

Mendon City Council Meeting
June 14th, 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

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Excused: Bob Jepsen, Daphne Carlson

Attendance: Phil Zobell, Bob DeGasser, Mandy Hansen, Roger Conrad, Tom Dawson, Heidi Hyatt, Bill Fletcher, Bid Fletcher

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Kirk Taylor lead the Pledge of Allegiance with Kelly Barrett saying the prayer.

Council reviewed the May 2018 Bills. Karole motioned to approve, Kelly seconded, and the bills were approved unanimously.

Council reviewed the May 2018 minutes and approved.

Bruce Anderson

Bruce stated that his father, Justin Anderson, kept the old jailhouse door when the jail was torn down and wanted to donate the door to the city from the Justin and Doris Anderson Family. Mayor Buist stated that they would like to find a place to display the door, and council thanked Bruce and the Anderson family for the donation.

Deputy Sutherland

Deputy Sutherland stated that he has taken a new assignment with the Sheriff's department. He will be here through the summer and then will be working at Green Canyon High School. He appreciates the city's support as he has been with the city since August 2011.

To follow up, Deputy Sutherland stated that the urban deer policy has been reviewed. If there are any complaints to the hunt, they want those complaints to go to the city. As far as deer pickup or removal, they won't take care of those carcasses. The sheriff's department will be involved in the parade and will have a booth. Mayor Buist stated that he appreciates Deputy Sutherland and thanked him for what he has done for the city.

Youth Council

Greg stated that the youth council had a swim party as their summer activity. They will have a float for the parade.

PUBLIC HEARING – Fiscal Year 2018-2019 City Budget; Including the setting of the Tax Rate, Salaries, and the General, Water, and Capital Funds

Mayor Buist closed council meeting, opening the public hearing at 7:15PM

Administration: \$65,000

Buildings: \$12,500

Mendon Station: \$12,500

Cemetery: \$12,500. The cemetery perpetual fund amount is over \$90,000 which will be used for cemetery expansion in the future. It won't be budgeted this year, but it is available.

Parks: \$27,500

Streets: \$250,000. This includes the \$180,000 COG grant for the Gateway road project.

Fire Department: \$45,000. The increase will compensate for the payments on the new vehicle.

Sheriff: \$7,065

Animal Control: \$4040. The contracted amount plus some for licenses and miscellaneous costs

Surface Water: \$5000

Library: \$20,000. Budget includes the \$10,000 donation plus the city's match of \$10,000.

Court System: \$4,800

Softball Leagues: \$5,000

Youth Council: \$1,200

Sanitation: \$102,000

May Day: \$3,000

Easter Egg Hunt: \$400

Pioneer Day: \$10,100. An anonymous donor has given \$1,500 to go toward improving the fireworks.

P&Z: \$2,500

Building Permits: \$18,000

Fire Hall Payments: \$12,726

Water Conservancy: \$7,300. Cost for the city owned shares.

Engineering Fees: \$9,000

Attorney Fees: \$2,000

Backhoe: \$6,408, a six-year lease.

Total \$645,569

Water Fund: \$400,000 which is separate from other funds and in anticipation of getting the new well online and running.

Capital Projects: \$24,000, (\$7,500 for the fire truck, \$16,500 for the storm water project on 100 E)

Mayor Buist asked for public comment. Bob DeGasser asked about the sanitation increase. He is wondering how we are doing on collecting past due accounts. Mayor Buist stated that most of those accounts have been caught up after extra efforts. Bob D also asked about a backflow problem with a home. Kirk stated that it didn't get into the house, because it was discovered before the canal water was turned on, but it could have. They are still working on it.

Phil Zobell asked about how much more the road project is going to cost than what is budgeted for it. Mayor Buist stated that we have received the bids today. The bid came in at \$145,000 which is below budget, so we are sitting well on that expense.

Mayor Buist stated that in discussion of wages, Kirk came to the city council seeking an increase in wage last year with a list of wage comparisons from other communities, but we couldn't do it all in one year. Mayor Buist proposes a 4% raise for Kirk and a 3% raise for Logan. He proposes a 2.5 % raise for

Mason, custodial, park scheduler, recorder, city clerk, treasurer and p&z secretary. Mayor and council compensation stay the same. The remaining wages to stay the same. Bob DeGasser said that Kirk is underpaid; we are getting a lot from him. Mayor Buist stated that he agrees, and we are working toward more compensation.

Paul discussed the tax rate stating that it drops every year; this is why you see the municipalities increasing the tax rate every two years. With new homes built the charge is spread out to more people, so the rate actually drops. Because it goes down we lose money that we could have received. Adjustments just bring the rate back up to what it was before. Eventually, if the city did nothing, their tax rate would plummet, and the city would have a hard time funding services. Mayor Buist favors regular small increases instead of large increases, council will look at it every other year.

Mayor Buist closed the public hearing at 7:44pm.

