

**Mendon City Council Meeting**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Mendon Station – 95 N Main**  
**Meeting began at 7:00 PM**

**In Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Ed Buist

**Council Members:** Karole Sorensen, Bob Jepsen, Jon Hardman, Kelly Barrett, Greg Taylor (*arrived at 8:15PM*)

**Clerk:** Teena Young

**Recorder:** Paul Cressall

**Treasurer:** Daphne Carlson

**Public Works Director:** Kirk Taylor

**City Engineer:** Eric Dursteler

**Public Attendance:** Stockton Nielsen, Amie Nielsen, Becki Taylor, Sam Fannesbeck, Caden Bradshaw, David Forbis, Anson Pratt

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 7PM. Boy Scout, Caden Bradshaw, led the Pledge of Allegiance with Jon Hardman giving the prayer.

Mayor Buist stated that this could be the last City Council meeting in the Mendon Station as the new building will be completed before the November meeting.

Council reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes with Bob seconding. The council approved the minutes.

September bills were reviewed. Jon asked about a credit card charge on the water. Paul answered that it was a charge for supplies that Kirk ordered for water. Jon motioned to approve the bills. Karole seconded and the bills were approved

**Youth Council – Becki Taylor**

Becki stated that this year we have 31 kids in the Youth Council. They have scheduled and planned the year's events. The Zombie Wars will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-10. Becki was asked if Deputy Sutherland would do a loop. Mayor Buist will talk to Deputy Sutherland. They will be decorating the Station for Christmas and having a community sing-a-long. They have planned to do the sing-a-long on Dec 12 but that may change. They will do two separate events; the live nativity and the sing-a-long. Youth Council Social is in Feb, the Easter Egg Hunt, May Day Festivities, and the Pioneer Day Celebrations. The Youth Council Officers are Kaden Myers, Mayor; Lexi Myers, Pro-Tem Mayor, Cambree Hyatt Secretary. There are several council members and each are in charge of an event. The officers will be sworn in in November. They will be working with the Katie Child to get ideas for getting youth programs at the library. Amber and Dana Myers are helping Becki.

**Deputy Sutherland**

Deputy Sutherland was not present but Mayor Buist is reporting in his place. Mayor Buist was recently robbed and cautioned that citizens be aware. Deputy Sutherland is aware and he does patrol the town.

Deputy Sutherland stated that people are driving 45 to 50 mph on 100 E. He is suggesting a digital speed sign to help alleviate this problem.

### **Eagle Scout Project proposal – Stockton Neilsen**

Stockton proposed that he would like to do landscaping at Mendon City Hall and Library. He would like to install trees, wood chips and plants. Mayor Buist stated that it looks like a good project but the only holdup would be that we won't have water hookup for the landscaping until next spring. Kirk stated that we need to have similar work done at the Mendon Station. Karole stated that we should work with someone to design the landscaping. Stockton stated that he had expected to wait until spring to start his project. Mayor Buist stated that he will talk to Paul Willie to have the landscape design done at the Mendon Station at the same time as the design for the new building. Aimee asked if there would be opportunity for cub scouts to plant tulips as a service. Kirk stated that we could plan a spot. Mayor Buist asked Stockton to keep in touch with him and when they get a landscape design, they will get it to Stockton.

### **Bonneville Cycling Club Donation**

Bonneville Cycling Club donated \$750 to Mendon City. Teena stated that the donation could be used to improve the facilities that the Bonneville Cycling Club uses. Kirk had mentioned that using it to do some landscaping improvements at the Mendon Station would be beneficial. Council agreed with that use of the money.

### **City Attorney Discussion**

Mayor Buist stated that we recently lost our long-time Attorney, Bruce Jorgensen. Mayor Buist stated that James Swink is the city prosecutor and so it would not be the best route to use him as the city attorney. Olson and Hoggan has suggested either Seth Tait or Miles Jensen to be the new city attorney, both had worked with Bruce. An attorney from another firm has also contacted Mayor Buist through email. Mayor Buist stated that the city has worked with Olson and Hoggan but thought maybe they could put a proposal together for the council. Paul suggested that the Mayor talk with the attorney to see if it might be a good fit. Mayor Buist will call the attorney's office and have someone come to council meeting next month. Paul stated that there is a retainer with Olson and Hoggan. Karole stated that she would also like to hear what they have to offer.

