

Mendon City Council Meeting
July 13th, 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

Excused: Bob Jepsen

Clerk: Teena Young

Treasurer: Daphne Carlson

Public Works Director: Kirk Taylor

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Attendance: Spencer White, Nolan White, Sharon White, Barbara Jean, Boyd Benson, Barbara Jean Benson, Jonathan Young, Sean Dolan, Blain Hamp, Troy Teeples, Randy Kidman, Ben Stacy

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 7PM. Boy Scout Spencer White led the Pledge of Allegiance, with Daphne Carlson saying the prayer.

Mayor Buist excused Bob Jepsen and Kelly Barrett. Kelly will be arriving later during the meeting.

Council reviewed the minutes from June 2017. Minutes were approved.

Council reviewed the June 2017 bills. Jon motioned to approve with Karole seconding. No further discussion, and the bills were approved unanimously.

Youth Council Report

Becki Taylor stated that youth council is planning on helping with the 24th celebration. They will be beginning next year's registration. Next month they will hopefully have a video presentation from the historian. Becki stated that they had 31 kids last year, and they were great. They have kept track of their volunteer hours, and they submit those for graduation requirements. The Youth Council will be participating in the parade. This year's budget will be \$1200, the same as last year. Karole asked Becki to pass on the appreciation from Council to the Youth Council. Swearing in of new members will be in September this year.

Mayor Buist closed Council meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:08PM

Public Hearing – Temporary Land Use and Development Regulation (Moratorium)

Mayor Buist gave a brief history. In 2009, we ran into a problem with our well that led to a Moratorium. After finding a new well, some homes were allowed in 2012 and for the following few years a few homes were allowed. About a year and a half ago, we got numbers from the Department of Drinking Water. Based on those numbers there was a moratorium passed by Council. We have been searching and have found water since this time. We are now doing what we need to in order to get the water into the system. We feel like it is good water and a good quantity. This process takes a bit of time. An estimation by Eric Dursteler is that it can take anywhere from 12 to 18 months to get the water into the system.

The last time that we allowed building permits there were 8 homes permitted. There was a deadline given which stated that if they couldn't get started before a certain date, then the permit would be revoked. Six were able to build within the time frame, two were not able. Since that time, one of the two, who had permission, sold their home and have been waiting to build. Last month council allowed those two, who had previous approval, to have their permit reinstated. They must decide by September if they will go forward. One has begun. If the other doesn't, then it is at the discretion of the council of what to do with that permit.

No public comment was given.

Mayor Buist closed the public hearing and re-opened council meeting.

Mayor Buist stated that we are excited to have found more water and feel it needful to extend the moratorium until we are closer to having the water in the system. He read *Resolution 2017-07 Extension of the Temporary Land Use and Development Regulation*. Jon stated that we will have a better feel on the progress of the well and the water year in January when the moratorium will be discussed again. If everything is positive there may be the ability to allow some development at that time. Jon motioned to accept the resolution as read. Karole seconded, and the council approved unanimously.

Blain Hamp – Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

Blain stated that his division administers wildland fire regulations with counties and municipalities. He presented the council with a new policy. In the past there were two contradicting laws that disagreed on who paid for wildland fire costs, either the county or the municipality. A new policy dictates who has financial responsibility, and the policy began January 1st. They are looking to get all the municipalities to sign up as soon as possible. Mayor asked if the municipality doesn't participate in this, and there is a fire that starts in the city, spreads to the county, and then to the federal, who would pay for it. Blain stated that it would be three different responsibilities for each entity.

The policy is voluntary, though there would need to be an opt-out signed if not participating. The cooperative agreement has a 5-year life span. They would work closely with the fire chief. They ask that the fire department have training for fighting wildland training. Mendon City FD does have that training. Blain has spoken with Fire Chief, Ray Olsen about this policy and the required trainings.

There is a participation commitment, but Blain stated that they don't want money; they are looking for services. A list of these services is prevention, preparedness (training), mitigation (property clean up). This can be done with eagle scouts or other volunteers. If you build a pool of hours, it extends out for several years. These add up very quickly. For any item that isn't on the list of preapproved services, please call to have those approved.

Mayor Buist asked about what cities have agreed to this. Many local municipalities have. River Heights and Clarkston opted out. Mayor Buist stated that for the cost of volunteerism to cover the city, it is an insurance policy. Blain stated that we don't want this to be overly burdensome for the fire department. We want it to be community driven. Jon asked if there is a template available, and Blain stated that they do have a template for tracking these service hours.

Mayor Buist asked for a motion to join in the cooperative agreement with the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. Jon motioned to enter into this agreement. Greg seconded, and the council approved unanimously. Mayor Buist signed the agreement, Blain will sign it, and send it to SLC.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Jonathan Young

Jonathan Young presented an Eagle Scout project proposal. The project will be to pour cement pads for the garbage receptacles on Mendon Square. Overall cost will be \$250 estimated. In August, he and his troop will dig the holes and then they will pour the cement about a week later. Mayor Buist stated that it is good project and needed. Council approved.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Spencer White

Spencer stated that his proposal is to put a flag pole up at the Mendon City Building. Mayor Buist stated that Gaylen Baker has the old flag pole and is repairing it. Spencer looked at that flag pole and planned to do a fundraiser to buy a new flag pole. Mayor Buist stated that part of the excitement of doing this is that it is the original that was on the site at the old school. He is supportive of getting the old one repaired and installed. Spencer stated that he could work with what the council would like to do and can contact Gaylen Baker. Mayor Buist would like to be involved with the location of pole. Karole asked about a plaque to state that the flag pole is the original. Spencer would like to set up a stand during the Pioneer day and ask for donations. Greg asked about lighting. Mayor Buist stated that he could talk to Daryl Rasmussen about a small solar light. Spencer asked about checks for donations. Daphne stated that for it to be donation write off, the donation needs to go through the ward or the city. Both scouts will report back to city council and both will be completed by mid-August.

