellsville to SR 30. Some that may interest us is 300 N and a crossing on Cobblestone that would be piped through the intersection. Kelly agreed that we need to address getting the water to 2000 S. Jon stated that the city needs to be part of the solution. The wash from the cobblestone road to the highway is an issue also. Kelly stated that there are some locations where they will pipe the water, because it is a safety hazard. Most of them are passthrough from snowmelt on the west side going to the east side. Jon stated that we need to extend the drainage, so the runoff goes to 2000 S because it's not fair to let it all go into someone's field. Kelly stated that the natural topography used to take the water through the fields, they have been working with property owners. Jon stated that if there is water that generates on private land they are responsible, so the state should do that too.

Jon Hardman

We have talked about water tonight.

Mayor Buist

Mayor Buist asked about the 250 S agreement. Eric stated that he hasn't heard anything. Mayor has asked Daphne to work on a travel policy. The policy would be for those going to training and giving a specific process for reimbursement. It will be presented to council. The May Day Queen's tea will be March 17th at 3pm.

As he is beginning to work on the budget. He would like to put away for some things; a lot of give and take was needed for this building. We have committed to make improvements on 100 E between 400 N and 300 N. Last year we increased the taxes, and we are not going to do that this year. However, he is inclined to go with more frequent incremental tax raises. The budget meeting will be during the June meeting at 7:15pm.

Jon motioned to adjourn. Greg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.