### **Urbanized Deer issue and archery hunt**

Mayor Buist stated that the deer are getting worse. He is frustrated with DWR, they were open to helping with farmers or business, but when it comes to an individual home owners getting their gardens and hay destroyed there is no help. DWR states that it is a city problem, but the city can't do anything without going through DWR. Several months ago, a deer survey was sent out to citizens and most people did not want to take any action, but others are having damage done to their properties. Mayor Buist is looking into getting an archery hunt in line for next year. There are limits as far as distance from buildings. Mayor Buist gets a lot of complaints and we need help take care of this problem. Other cities have taken part in these type of problems. We would have to talk some cities. Newton has had a lot of success. Archers must get a special tag with requirements. Mayor Buist stated he has had enough complaints that he would like to have DWR consider this option. Jon isn't convinced that is the way to go but will consider it. We should understand that there is potential for a deer to die on somebody's yard and for it to be upsetting to some citizens. Jon stated that we already looked at the cost of relocating, but it isn't feasible. He would rather have somebody utilize the meat.

### **City Hall and Library Janitorial**

Greg has talked to Amber Francis about taking care of the janitorial in the new building. She is willing. Mayor Buist asked that it will need a little more attention. We can all keep an eye on the building and get

Amber if attention is need. There will be keys to the new building and offices will be keyed individually. The library will have their own keys. Mayor Buist stated that we need a door with a key at the top of the stairs. There will be city documents up there and we need to secure them. Eric will get that change order submitted.

Daphne and Teena will work out the hours for the office.

### **Lot Split Time Limit Policy – P&Z Proposal**

Planning and Zoning presented the proposed policy for a time limit on consecutive lot splits. Mayor Buist read the policy. Once a lot has been split and recorded it may not be split again for 5 years. Kelly stated that he had called other cities and that was typical. Eric is supportive. Kelly likes it. Paul suggested that the number of lots for a major or minor be added to the policy to avoid confusion. Mayor Buist proposed to adopt the policy with the inclusion of the number of lots in a major or minor subdivision. Kelly motioned to accept the recommendation as read with the changes indicated by the Mayor. Karole seconded, and the council approved unanimously.

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

Kirk has contacted Bret Fannesbeck to do some tree trimming. There was one interment at the cemetery. It was difficult because the ground was soft from the rain. All the irrigation lines are drained and winterized. Kirk stated that we need to talk about where to bring the secondary water across to the new building next spring. Kirk thought that the line should extend behind the Mendon Station going along the hill to the new building.

For the storm drain on 100 S and Main that they put in last year, they stopped half way with the thought to either pipe it or continue with an open swale. Kirk had the opportunity to get RCP seconds in good condition. He bought more lengths to extend the pipe that much further.

On 400 S 100 E there is a 6” water line with a leak on the main, and there have been 3 leaks on the blue joints. So rather than making those repairs, they ran a new service from a line across the street and abandoned that 6” line with the leaks. It is all done and the hydrant is flushed and in service.

He is getting trucks ready for winter. Karole asked about any other needs. Kirk is going to have someone look at the salter. The truck is okay but the bed is rusting. He would like to get a stainless steel bed at some time. The bay wall was pushed out where the salt is stored at the shed. Steve Sorensen did some work there. After it is fixed, he will order more material. Mayor Buist thanked Kirk for his work.

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

Bids were received for a test well; the low bid came in for \$140,000, the next one was \$490,000. These bids were too large to move forward with. He has called other local companies and let them know the budget constraints to see if they could give us an estimate. Eric stated that they did 12 shots yesterday to find data which will be analyzed. There is a real-time app, but he would like to see what the analysis is. Jon asked about the preliminary feel. Eric is optimistic as there were some good indicators. Jon stated that this is similar as to what happened at the Deep Canyon. The mistake was that the full well wasn't a lot more money so they moved forward with the full well. Jon's concern is that we are going down the same road. Jon stated that he would like to go the cheap route with the test well and be more confident before moving forward.