The general fund for 2018-2019 is \$645,569. Water fund \$400,000 and Capital Projects \$24,000. Mayor Buist read Resolution 2018-06 adopting the FY 2018-2019 Budget. Jon motioned to adopt the budget for FY 2018-2019 as read. Kelly seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment of the current year’s budget FY 2017-2018, with adjustments to the general fund departments and the Capital Projects Funds

Mayor Buist closed the public meeting at 7:47pm, opening the public hearing

We need to add \$10,000 to the library fund for the donation. There was a \$2,000 donation from Campbell Scientific for the landscaping, so we will put it in buildings. Fire Department needs an additional \$12,000. \$8,500 will be moved from Admin to Buildings, \$1,000 from Streets to Buildings, and \$2,000 from Cemetery to Buildings. Also, \$5,000 out of the general reserve for the attorney. All together \$27,000 from the general fund.

No public comment and the public hearing was closed at 7:59PM.

Amendments are to take \$27,000 from the general fund reserve and disperse \$10,000 to Library, \$12,000 Fire Department, and \$5,000 to Attorney. Karole motioned to approve the amendments to the current year’s budget. Greg seconded, and the council approved unanimously.

Public Hearing – Temporary Land Use and Development Regulation

Mayor Buist opened the public hearing at 8:02pm

Eric stated that the driller has bonds in place. The state has the approval letter in place we are waiting for the water right application. The application was filed in December. The regional office approved it and recommended to the state. The state water engineer must approve that. Jon asked the state if the city could take the risk in proceeding, but the regional office stated that we would be better off to wait. The location has changed by 51ft, we are confident that we will still have water there. Jon recommends the extension of the moratorium to get the other things in place and base the decision on the pump test. Jon stated that it is prudent to make certain that we know the quantity of water. We have done everything we need to do, it is just the process. Once we get that in place we are ready to start. Mayor Buist mentioned that we have always extended for 6 months, he suggests we go 2 months with the ability to lift the moratorium at any time. This is a good will notion that we want to see it lifted. We don’t dare not extend it, we need to be conservative. Mayor Buist stated that we have discussed allowing up to about 15 permits; this can be discussed further.

Bob DeGasser asked how many are waiting to build. Mayor Buist's last count is half of the 15. Once we have the numbers from that test pump, we want to use the hookups wisely. The permit can't be issued until water is there.

Roger Conrad asked if there is any information about whether the new location is better than the original location. There is optimism that it is the same water. Eric stated that in 2016 we did an electroseismic study to identify the aquifer and the study shows that we are in the same aquifer. Eric added that once everything is in we still need to get the water to the system. Mayor Buist stated that we won't have to wait for the pipe to be installed before allowing building as it would be in place for next summer.

Mayor Buist closed the public hearing at 8:16pm.

Mayor Buist stated that the resolution is usually a 6-month restriction, but he suggests having it expire Aug 10. Kelly asked about whether we could do monthly. Jon didn't think that we would have the numbers within a month. Council does have the ability to lift the moratorium at any given time for up to 15 permits.

Mayor Buist read the Resolution 2018-07 Extending the Moratorium. Changing the extension to 2 months instead of the 6 months. Expiration date will be August 14th, 2018 unless it is extended by resolution. Jon moved that we adopt the resolution as changed with the council having the opportunity to lift at any time. Karole seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste Collection Fees - Resolution 2018-05

Logan City Environmental Department increased the fees to \$15.15 for 90 gal, and \$12.90 for 60 gal containers. Kelly motioned to accept the resolution. Greg seconded, and the resolution passed.

Public Hearing – Petition for Annexation- Fletcher Annexation

Mayor Buist opened the public hearing at 8:25PM

Bid Fletcher stated that the county has required that with the annexation we need to take both the adjacent road and the parcel that is to the north which is owned by Bob Degasser. Jon asked about the width of the access road to Bob's parcel. It is 60 ft so he could have access to his parcel. Bid stated that the purpose is to build a single-family home at some point in the future on the annexed parcel.

Phil Zobel stated that the annexation straightens the city boundary and is a good addition to the city. Jon stated that there is no intent from the city to maintain that dirt road. Bid stated that the access to the home would be off 100 E.

No further public comment and the public hearing was closed at 8:33pm.

Karole Sorenson read Resolution 2018-08 Intent to Annex - Fletcher Annexation

Kelly motioned to accept the annexation proposal as described. Karole seconded and the council approved unanimously.

Utah Public Treasurer's Investment Fund (PTIF)

The state is requiring that the city dedicate two officials to have online access to account information. The resolution needs to be adopted no later than June 30th, 2018. Daphne Carlson, as treasurer, and Mayor Buist are listed as having access authority. Jon motioned to adopt the resolution as read. Greg seconded, and the council approved unanimously.

