

**Mendon City Council Meeting**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Mendon City Hall & Library**  
**15 N Main**  
**Meeting began at 6:00 PM**

**In Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Ed Buist

**Council Members:** Greg Taylor, Kelly Barrett, Bob Jepsen, Karole Sorensen

**Clerk:** Teena Young

**Recorder:** Paul Cressall

**Public Works:** Kirk Taylor

**Engineer:** Eric Dursteler

**Excused:** Jon Hardman,

**Attendance:** Becki Taylor, Rod Hammer, Fire Chief Ray Olsen, Jessie Eiman

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 6PM. Bob Jepsen led the Pledge of Allegiance with Fire Chief Ray Olsen saying the prayer.

Council reviewed the March 2019 minutes and approved. Council reviewed the budget and the March 2019 bills. There are some adjustments that will need to be made at the end of the fiscal year in the budget items. Bob motioned to approve the March 2019 bills, Greg seconded, and the council approved unanimously.

**Fire Chief Rod Hammer, Cache County Fire Department**

Chief Hammer stated that they recently did a survey for county fire service. Daytime is becoming hard to provide service, as many communities have volunteer fire fighters that may not be available during the daytime hours. The Cache County FD has been partners with Mendon City FD for years. Last fall with the recommendations from the study, the County Council authorized the hiring of 4 full-time fire fighters for daytime coverage. What they would like to do is have 2 firefighters stationed in Mendon from 8-5pm during the week. They would serve our area. They would work with Fire Chief Olsen on maintenance. Rod Hammer's intent would be to hire people from the Mendon FD, but the applicant will at least have been a volunteer fire fighter in the past. They would also bring in an engine, and a brush truck, which would be available for our fire department use, also. They are offering \$160,000 in wages, the equipment, and no cost from the city. Karole asked who would respond when 911 is called. If it was during the daytime, the 2 full-time fire fighters would set up and spray as fast as they can. Two guys can't handle the fire, so the volunteers would get there, and they would operate under the command of who has jurisdiction. The only difference is that the response will be faster. Fire Chief Olsen stated that there are as many homes in the fire district outside of Mendon city as within. Bob asked if they would also respond to EMT calls. The fire fighters would respond to accidents, there are some formalities, but they will be trained to do that. All benefits, insurance, and payroll would be paid from the county. Fire Chief Ray Olsen stated that their staff is 100 % qualified and hold a gold standard. Hyrum is another community they are working to get full-time fire fighters staffed with. They evaluated daytime response and Mendon area and Paradise areas are of concern. Mayor Buist stated that it is a good thing for Mendon. The only concern is jurisdiction, and Chief Ray Olsen has given his support. Chief Olsen stated that the County Fire Chief's Association discussed this option. This isn't just coming from Cache County Council but also from most of the fire departments in the valley. It's not a total fix, but as the county is growing larger and there are more homes out of Mendon district with growth in Petersboro and south of Mendon, it fills a gap. Chief Olsen is 100% supportive as is the fire department. Hopefully by June the fire fighters will be in place. This is a 40 hr/wk job with holidays off. They would not be on-call

afterhours, because it would be overtime. Volunteers would take the afterhours responses. Council members and Mayor Buist are all onboard and supportive.

### **Youth Council Report**

Lindi Robins, YC Mayor, reported that they will be filling Easter eggs on Saturday and the Easter Egg Hunt is April 20. Council and staff will try to be there to help. For May Day the band is coming back, they will do the music for the floor show.

### **The Family Place – Kindness Campaign and Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Brandy Mortenson, family educator, teaches abuse prevention and is a trauma home visitor. Over the last 15 years, The Family Place has come into city councils to ask cities to support April as child abuse prevention month.

The Family Place offers services and education programs for families. They also have a shelter for children waiting to be placed in foster care. Last year they served 14,000 adults and children. This year they are asking the city to recognize April as Utah Family Month and support their Kindness Campaign. The 40 days between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day is a time to celebrate families. The goal is to record one million acts of kindness in those 40 Days. Mayor Buist read the proclamation. Karole motioned to adopt the proclamation, Greg seconded, and council approved. It will be posted for the community.

### **June City Council Meeting Date Change**

Mayor Buist stated that he will be out of town on June 13 for the regularly scheduled meeting. He asked if council would support a move to June 6<sup>th</sup>. Council is supportive of that change.

