

Mendon City Council Meeting
March 14th, 2019
Mendon City Hall & Library
15 N Main
Meeting began at 6:00 PM

In Attendance:

Mayor: Ed Buist

Council Members: Greg Taylor, Jon Hardman, Karole Sorensen

Clerk: Teena Young

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Engineer: Eric Dursteler

Excused: Bob Jepsen, Kelly Barrett, Daphne Carlson

Attendance: Lt Mikelshah Bartschi, CCSO; Deputy Travis Clark, CCSO; Sheriff Chad Jensen, CCSO; Tim Chervick, Jim Christensen, UDWR; Nick Madsen, UDWR; Avery Cook, UDWR

Council reviewed the February 2019 minutes and approved the minutes. Council reviewed the February 2019 bills. Karole motioned to approve the bills, Greg seconded, and the bills were approved unanimously.

Youth Council

Lexi Myers, YC historian, reported that they had a youth council party on Jan 26. On April 13th at 10 am they will be loading Easter Eggs; council and staff are invited to help with that. The Easter Egg hunt will be April 20th at 10 am, and the budget is \$400. Teena and Mayor Buist will help with the donation collections.

Deputy Travis Clark

Mayor Buist thanked Deputy Clark and Eric Dursteler for delivering a notice on the city's behalf. Mayor Buist stated that we had a break-in to the city office in February, some damage was done, and some money was stolen. The window is repaired, and we did have some surveillance cameras donated that will be discussed later.

Lieutenant Mike Bartschi

Lt Bartschi is over the patrol division. He presented the 2019-2020 contracts for law enforcement and animal control to the city council. They have worked hard to maintain the price and hours by contracting out extra beds at the jail.

Concerning the break-in, they believe it is linked to other break-ins in the valley. The case has been turned over to investigators. They have had unmarked cars in the community and haven't been able to make a break in the case as of yet. They do recognize that there are speeding issues in Mendon also, and are working to resolve those.

The Sherriff's Department is looking for feedback concerning the Logan Marathon coming into Mendon. The organizers have worked well with the Sheriff's Department in the past. Mendon will be the focal point for the marathon; they expect there will be a lot of people here as far as participants and spectators. The Sheriff's department can work with the city as far as parking plans and any other concerns. Their intention is to have the Mendon Road closed for a few hours in the morning. The organizers are going to place door hangers along the route for notice and advertising about the event. Lt Bartschi stated that it doesn't matter how much info goes out, we will have complaints. The race is September 21st. Mayor Buist asked Maren, Mendon Librarian, to keep the city building closed on the day of the race because of

concerns for the building. It might be a great day to do a fundraiser for the Youth Council. Sheriff Jensen stated that the route was favorable because they needed an exit route, Hwy 23 will be used as an alternate route, coming and going. This is the first year of the marathon, we will have some questions going forward.

Mayor Buist stated that he is grateful for the sheriff's department and signed the contracts for the 2019-2020 year. Jon stated that Sheriff Jensen's radio add about scams helped his family recently. Sheriff Jensen stated that there are hundreds of scam calls coming through. Sheriff Jensen will get a statement out that can be distributed to the citizens.

Rob Oldham – Public Buildings Surveillance

Rob was invited to talk about the camera system. He is in the security business and while on a ride-along with the sheriff's department, was informed about the break in. He lives in Mendon, and he has donated 6 HD cameras to the city. He stated that he has referred Stone Security who has a state contract to give a bid to run the cabling.

Rob's recommendation is a self-monitored system with no monthly fee. Rob offered to help install the cameras. The cameras require 64 gig SD cards that should provide 30 days of surveillance. Mayor Buist thanked Rob for his donation. We would like to go ahead with getting the cameras up and also look into a motion light/alarm. Rob agrees with a PIR system and alarm. Cameras are a deterrent, but it is better to have a siren to scare the person away. Karole would like to see signage on the exterior of the building. Kirk added that a camera at the shop would be great also at some point.

