

Mendon City Council Meeting
July 19th, 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

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Excused: Paul Cressall, Recorder

Attendance: Deputy Travis Clark, Joni Endicott, Eric Dursteler, Paul Willie, John Eiman, Roger Conrad

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Teena Young led the Pledge of Allegiance with Bob Jepsen saying the prayer.

Council approved the June 2018 minutes. Council reviewed the June 2018 bills. Jon motioned to approve of the bills, Karole seconded and the bills were approved unanimously.

Youth Council

Not present. They will be helping with the celebrations, and then beginning a new year.

Deputy Travis Clark

Deputy Clark will be our new law enforcement liaison. He will be participating in the parade and throughout the celebrations. Jon asked about the bike races that use Mendon Road, if their routes are approved by the sheriff's department. A couple of weeks ago there was a race with bikers on both sides of the road, and they turned around in the middle of the street on Mendon Road. That is a potential for safety issues. In the future we will watch the proposed bike routes for these events; we don't want them on both sides of the road.

Public Hearing – Extension of the General Plan

Mayor Buist opened public hearing at 7:14 PM.

The current general plan expires in July 2018. The planning and zoning commission is working to update the plan. Council agreed to extend the current plan for one year. Mayor Buist read Resolution 2018-09.

No public comment was given. The public hearing was closed at 7:16pm.

Bob motioned to approve Resolution 2018-09, Kelly seconded, and the council approved unanimously.

Public Hearing – Winter Parking restrictions and Compression brakes

Mayor Buist opened the public hearing at 7:18 PM

An amendment to the winter parking restrictions would limit the enforcement dates and include the parking of any trailers or other obstruction on the road. An additional amendment to the traffic code will restrict compression braking systems.

No public comment. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

Kelly stated that he would like to see the enforcement dates changed to December through February.

Kelly stated that we aren't really getting a lot of snow until January. Mayor Buist stated that he is fine

with moving the beginning to Dec 1, but he would like to have it in place until March 1. Kirk stated that he has pushed a couple times after March 1st.

Concerning the compression brakes, Bob stated that the challenge will be enforcement in the night. Mayor Buist stated that we are getting a lot of traffic from semi's especially on Hwy 23. Karole agreed that the traffic has increased; a lot of trucks are coming through Mendon. Bob stated that we have blind corners, and these trucks are coming in too fast. Deputy Clark stated that they are happy to enforce these areas.

Mayor Buist read Ordinance 2018-10 with enforcement dates for the winter parking restrictions changed to span the 1st day of December to the 15th day of March of the following year and adding that the ordinance will not apply to emergency vehicles. Karole motioned to approve Resolution 2018-10 as read. Kelly seconded, and all voted in favor.

Public Hearing – Prohibiting Private Wells for domestic use on properties use on properties served by the city water system.

Mayor Buist opened the public hearing at 7:31 PM

Jon stated that this has always been the understanding, but when we checked on it we could not find an ordinance addressing the issue. The policy only applies to areas where we can deliver culinary water. There are locations in the city where we can't supply water because of pressure zones. If we can deliver water, though, then the residents need to tie into city water. There is a safety issue too, because of septic systems. The city or neighboring residents shouldn't be held liable for contaminating someone's well. Joni stated that in P&Z it was discussed that it is legal to drill a 30 ft or less well without a permit. Eric stated that is correct, 30 ft or less doesn't need a permit, but it can't be used for domestic use. Eric stated that BRHD monitors wells for culinary purposes. Jon asked if that that information conflicts with what we have on the policy, we can't go against the state regulations. Kelly stated that the term irrigate is also included in the proposed policy. Does domestic use include irrigation? Eric suggested that the issue be tabled until we can define domestic use.

No public comment was given. The public hearing closed at 7:37PM

Mayor Buist asked that the definitions be clarified, and the ordinance tabled until next month. Jon reiterated that this policy is in accordance with what council has said for years. In August, council will be reviewing a proposed clarification in the agricultural zone concerning water.

Eric-Dursteler, City Engineer

Eric called the Division of Water Rights about the Coldwater Well and hasn't heard back yet. It still says unapproved. Jon spoke with regional water engineer, Will Atkin, who said that the state engineer had returned the application for additional clarifications.