*Greg arrived at 8:15pm.*

Eric stated that he and Logan delivered letters to the 380 E Swale property owners concerning the restoration of the swale. Eric wondered about a need for security cameras at the city building. Mayor Buist stated that there will be security cameras. Eric stated that we need to make sure there is ventilation upstairs also.

### **Council Reports:**

#### **Jon Hardman**

The spring water is going into our system. Other items have already been discussed.

#### **Bob Jepsen**

County Planner Josh Runhaar came to P&Z to do training on commercial properties and the training will continue. We do have the tablets for the P&Z chairs. Duane Miles may be at city council meeting next month because he is trying to present building plans. Bob's feeling is that he would like to see proof of water before a building is approved. Kirk stated that Josh Runhaar mentioned the damage to the road that will be caused by Top Job and that the city will be responsible for that damage. Kelly stated that the cost of repair will be a pass on to the property owner.

#### **Greg Taylor**

New building janitorial needs have been discussed. Greg will get the cleaning supplies and a vacuum for the new building. The cemetery is going good. Jon asked about moving forward on expanding. Greg will meet with Mayor Buist and Eric Bowen about the expanding of the cemetery.

#### **Karole Sorensen**

The library meeting went well. The committee is good and has given a lot of effort to get everything going for the library. Mayor Buist stated that we have had Shaun work on the IT with Jeff Young. It is a really nice set up and the Mayor is supportive of what they are doing.

#### **Kelly Barrett**

Kelly stated that Mayor Buist talked to Mayor Bailey of Wellsville about a service fee that would go toward the cost of a fire truck. Kelly stated that he would like to look at what we need and not just pick a number for the fee. Mayor Buist stated that Ray needs to do some homework on cost needed and then break that down. Mayor Bailey stated that once the truck is paid off it would go to upkeep. Bob stated that the fire department serves beyond the town, and he sees citizens arguing that the fire department services more than just Mendon and yet this fee could only be collected from Mendon residents. Kelly stated that the county has one engine that they store here. He isn't sure if that would satisfy that concern. We would like to know the statistics about where his calls are coming in from. Mayor Buist stated that the Cache County Fire Chief should also be here to answer questions during a public hearing. Kelly added the fire department rating that helps our insurance prices. Ray is looking just for a vehicle, they need other things also, but he can probably deal with other items in his annual budget. Kirk is also interested in participating in this for a Mendon City vehicle. Some cities do a two-year rotation on their vehicles. Jon stated that these vehicles are expensive and it would be a fee for several years. Kelly would like to look at the numbers further.

#### **Mayor Buist**

The parking in front of the new building is very nice. He is interested to getting the parking to extend to the north to the Mendon Station and then west also at some point. Kelly has one concern about the

parking because we are creating a troth and added that we may at some point need to add a box to the storm drain.

Karole asked about the signs for the semi-truck brake restrictions. Kelly will ask about that. Karole stated that it is a disturbance. Mayor Buist read a document prepared by Daphne concerning the USDA Rural Development Loan. Cache Valley Bank (CVB) is willing to refinance the Fire Station loan at 3.5% for 20 yrs and adjust after 5 yrs. If Mendon City will move the checking account to CVB, the bank will hold the interest rate at 3.5% for 20 yrs. No matter what this will save 6 years of interest. We are currently with Zions.

Mayor Buist stated that he had discussed this with CVB in the past; it looks to be worth it to cut the years off. Daphne said that there are fees and it is rolled into the loan. Council is in support of the refinance. Daphne will call him tomorrow. Jon would like to set up water in a separate account so that we know an exact amount at any time.

Mayor stated that we are excited for the new building. The next council meeting will be Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30 there will be a dedication prior to the city council meeting. November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am there will be a ribbon cutting and an open house from 10am-1pm. Office furniture will be coming in on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. Bricks are up to \$68,000. The City Christmas party will be Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Elements.

Jon motioned to adjourn, and Greg seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.