*Kelly Barret arrived 6:34pm.*

### **Water Department and Systems discussion – Moved to May**

#### **Eric Dursteler, City Engineer**

Eric stated that they have a change order to equip the new well. He has two bids; one is \$8000 more but more on point with the system needs and made with stainless steel. He would suggest we go with the better pump. That pump typically has a 40-year life. The designers are pulling everything together for the pipeline project.

The cemetery expansion is planned and divided into Phase 1A, 1B, 1C. Phase 1A is the fastest, Phase 1B will be the costliest. In Phase 1A, we don’t have to move the waterline, and it provides 420 gravesites. There are 12-15 internments per year. Eric will have cost estimates on these phases. Bob proposes that we need to look at the cemetery rates. Eric Bowen has been collecting information on that from talking to other cemeteries.

The South 100 E road project agreement has been signed by LeGrand Johnson. Eric presented a breakdown on the road projects from 2017-2018 CCCOG funded street improvements.

#### **Kirk Taylor, Public Works Director**

The wiring for the surveillance cameras in this building has been run. Kirk and Rob Oldham will do the install. The cemetery had 2 internments. The aerating is done on the square. They started patching potholes last week and didn’t quite get done but will finish tomorrow. A citizen living on 380 E has complained about the alteration of the swale. The property owners need to maintain the swale. We will send the property owners a letter again.

Kirk put together a Public Works inventory list which is on the cloud. The council can use it to plan going forward for equipment replacements. The backhoe we acquired in 2017 on a 5-year lease, in 2022 we need to look at getting a loan for the balance. Kirk made a request for council to consider giving him one additional holiday per year. Right now, he gets 10 holidays per year; he doesn't get Veterans Day, which is a federal holiday.

### **Council Reports:**

#### **Mayor Buist**

Mayor Buist stated that we have done a comparison for compensations there are a few things to look at and he will make those recommendations. He would like to look at the holidays and a few things we can do a bit better on. We will look at that going forward.

#### **Bob Jepsen**

Bob will hang the banners for the Easter Egg Hunt. Bob thanked Eric for his work on the cemetery. Concerning the P&Z, he senses frustration. They have asked to eliminate some of the processes that Paul Taylor as the building official looks at. P&Z feels it's a waste to make citizens go through so many steps. Kirk also thinks we need a staff report on some projects. Daphne suggests involving Paul Taylor in the discussion. Mayor Buist thinks that it is fine for Paul and Kirk to review plans, and if there are any red flags, it can be referred to P&Z. This adjustment will streamline the process. P&Z has made some language changes on the Zoning Code. P&Z is also frustrated with the General Plan revisions. May Day preparations are going well. Mayor Buist stated that council would like to review P&Z changes.

#### **Greg Taylor**

Greg stated that we will check the moisture in the Mendon Station south wall to check on the leak repair. If everything looks ok, he'd like to get the corner fixed and get it painted. Greg stated that a citizen recommended acoustic tiles on the ceiling. We will consider it, but it depends on the use as some enjoy the sound quality. We want to keep the decor and authenticity of the building. He would like to change the rental fees on the station. Abatement will be beginning soon.

#### **Karole Sorensen**

The bill for the engine brake restriction signs has been paid. The UDOT stated that it wasn't a bid, but we are billed for the actual costs. Concerning the cemetery, we will discuss not being able to buy a grave plot unless there is someone dying. Karole suggested a podium for those presenting to council during city meetings. Concerning the library, they still want to do the "story behind the stone" event. They would like to put something in the city email. It is a fundraiser for the library.

#### **Kelly Barrett**

We already talked fire and roads. Animal control officers hired a new officer, so they are available 8am-10pm every day. Kelly stated that every city in the valley has a green waste dumpster except Mendon, he would like to check on getting those.

#### **Mayor Ed Buist**

Citizens have asked about green waste dumpsters being available in the spring. Next year, we will have a Mendon cleanup day the week before May Day. If someone miss-uses the containers, we will have proof on the cameras and will prosecute. There has been a letter sent out to a citizen to move vehicles on city property, it hasn't been done. Bob suggested that we get another letter and have the deputy deliver it. A lot of the law enforcement hours spent in Mendon are during the graveyard shift, Kelly doesn't have a problem with them charging some hours to graveyard, but we would prefer them here in the morning or afternoon for speed issues. Mayor Buist would also like them to adjust that some.

Mayor Buist will be talking about the budget items with council. Where the council meeting is moved to June 6, and the final budget isn't until August, we will do the preliminary budget June 6<sup>th</sup>. The reason we are doing the budget in August is because we are looking at a small tax increase. We will be working on that year's budget without a final budget passed until August.

Greg motioned to adjourn, Karole seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.