Department of Wildlife Resources

Avery Cook, upland game biologist, presented a slideshow about turkeys. There is evidence that turkeys were in the state historically, and then reintroduced beginning in the 1920's. Currently, there are approximately 35,000 in the state. They estimate currently there are about 600 from Wellsville to the Beaver Dam. Because of habitat needs, the turkeys come down into town in the winter for food. DWR has established a fall hunt, turkey depredation tag, education on removal of attractants, and relocation of the turkeys. Most turkeys from Mendon are moved to the Book Cliffs area. They are on their 4th year of building up more of habitat improvements above town. GPS units have been utilized to study turkey movements. Jon asked if the fall hunt is male/female hunt. The fall hunt is either sex. Spring hunt is more for the males. Most damage is nuisance, scratching on cars, messes and landscape damage. Karole asked about the future plans. Avery stated that we will continue to trap and allow a liberal number on the hunts. They are working on habitat projects above town. The tolerable number is up to the social capacity of the community. Mayor Buist stated he has some complements from home owners who have had problems. Greg stated that we started trapping in November this year so that has helped. They have trapped 375 turkeys this season. Some citizens have requested that they stop trapping. Jon also asked about placing feeders up above town on city property to keep the larger populations up there. Avery stated that it is a possibility, they do have a policy for winter feeding to work through. Jon asked about the cost of the voucher which is \$35; it is a deterrent to those interested and wondered if there was a way to decrease the amount. Avery stated that he would like to, the cost is set at the legislature, so they'd have to request that to be decreased. The council thanked DWR for their work.

Tim Chervick

Tim stated that he is a wildlife biologist and has developed a product to keep the birds from the electrical lines. Bird vision is complex as they see down into the ultraviolet range. He has been working on a device to deter the turkeys. They concentrate Ultraviolet light and they don't like to be near them. He is going to test the product in Karole's yard. The government can't promote his product, he is wanting to test them in the city as a management tool. Tim will leave some with Karole.

Troy Oldham – Logan Marathon

Troy stated that he has organized the Cache Gran Fondo. Recently the Top of Utah Marathon became available. Logan City has wanted to do a marathon and was approached by the Logan Downtown Alliance to focus on Logan as the starting point. Mendon Square park is exactly 13.1 miles from Downtown Logan. They have conferred with the Sheriff's office about the route. Mendon would be a transition point for the relay. Mendon is accessible from Valley View, so they are planning a 2 ½ hour closure of Mendon Road. The estimate would be between 8am to 10am. They have worked with Dayton Crites, County Trails, on a trail that would access Mendon off the wetlands, but the trails aren't established yet. The time total in Mendon would be between 8-10:30. They are doing a 5K and 10K in Logan. Their target is 500 registration for total racers. They are going to try to keep most of the people in Logan, at the start and finish line. Karole asked about safety plans, in the event of an accident, what is in place for the fire department needing to get there. Troy stated that they have contracted with the sheriff's department for supervision, and there are support stations every 1-3 miles for first aid. The Cache Valley Radio group will also be providing communication. Logan Regional Hospital will be their sponsor and be providing medical care. Deputy Clark stated that the sheriff's department will have a good amount of presence. Jon asked about restroom facilities and cleanup. They will provide garbage bags, supplies and they are to set up and clean up before they leave. As far as restroom, they will have portable toilets dropped off the night before. Troy asked about the possibility to get a flyer in the utility bill stating that the road will be closed. Mayor Buist stated that the notice would need to be to Paul before the beginning of September.

CAPSA Representative

Bethany, a prevention organizer for CAPSA, stated that April is sexual assault awareness month. Rates in Utah are higher than the national average. Bethany presented a proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness month. CAPSA also has a Facebook page with further information and trainings available also.