Municipal Code Online Contract

This contract cost will be split between P&Z and administration. Mayor Buist signed the contract and stated that this will make it much easier for people to search ordinances and have access to information.

County Local Option for Transportation –

This was something that Craig Buttars brought up to the Mayor's Association in May. This would be more money coming in for maintenance on streets. Mayor stated that the Council County suggested to wait until next year's ballot. There is no reason to talk about this at this time so it will be discussed next year.

BRAG Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Buist read the BRAG plan. This allows for BRAG to start the process to update the hazard mitigation plan which was last updated in 2015. The plan will be finalized in early 2018. Basically, they need either the Mayor, or City Council, or a staff member to be on the committee to help plan. This would be just a time commitment. He doesn't know if this would have helped with what happened with the Mendon Road, but it can't hurt and can be valuable. Kelly motioned to participate. Jon seconded and the council approved unanimously.

Deputy Sutherland

Mayor Buist stated that he has worked with Deputy Sutherland for the last 7 years. He takes care of our community. Council presented Deputy Sutherland with a picture of appreciation. Deputy Sutherland stated that for the Pioneer Day celebration they will be helping with the parade and have a booth. They may try to get the canine there to do a demonstration. They are passing through Mendon regularly. Mayor Buist stated that he still hears complaints about traffic on the hwy. There hasn't been a lot of ATV activity but violations are still happening. This Saturday is the all-day Co-ed softball tournament, so a police presence is appreciated. Sheriff Jensen will be participating in the parade as well. Council thanked Deputy Sutherland.

Eric Dursteler, City Engineer

Eric stated that the Eagle Scout projects should use the 40,000psi grade concrete. He that stated that the state will be helping with an agreement with land owners. Mayor Buist stated that the new water source is approximately a .25 mil south of our water system and just off the hwy. It is in a good place to bring the water into the system. We have submitted a change in use for the water right. They proofed that the water is being used for what it is intended for. There was a problem with the proof, as there was an elevation discrepancy. The well should not be perforated above 110-180 ft. Well log shows there are perforations there and would need to be sealed off. Eric stated that he looked at the well log and there were discrepancies that don't make sense. Carl suggested that we do a well video and see where they actually are before we do too much with the proof. Kirk stated that a video has been done, and he may still have it. Carl will hold the proof until we can work through this. If Walker's has a video, we can use that. Kirk said that it was looked at with a camera but he doesn't know if it was recorded. We will get this settled.

Mayor Buist stated that we need to move forward with the land agreement and keep moving forward. Jon stated that he has notified adjacent land owners and both have responded favorably.

Kelly Barrett left the meeting at 8:24PM

Kirk Taylor, Public Works

At Pioneer Park there is a zone that isn't working, they are working on that. The refrigerator will be put into the food stand this week. They are getting ready for the celebrations. Council stated that everything is looking good.

Council Reports:

Jon Hardman

Jon met with the county today to determine how to separate the well sight from the surrounding land. The county will get back to him. Jon reported last month that there was a public meeting with the Wellsville-Mendon Canal, but it wasn't a public meeting, just a share-holders meeting. They are meeting with the state parks to see if the state parks can help pay on the project at Hyrum dam. There has not been a formal public meeting at this point.

Greg Taylor

Stated that the power will be out tonight so we may need to get the generator down to the station. Mosquito abatement will come out next Thursday to spray.

Karole Sorensen

The library books upstairs have been talked about at the board meeting. They will have them out the end of August. They will move the boxes out to another location and work on them one at a time.

Mayor Buist

Mayor Buist stated that on the day of the celebration the building will be open for a concert. We have learned from experience that the restrooms need to be closed off. We will have portable toilets provided. It overwhelms the septic tanks.

Mayor Buist stated concerning the agreement with Mr. Willie, who contributes a \$10,000 per year match for the library; they have decided that the city will take care of the payroll for the librarians. The Friends

of the Library will take care of the other stuff. For the budget, we have only put the \$10,000 in the budget. The payroll will be between \$15,000-\$17,000. So Paul is going to give \$8,000 to the city for the remainder of the payroll and \$2,000 to the Friends of the Library. At the end of the budget we will need to make that change.

City Council will be in the parade on ATV's. He asked that we support the celebrations. Mayor Buist stated that there is a RAPZ tax opportunity, and there is a lot of interest in a tennis court/pickle ball court. He is interested in going toward some RAPZ money for these types of things in the future.

Next month council will discuss the authority that the P&Z has; they want to know what leeway they have and Mayor Buist would like Bob to be present for that discussion.

There is a request to rezone a parcel at the top of Deep Canyon Road from Forest Recreation to Agricultural. This would allow 10 homes in that area. Jon stated that this is the top of the watershed and it would impact us. The state has been understanding and may require them to go deeper on their wells. Mayor Buist asked if Jon could draft something to send to the county in response. Council believes that we need to look out for anything that impacts our water system. Another issue is the traffic on Deep Canyon Road. Jon stated that he will draft something from council.

Jon asked that Teena and Jill work with P&Z to find whether we have an ordinance in place that states that the city doesn't allow a well within city limits.

Jon motioned to adjourn. Greg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.