The 500 N Gateway road project pre-construction meeting is Aug 1st at 4pm with LeGrand Johnson. They may be able to complete the project, but it may be September. Their timeline for completion is four days. We will notify home owners and residents about the project. LeGrand Johnson will give us a traffic plan for the construction. A repurpose request has been submitted and the COG committee will need to review that request. If the repurpose money is approved, we will include 100 E from 400 N to 300 N. Kelly mentioned that they will need to keep the road passable. Mayor Buist stated that it is a \$200,000 project. COG grant came in at \$180,000 with the city's \$20,000 portion.

Eric stated an application has been submitted for 2018 COG funding. The project will be from Center Street on 100 E to the Hwy. We have a pretty good chance because, 13% of funds is set aside for rural projects. August 16 is the presentation for that funding.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works

There is one internment tomorrow at the cemetery. We are looking at addressing the cemetery roof shed and the Mendon station roof. They repaired a damaged fire hydrant. Streets have some pothole repairs and surfaces that need attention. They will work on those before winter. Mayor stated that Kirk and Logan do a great job.

Council Reports

Kelly Barrett

The Fire Department asked about the wet zone for the parade. There is a wet zone from center to 100 S. The Fire Department has their new vehicle.

Kelly stated that he touched base with Michelle from Animal Control. There are problems, but many people aren't calling in. We will put more information out on social media and community emails about how to contact animal control.

Kelly was excused at 8:02PM.

Bob Jepsen

We are looking for a P&Z secretary, Jill will stay on for as long as she needs to. We will keep the job posted until filled. Ed and Bob stated that they may need to appoint someone until it is filled.

Joni stated that P&Z made a recommendation to change the agricultural ordinances to specify secondary water requirements in the agricultural zone. They have done a lot of work on the ordinances that they will be recommending. The Commissioners' feelings were that they are just clarifying what is already in place. Bob applauds what P&Z is doing, it is a tough task.

The cemetery is a worry, Bob proposes a meeting date for August 18th at 10 am for a cemetery meeting. The city has some funding for starting the expansion. Kirk asked whether the canal company is allowing irrigating above the canal. He would like to do a head wall on the west side to separate pioneer park and the cemetery. Then there's less head pressure and a smaller pump. Jon will check into what was decided on that. Bob would like to see a fully automated sprinkling system.

Greg Taylor

The floor refinishing group at his work built a showroom so they will not be needing to train at the Mendon Station any longer. He will still try to get them to come out to refinish the flooring. Mosquito abatement will be coming tomorrow night to spray.

He has talked previously about the urban deer hunt. For turkeys, property owners can get depredation tags by calling DWR. With archery, don't need permission from neighbors. The urban deer plan would allow 20 deer over the next three years, we would be looking to do a hunt starting in August. Greg presented the urban deer plan to council. Bob motioned to accept the hunt as has been discussed and prepared. Karole seconded and the council approved unanimously.

Karole Sorenson

Karole asked Kirk if there is anything needed in parks. Kirk stated that they had one length of pipe run-over at the cemetery that will need to be replaced. Karole stated that with the cemetery roof, she can get some quotes on materials. The food stand seems to be running great.

Paul Willie, Mendon Library Board member, stated that there will be a library benefit musical program and encouraged council to come. He has provided council and staff with a ticket. Mayor Buist stated that the library has been a blessing to this town. The restrooms will be closed during the celebrations. For those who need ADA accessibility, they can speak with the librarians for assistance. We have struggles with septic systems that can't handle the large crowds.

Jon Hardman

Jon mentioned that the Bureau of Reclamation had a meeting for the planning of the new Hyrum Reservoir spillway. The figures presented went from 56 Mil dollars to 150 Mil dollars. There isn't a way forward with that cost, so they are going back to the drawing board and are looking at all options. Jon will keep council posted.

Mayor Ed Buist

Council will be in the parade. Mayor Buist informed Deputy Clark about the ATV ordinance which allows for use of ATV's going slowly through town with riders wearing helmets and adults riding with those who are underage.

Mayor Buist added that we have been flagged in audits concerning how cash has been handled in celebrations. We would like to put together a policy on how things need to be paid and how cash is dispersed. Daphne added that our insurance won't insure inflatables, so the inflatable company must provide their own insurance which she has gotten in place.

Jon motioned to adjourn, Greg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34PM