Court System Discussion

Mayor Buist stated that Nibley is doing paperwork to dissolve the court system and join Hyrum's system. The court representative in the state was not aware of this change, and he would be looking into it. As long as we have a verbal agreement with Hyrum all we need to do is get an interlocal agreement in place when that is needed. Jon stated that we don't want to be perceived as leaving Nibley unless necessary. Nibley has been good to work with us, and we don't want to stress that relationship. For now, we are staying with Nibley. We do have the option if we want to approach Wellsville. Jon stated that Nibley has worked better for us, and if Hyrum is working with us and wanting us then we would like to go with them.

Recommendation for award – 100 S Street Improvement Project

Mayor Buist stated that last year's budget was \$250,000 for streets, \$180,000 from the county grants. If that isn't going to be used, we need to carry it over to next year's budget. Mayor Buist needs to know the carry-over amount from the first project. Eric stated that they probably will be all in May/June, the work will be done but the payment will be next fiscal year. Paul stated that we will just set a tentative budget in June.

On Feb 14, we received bids for the 100 E project. Eric recommends that we award LeGrand Johnson the bid as the lowest bidder. Jon motioned to accept Legrand Johnson's bid. Karole seconded, no further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Buist stated that there will be 3 blocks left undone on 100 E, he would like to repurpose the remaining funds to do the entire bottom road. He would like to finish that road.

The cemetery plan has been revised. The berm was put around the capture basin, it is 3ft deep. A parking lot is planned to the east of the catch basin. There is a 16" diameter water line. Jon stated that the top section north of the tank need to be back just a bit, maybe half the number of plots in that area. Eric will do a cost estimate for the development phases. Mayor Buist would like to know how far \$75,000 would get us. He would like to put it in the budget for next fiscal year. The water pipeline needs to go in, the road for access, and the secondary water. Eric stated that we are going to deposit excess material from the road project to build the road up.

Eric stated that we are working to equip the Cold Water Well. The pipeline is now in design. Jon asked about the impact fee analysis. Eric stated that it is all converging in May. Jon stated that we would need to have a public hearing in May and set fees in June.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works Director

Kirk got bids for the wiring portion for the surveillance cameras. Council would like to get the cameras up and see what the motion alarms are. Jeff Young's bid came in at \$850. Jeff Young's bid does have a battery backup included. Mayor Buist stated that the individual office doors now have locks. Karole asked if security improvements help with the insurance benefits.

The antenna will be installed for the Ham Radio system. The carpet guys came in and fixed the carpet in the library. Mayor Buist stated that the cost for the Engine Brake Restrictions came in high, we will look for the quote on that cost from UDOT.

Council Reports:

Greg Taylor

Eric stated that he looked at a for a used generator. He would guess a 6 Kilowatt would be sufficient. Greg stated that we have a quote for approx. \$5000. Eric would suggest that we put that in the budget and work towards that.

Karole Sorensen

Katie submitted for a grant for the library. Karole stated that the library does a lot of events for the youth and children. They are requiring money for other projects so are seeking the grant. They have plans for other projects. Karole would like to do the cemetery waltz with citizens who have relatives buried in the cemetery dress in the time period and tell the story of their relative. They plan to do it in conjunction with the 24th celebrations.

Jon Hardman

Jon asked about Mendon Central's bill, Paul has cut the check. He met with Wellsville-Mendon Canal and they voted to allow the use of the water shares for the cemetery. We may need a permit to bore under the canal from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Jon stated that we are working on making some changes on the process for delinquent accounts. We would mail a delinquent notice after 1 month. Paul stated that currently we make \$2200 a year off interest because of delinquent accounts. 96 accounts are late in one month, so they are charged a finance charge. Paul stated that if they are a problem, he puts a lien on the property. We make money on interest and penalties. Paul proposes an additional \$25 fee for accounts placed on the shutoff list.

Mayor Buist

Mayor Buist asked about water shares owned by the city; we have not acquired any more. Planning and Zoning is going through the General plan and have shared a Google doc for proposed edits.

Jon motioned to adjourn the meeting, Greg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.