Eric Dursteler, City Engineer

The Eastern Gateway road project bid opening was today. LeGrand Johnson was the low bid. Eric was happy with the bid; he would recommend for the council to award that bid. Kelly asked if we could add the scope for the drainage along 100 E. Eric stated that we can work on adding that item to the bid. Karole asked about the burden on the other roads during the construction. The contractor would give us a route plan. The contractor stated that it could be done within a two-week time frame. Karole motioned to accept the bid from LeGrand Johnson, Greg seconded, and the council approved.

Eric prepared a water pressure map. Jon stated that we need to have a working meeting with the planning and zoning to discuss the water pressure map.

The 2018 COG plan is due June 27 to submit for an additional project funding.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works

Kirk appreciates the wage increase, he enjoys working for the city and loves the town. Kirk stated that the sprinklers at this building are working well. In parks, they got behind with water when the canal was out, but they are getting back on top of it. A dive team cleaned the water tanks. They put together a list of things that need attention, and there are some structures that we need to make improvements on. Karole asked if there is anything critical. Kirk stated that we have a crack that runs horizontal that needs to be repaired. The two spring boxes need to be looked at, and the roof of the old tank needs to be replaced. Every 3 years, there is a health survey. The inspection gives assessment that needs to be remedied. The Cobblestone tank and overflow had a significant deficiency that we have 6 months to fix. There are some air vents that need to be raised. The telemetry program has had some problems, but they figured out that one of the radios wasn't transmitted properly. They did suggest looking at a different software which Kirk thought was a good idea as we are bringing the new well into the system. We have a server set up here with the cost \$5500 for setup and \$5500 for the computer and license. The other option is a cloud system at \$60 per month with access from anywhere. Software package is \$4500. It would allow us to print off the system. It is something to consider.

Reschedule of Council Meeting in July 19th

Mayor Buist proposed to postpone the July meeting to July 19th. Council agreed, and the meeting will be publicized for that date.

Council Reports:

Bob Jepsen

Excused

Greg Taylor

Greg stated that we will be entering a 3-year Urban Deer program. We can dictate how many deer can be taken, and where and how they are taken. DWR states that a landowner can shoot using archery without the 600 ft permission variance. Greg stated that we have to have a plan; he doesn't feel comfortable giving permits to anybody. He wants hunters to be proficient in shooting a bow. We can set up some guidelines as far as having them take the dedicated hunter quiz and demonstrate shooting abilities. Greg would want them to have a hunting license. Bob asked if it is depredation. Greg stated that it is not, it is an urban tag, so it would be a city tag. The city could specify gender, but it will be mainly does that are taken. The head of the animal must be turned in to DWR. Kirk asked about rules on the recovery of the carcass. Greg stated that it would be addressed in our rules. Jon stated that we can have a list of people

who hunters could distribute the meat to. The sheriff's department will be involved in the hunt. Greg added that we need to update the weapons code as it is outdated.

Youth council signups will be next month. We had a good crew this year. The station needs to be painted badly. We will have the floors done again and the roof needs to be fixed.

Mosquito abatement comes out on Tuesday nights to spray. He will be in contact with them during the week of the celebration. If there are any problem areas, we can call them to come spray.

Karole Sorensen

The food stand is open, and they do a good job. The emergency preparedness meeting is next week. Fire Safety is the topic. We have the letter from the sheriff's office concerning the enforcement of engine brake restrictions, we will work on getting an ordinance in place. Mayor Buist stated that Bruce Anderson wants to put in for some RAPZ money next year for trails. Wayne Wheeler did get some RAPZ grant money for the bike trail parking lot approximately, \$8,000.

Kelly Barrett

The fire department has a freighter to bring the new fire truck. Kelly talked to animal control. They have been patrolling, they typically see owners with dogs that aren't restrained. One dog bite occurred a month ago. Citizens can call dispatch when there is an issue with dogs.

Jon Hardman

Canal Water is in, they had a couple repairs. There is significant concern about the cost that will be born by the users of the water with the new spillway. There are some representatives attending meetings, but there is concern about how to pay for it. Bill Fletcher asked about the rates. Jon stated that the difference will be between Agricultural use or M&I (municipal and industrial) water use. There are some serious discussions, and we will start finding out more going forward about costs.

Concerning the city property up deep canyon, we have been working with DWR to plant crops for turkeys. Because it is in our watershed and because of the crop for the turkey's, it is difficult to spray the Dyers Woe, the only solution is to hire someone to cut the Dyer's Woe off high. The Division is willing to pay for spray, and Jon's feeling is it's best to spray it before it is planted next year. The thought was to cut the seed and try to keep the turkeys up higher on the mountain. For this year, he fills like we are committed to work with the Division. If we can clip it soon, he doesn't think the seed will be viable. Karole stated that we should be proactive on it. Janet Dawson asked if there was a possibility volunteer effort. Jon stated that there are areas that we could use that.

Mayor Buist

We will miss Deputy Sutherland as our Sheriff's department liaison, he's done a great job. The 24th celebrations are coming up, please participate. Mayor Buist thanked everyone for their work

Jon motioned to adjourn, Greg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:36pm