

Mendon City Council Meeting
March 9th, 2017
Mendon City Hall & Library
15 N Main
Meeting began at 7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Mayor: Ed Buist

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

Clerk: Teena Young

Treasurer: Daphne Carlson

Public Works Director: Kirk Taylor

City Engineer: Eric Dursteler

Excused: Bob Jepsen, Paul Cressall

Public Attendance: Sean Dolan, Herald Journal; Officer Floyd Powell, Officer Doug Toone, Lana Archibald, Zach Young, Brad Olsen, Jason Lott

Mayor Buist welcomed the public to the meeting at 7PM. Karole Sorensen led the Pledge of Allegiance with Greg Taylor giving the prayer. Mayor Buist excused Councilmember Bob Jepsen.

Council reviewed the minutes, two changes noted and changed. February 9th minutes approved with the corrections.

Council reviewed the Feb Bills. Jon motioned to approve the bills, Kelly seconded and the bills were approved unanimously.

Youth Council was not present

PUBLIC HEARING – Prohibiting the Unauthorized Feeding of Deer or Wild Turkeys

Mayor Buist closed council meeting at 7:05PM and opened the public hearing.

Mayor Buist mentioned that DWR came to council meeting a few months ago and this public hearing is a result from those discussions regarding a possible special archery hunt within city limits. Jon stated that last month we presented some examples of local ordinances that have addressed this issue. He added wording to the proposed ordinance in order to protect the feeding of domestic livestock. Jon has submitted the ordinance to DWR to see if it would meet their criteria. First, we would need to pass an ordinance prohibiting unauthorized feeding, and if it passed, then we could pursue a possible hunt within city limits. Channing Howard, DWR, said that the ordinance would work for their needs. Jon read *Ordinance 2017-04 An Ordinance Prohibiting the Unauthorized Feeding of Deer and Wild Turkeys*. He added that as discussed last month one of the concerns is that discharging a weapon within 600ft of a structure is prohibited, but there is a state ordinance that states if the land owner gives permission, a weapon can be discharged within that distance. This would allow for a special archery hunt within city limits.

Mayor Buist asked about public comment. Jason Lott asked about who would get permits, as that would be a concern. Mayor Buist stated that it is put into the city's discretion. Jon stated that the next step would be to do some additional studies about how many deer there are in Mendon. Once DWR approves of the management plan, they will issue to the city written permission to take a specific number of deer. The city would decide who would be allowed to take those animals. Jon also noted, this will take time to

put in place. It would be late summer or early fall before everything is in place. Karole asked if they have seen examples of applications for citizens to apply for a permit. Jon will ask Channing for that information.

No Further public comment was given. Mayor Buist closed the Public Hearing at 7:15PM and re-opened council meeting.

Kelly motioned to accept the Ordinance as written and read. Karole seconded and the council approved and passed Ordinance 2017-04.

Animal Control Report – Officer Floyd Powell and Officer Doug Toone

Officer Floyd Powell stated that they will deliver notices to those who haven't renewed dog licenses. Once the deadline hits, the animal control goes door to door to give notifications, which give pet owners two more weeks to register prior to a citation. Clarkston citations are \$100 per dog. This process has been effective for other cities. Daphne stated that it may be good to have a large penalty and added that previous animal control officers would speak with dog owners about the importance of rabies vaccines and licensing.

Jon suggested that we look at past records to see who hasn't licensed. Teena stated that we have sent notices to those dog owners. Daphne stated that many have house dogs and don't license. Mayor Buist stated that he is fine with steepening the fines.

Officer Powell reported on the 2016 records for Mendon. There were 44 calls total, 19 were dog at large, 4 lost dogs, 4 found dogs, 3 dog bites, 2 dogs attacking a person, 5 dog attacking animals and 6 wildlife calls. Almost half of the calls were dogs at large. If they pick them up they go to the Humane Society. Karole asked what the response time is for an animal control call. Officer Toone said it depends on the day; they are both full time now but most of the time there is only one of them on duty. Officer Powell stated they should be there within the hour, depending on what else they are doing. Mayor Buist stated that if it is a threatening animal, the sheriff's officers will fill in. We were told by Deputy Casey Sutherland that they can come if Animal Control isn't available.

Mayor Buist stated that he would like to have a public hearing in April to possibly implement a steep citation fine. Getting some public input on the subject would be good. A public hearing will be held in April to address licensing and citation fees. Officer Powell stated that they work for the small cities so don't be afraid to call with any questions. Officer Toone suggested that the person who reads meters could take note of who owns dogs and lead to a better number of licensed animals.

Law Enforcement and Animal Control Contracts

Mayor Buist stated that Sheriff Jensen was scheduled to be here but he was not able to attend. The law Enforcement and Animal Control Contracts are on the cloud for council to review. He received a text about the speed on the Hwy 30 he forwarded it on to Deputy Sutherland. Contracts are the same as last year, except a 3% increase on the law enforcement fee. Karole asked to be added to the monthly reports. Teena will contact the sheriff's office about that. Mayor Buist has adjusted the fiscal year budget to reflect the contract prices.

