

Mendon City Council Meeting
April 12th, 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, Bob Jepsen

Clerk: Teena Young

Treasurer: Daphne Carlson

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Attendance: Ken Buist, Deputy Sutherland, Darren Parry, Becki Taylor, Roger Conrad

Mayor Buist opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Greg Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance with Karole giving the prayer.

Council reviewed the March minutes and approved

Kelly motioned to approve the March 2018 bills. Jon seconded the motion, and the bills were approved.

Deputy Sutherland

There are no major concerns. Deputy Chesnut was transferred to another community. Mayor Buist reviewed the May Day schedule with activities on the evening of May 4th and throughout the day May 5th. ATV season is beginning. Paul stated that some are going too fast down main street after school. Deputy Sutherland asked about the city ordinance concerning OHV. We have allowed OHV to go slowly through town up to the foothills.

Youth Council

Becki reported that the Youth Council had an activity to fill the Easter Eggs and appreciated council's support. A few members of the Youth Council visited senior members of the community with the Easter Bunny. They had a great time and want to do it next year. They held the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st and had a good turnout. It was an easy set up and clean up. The golden eggs were a big hit. If a child received a golden egg, they received a special prize from the Easter Bunny. Many people donated for their children to participate and used some of that money to dry clean the Easter Bunny suit. They came in under budget.

The band should come back for the May Day dance, and we need to think about the sound system. One speaker went out last year. Becki doesn't know if Chad Matz could set everything up to try to fix it, but they are about shot. The system was purchased about 20 years ago. Bob will look into getting those repaired.

Darren Parry – Chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

Darren wants to visit with all the councils in Cache Valley. Their group was able to purchase the Bear River Massacre site. The goal is to build an interpretation center there. They believe between 350-500 people died at this site. The location will have a teepee village, walking trail, and education center. A

fundraising campaign will be started to try to raise the funds for the center. Mayor Buist stated that we would post information about the project on the city's social media account.

Ken Buist – Ham Radio

Karole attended the preparedness meeting concerning communications. It was informative to learn about communications during a crisis. Ken stated that we had planned to put a ham radio system into this building. We need to get an antenna up in order to have an EOC. We have several ham radio operators in the city. We want to get organized, prepared, and do training. Karole stated that when the phones go down, we will have a way to communicate with the sheriff's department, hospital, and other communities. Mayor stated that the center office was set up for a system to be installed when the funds were available. Mayor Buist stated that he will put money in the budget to get the antenna put in. Ken didn't know the exact price of the antenna. Mayor Buist will do a preliminary budget meeting in May and asked Ken to look for some pricing on the antenna and a generator. Daphne stated that Brent Linford installed a generator at the fire department, so he may be a good contact.

Law Enforcement and Animal Control Contracts

The contracts are the same as last year. Sheriff Jensen had indicated that these wouldn't change this year when he addressed council a few months ago. Deputy Sutherland stated that they did take on a part-time animal control officer who will work later hours. Jon motioned to approve the contracts. Karole seconded and the council approved of the contracts. They will be delivered to the county.

Eric Dursteler – City Engineer

The Division of Drinking Water authorized the city to award High Plains Drilling the bid for the new well. They scoped the Mendon Station and found moisture in the corner wall. The Mendon Gateway project, design is underway and will be out to bid in June. The 250 S agreement is still under consideration by the home owners. One individual is hesitant, but they are still considering. Mayor Buist stated that some have stated that this person wants the city to pay for the improvements. The city already paid a significant amount for the engineering and attorney fees.

Bob asked about the timeline on the Gateway project. Eric stated that it will be bid in June and will be a two-month process. The road will be widened, and the storm drain fixed.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works

Kirk stated that the food stand service line was replaced. It increased the flow and pressure. The sinks were installed and the diffusers on the lights were replaced. The roof of the station is covered with tar paper under the shingles and that paper is what is keeping the water out. Thoughts are that the tar paper may have a hole which has caused seepage into the station wall. They are looking more into that.

For parks and cemetery, they are working on spring preparations. Kirk and Logan have attended training for Water Handler's permit CEUs. A sidewalk was installed along the south side of the library.

Council Reports:

Bob Jepsen

Bob's biggest concern is the cemetery and what is needed to expand it. We can't keep putting it off, and we need a plan. Eric Bowen stated that the cemetery may be full in two years. In order to do the expansion, we are going to need some money set aside for that project. Daphne stated that there is a

perpetual fund set up, she will get the number for Bob. It's not a lot but it will help. The expansion can be done in phases. Bob stated that we need to make a plan and get a design in place.

Planning and zoning discussed shipping containers being used for storage. Some citizens have asked if those are allowed. Also abandoned vehicles are an issue.