Proclamation naming April 4th, 2017 as National Service Recognition Day

Karole read the proclamation. Council was supportive of this Proclamation. Mayor Buist signed the proclamation which will be posted

Eric Dursteler, City Engineer

Mayor Buist had asked Eric to contact Jeff Gilbert from CCCOG to begin the application process for funding. Jeff indicated that the 2017 application does not require full engineering, but the 2018 applications will. The last time we applied was two years ago. Eric, Ed with meet with Jeff Gilbert to discuss the application in May. The application would be used for the widening of 400 North. Mayor Buist added a good amount into the roads budget for next fiscal year, but if the CCCOG money goes through, they smile upon a percentage of city funds going to the project. Estimated project cost is \$200,000, so \$20,000 of city funds toward that total would be a positive thing as they consider where the money will be distributed. Eric stated that there is no cap on the amount of funds, so we can go above that or below. There is approximately \$3.5 million available and out of that rural areas will get 13%, so there is a good chance at it.

Eric created a map for the segregation of shares for the spring. We applied for 88.1 acre feet of water to be pulled out of irrigation and into domestic use. The map indicates where the irrigation water would be pulled off. Eric's map shows these areas. We will turn this into the state.

Once it dries up a bit, we will get the test well tested one more time. We are looking to do that test in April. Mayor Buist read the minutes from the previous City Council meeting for Jana Archibald concerning the moratorium being revisited in July. The minutes read "we could potentially allow some new homes." That was no guarantee. The point was to come to the July City Council meeting to hear what the results are; it doesn't mean approval will be available at that point.

Law Enforcement and Animal Control Contracts

Jon motioned to accept the law enforcement contracts and Karole seconded. Council approved unanimously. Mayor Buist signed and the contract will be delivered to the County Executive.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works

Kirk stated that we have some flooding in the Mendon Station basement. There is damage there. Greg stated that the sound equipment is working. Karole asked about long term options of the basement. It may not be worth it to re-sheetrock. The humidifier is not working as it is old. It is a high-water table. There are two sump pumps running.

There was one internment at the cemetery. Kirk stated that the parks budget would look better if the special events power panel was pulled out of the parks budget as it is only for special events. For streets, we have some pot holes to get filled next week or the following week. We have road edges that were damaged in the flooding to fix also.

Jed Al-Imari, streets manager for Logan City, contacted Kirk about a sand bag feeder they have put together. He is willing to discount \$1100 off, so it would be \$900. You can fill a lot of sand bags with it. Kirk wanted to know what council's filling is with this. Mayor Buist asked if Kirk could go take a look at it and report back. In a catastrophe, it would be worth it. Kirk stated that someone would need to be there with the truck to run it. Kirk stated that Ray bought our old plow truck, if he still happens to have it, we could rig something up to hold it. He will know more about how it works after he sees it.

Kirk asked Paul Taylor to take an aerial video with his drone to show recent flooding issues, but Paul doesn't have editing software. Eric stated that his son would be happy to do it.

Council Reports:

Jon Hardman

There are several people on the delinquency list, so he will coordinate with Daphne and Kirk for shutoff notices. Jon stated that they are putting in a spill way at Hyrum Dam in the future, so we need to pay attention to that and what it does to water supply.

Bob Jepsen

He is not present, but May Day Queen's Tea is March 18th.

Greg Taylor

We talked about the Mendon Station issues. The May Day pole toppers did have some damage, and there were a few things on the floor in totes that were damaged. Mosquito Abatement is still looking for a building. They reported that Mendon had the 2nd most mosquitos in the valley.

Karole Sorensen

We need to make sure the food stand is functional. The refrigerator needs to either be repaired or replaced. It has a slide door, so it can fit in the space, so it may just need to be repaired. There may be a ward that might want to do the food stand.

We have had a lot of discussions on the trail. We were going to put in for the RAPZ grant to extend the trail, but we put that on hold for now in order to extend the secondary water line to the school. The library is going good. There isn't much from the Heart of Mendon at this point. Karole has had some meetings with the Watkins, who are organizing programs for the library. They will present a flowchart of these plans to the council at a future time.

Kelly Barrett

Jason Wooden asked Kelly about thoughts on Mendon City putting a little pressure on Cache County to repair Mendon Road. Mayor Buist forwarded an email from Kelly to County Exec. Chris Buttars and Josh Runhaar, County Planner. According to Jason Wooden, the road isn't settled as much as it was made out to be. He thinks that they should be able to do a temporary fix. Kelly stated that he talked to his boss at UDOT. If it is on the FEMA list for damaged areas, then the state could go do it for them as a temporary fix. FEMA would pay for that. Jon wondered whether FEMA will accept their request at the amount needed. Kelly stated that even if the county had to pay for a temporary fix it isn't that much. The county is saying it won't be fixed until August so it would be 8 months from the time it was damaged to the repair time. There could be steel plates placed, or other temporary fixes they could do. Jon cautioned that a temporary fix may last only a few weeks, and we haven't hit the high runoff yet, so that could take out the temporary fix. Kelly stated that leaving it for such a long time is a challenge. Jon added that people are frustrated who are trying to get to the elementary school from young ward and bus times have increased. We'll see what the county says about this problem.

Mayor Buist

The food stand is something we need to have open, we should be talking to people find someone who is interested in running it. We need to have it open, kids get an opportunity to work in there and it is good for the community.

Jon motioned to adjourn. Greg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.