Bob thanked Kirk for the help for the landscaping of this building. Bret Fannesbeck is working with the shrubbery and they gave Bob an estimate for plants, weed barrier, and mulch. Jon mentioned that we may be able to negotiate with Barry for some rented water shares. Campbell Scientific donated \$2000 for this project. Karole asked Kirk about upkeep and maintenance; if there is something that makes it easier to care for. Kirk's thought would be not to go so big and do more in curbing and grass. We want to accentuate the flag pole to make it a focal point. Kirk suggested that boulders at that point would be great. Daphne stated that we have the flag, but it will not go up until the solar light is installed. Bob asked about the possible rented water share trade. Jon stated that we could allow the Fannesbeck's to use additional city shares for a decided amount of years in exchange for some of the cost of the plants.

Greg Taylor

Greg stated that the corner inside the Mendon station is wet; he will talk to Paul Taylor about how to best fix the problem. There is obviously a hole in the tar paper. It needs to be fixed so they will look at options. The trenches in the station basement have been filled with concrete.

Mosquito abatement is getting ready for the season. They will find out next week when they start. Bob stated we may want them to come before May Day. Greg stated that if they are ready, he will ask them to come out here.

The urban deer hunt was talked about last month. There could be some changes. We need to look at our ordinances about discharge of firearms. We can take up to twenty deer within three years. He will work on that this month.

Karole Sorensen

Greg Schroeder will be doing the food stand again. BRHD will probably have to come out to check on the improvements. He has talked about adding a popcorn machine. The library is planning another Pioneer Day celebration fundraiser. Karole has discussed with Darren Parry about doing some Indian type of events during the celebrations also.

Kelly Barrett

We have some budget money left in streets, not enough to do a big project. Some stop signs need to be replaced. Karole stated that she contacted the official concerning engine brake restrictions, she will have more information on that.

Kelly suggested that we need to look at the winter parking restrictions. Trailers aren't included in the ordinances and the time frame should be shortened. Currently, it runs November 1 to April 1. Kirk suggests November 15 to March 15. P&Z will discuss and make a recommendation.

Jon Hardman

Jon stated that they have talked about an ordinance prohibiting private wells within the city limits. P&Z will discuss this issue. The intent is that we are not allowing private wells if we can provide culinary

water. There is a private well that is used to water animals. The generator is going all the time, and it is loud. No one allowed them to do the well. If they continue, state water rights needs to get involved.

Jon invited Eric to talk to council about the new proposed well location. Will Atkin has requested a letter concerning intended impact and how to mitigate that impact. As part of that we have been asked to do a drawn down analysis. Will did an analysis, but he ran it at 300-gal minute 365 days a year. Our yearly average isn't that high. The average is 15-gal minute up to 20-gal minute. Once we decide on a new location, we will run that analysis and a forecast over the next 30 years. Will Atkin hasn't issued a decision on the new well location. The pump doesn't run all day, it kicks on to fill the tank and shuts off. We intend it to pump at 300 gal/min but it averages out much lower over the year. Eric added that it is also not for irrigation but only for culinary use.

Eric also stated that the source protection specialist with Division of Drinking Water indicated that we may need an exemption because of the land use agreement difficulties. Eric decided to submit the application with the indication that we are still in negotiations with one land owner. Eric's intent was for the aquifer to be approved for protected status. Right now, it is in a holding pattern until we get the land use agreements in place. There will be some minor revisions based on a few changes. There are exemptions at times, but they are very restrictive, so we decided not to go that route.

Mayor Ed Buist

Preliminary budget presentation will be in May and public hearing in June.

Jon was excused for further discussion is on the new well location and land-use agreements.

The well site that was discussed previously was on Hardman property. It was discussed and agreed upon by the Hardman family that we be allowed to do the test well there. Then if it showed promise, proceed with purchasing the property. The council agreed to an amount equivalent to a hookup. There needs to be a 100ft protective zone. The property owners to the north were fine with that protective zone. The same offer was made to the property owners to the south. These property owners had concerns. Eric and Jon discussed this with the property owners. We finally heard back and received an offer that is not reasonable, we feel. Rather than going that route, knowing that the flow looks to come from the south to the north. We decided to approach the Jensen family to see if we could move the location to the north 51ft. The owner will work with us and has offered for us to purchase a little under ¼ acre for the well location. The offer was approximately \$10,000 total for the property, plus \$5,000 each to the Hardman's and Jensen's for the protective area. Total would be approximately \$20,000, which is less than a quarter of the offer made by the property owner to the south just for the land use agreement. Obviously, we feel this route is best for the city. We are within the boundary area and will not have to reapply. Council has discussed this in executive session. Kelly stated that it is similar to what we would have done anyway, because we would have purchased the property from the Hardman's. The difference is just whom we are purchasing it from and a shift to the north. Roger Conrad asked if the hydrology was equal. We are 51' away from the test well. It is not a guarantee, but it wasn't a guarantee when we did the test well either. We are looking forward to getting started drilling.

Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:45PM. Karole seconded and the meeting adjourned.