

Mendon City Council Meeting
November 9th, 2017
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

Excused: Bob Jepsen

Clerk: Teena Young

Treasurer: Daphne Carlson

Recorder: Paul Cressall

Public Works: Kirk Taylor

Attendance: Lyndi Robins, Becki Taylor, Phil Zobell, Jennifer Taylor, Raegan Taylor, Taryn Taylor, Troy Teeples, Chris Teeples, Rodney Tripp, Robert Tripp.

Mayor Buist called the meeting to order at 7PM. Boy Scout, Chris Teeples, led the Pledge of Allegiance with Greg Taylor saying the prayer.

Council approved of the October minutes. Council reviewed the October 2017 bills. Kelly motioned to approve with Karole seconding. The council approved the bills unanimously.

Deputy Chesnut

Mendon road and 100 E continue to be problem areas for speed. He has issued some warnings on the Winter Parking Restrictions. Kirk stated that parking along main street hasn't been an issue as long as they are parked off the road as far as they can. Karole thanked Deputy Chesnut.

Youth Council Report – Raegen Taylor

Raegen Taylor stated that the Youth Council has 40 members. Lexi Myers is the President, Lyndi Robbins, Mayor Pro-tem: Jenna Pack, Secretary; and Raegen Taylor is the Historian. In October they did Zombie Wars, and they had 60 youth attend. They will do the town sing-a-long in December. They are wondering about the decorations for the Mendon Station as most were ruined in the flood. Becki stated that they don't have a tree, and the extension cords are damaged also. Mayor Buist stated that it would be nice to have decorations for the town sing-a-long. The budget is tight this year. Next year, he would like to add money to the YC budget for decorations, but let's try to at least get some lighting this year. Becki stated that they could seek donations for some decorations.

Swearing in of Youth Council Officers

Raegen Taylor and Lyndi Robins were sworn in as YC Officers by Mayor Buist.

Disc Golf Course Proposal- Rodney and Robert Trip.

Rodney Tripp addressed the council and stated that Infinite Disc, a local company, is proposing to develop an 18-hole disc golf course on city owned property up Deep Canyon. Everything would be covered by the club. Maintenance would be done by the club. Sherwood Hills has a pay to play course. It would be great to have a place to play for free. Parking may be an issue. In the future they would like to do some tournaments, so they would have to run some shuttles up there. Karole asked if they are responsible for the insurance. Rodney stated that if they are sponsoring an event, yes, their insurance

would cover the event. If it is private players, signs would need to be posted that it is play at your own risk of injury. Portable toilets would probably be needed up there as well. Rodney stated that any age can play disc golf and the sport is the fastest growing in the country.

Mayor Buist likes it idea, but there are concerns with the parking. Rodney added that some trees would have to be cut out to create some fairways. Mayor Buist asked how many trees. Rodney stated that it may be about 5 trees for each hole. Kirk asked what the distance is for the holes. They would be approximately 300 ft. Robert stated that for most ranges the difficulty is the length of the course, but up there they would utilize the terrain to create a more difficult layout. Karole asked if prior to approval could we get some plans. Mayor Buist stated that we could give preliminary approval and then have a final approval. Kelly stated that we need to discuss it with Wayne Wheeler who put in the non-motorized trail. Robert stated that Wayne contacted them when he began the trail, so they have spoken before. Kelly stated the other concern would be the possible conflict between the users. Robert stated that they would stay away from the non-motorized trail so that they wouldn't affect the riders.

Jon stated that he is not opposed, but he thinks we need to slow up and talk about what we want to see. There will be garbage issues. There needs to be a formal agreement and a bit more planning long term before we commit. Jon stated that there are some key things that would make this nice and we need to look at those. Karole added that the traffic is also an issue. Jon suggested that Ray and the Fire Department be consulted as there is a potential for a fire with the vehicles up there; we need their input. Kirk stated that Cache County may need to be aware of that with the use of the road. Greg asked if the field could be turned into a parking lot. Jon stated that it is a possibility. Kirk stated that the forest Service could utilize parking up there also; maybe they would put up a restroom. Mayor Buist asked that Robert involve Wayne Wheeler and Jason Wooden.

Jon stated that we want to stay way away from any of our water facilities. Stay west and south. Robert stated that the planning is important. We want this to be the best in the state so that it draws people in and it develops the sport

Mayor Buist asked that they talk with these individuals and all come to a city council meeting to discuss these issues.

Canvassing of the election results – Meeting date

Paul stated that state law requires a canvas of the election be between the 14th and the 21st. It gives time for any other mailed ballots to get here. The Special Meeting will be on Thursday November 16th at 7pm at the library.

Kirk Taylor, Public Works Director

Heat tape was installed on the back corner of the library; we can add to that in the future. The switch is by the stairs, we only want it on when it is warm. When it is 15-10 degrees we don't want it on. The food stand is winterized. The sink isn't in yet, but Wayne Myers will call Bear River Health to see what exactly we need. They are working to mulch all the leaves at the parks. We have two water leaks that feed the restroom and the food stand. They appeared after softball finished. We have just band aided the pipe, so we need to replace the line. We will have to cut out asphalt under the bleachers to do that, which will be tricky to pull the asphalt out without damaging the grass.

Kirk is thinking about what to do with the stumps as the cost to have them ground out is \$50-\$75 each. The cheapest might be to cut them with a chain saw and use the backhoe to break them up.

Some side streets need to have trees cut back. They will focus on 200 N and Main and a few on 200 S.

We have the salt ready for the winter. We are set to work on the 400 N irrigation water line tomorrow; they will try to get the pipe flowing again. Then, hopefully, getting everybody together to work something out. He has several major projects for Todd Thurston to help with and he has been busy.

Bob Jepsen – unable to attend

Mayor Buist stated that Lt Peterson has retired so we would like to know who the liaison is for the animal control. Deputy Chesnut will look into who that is. Mendon was awarded money from the CCCOG to help appropriate funds for road projects that fit a certain criterion. We asked for \$180,000 with a 20% match for 400 N and we got it. There is planning that needs to be looked at. It is a great opportunity. The County Council will do the approval vote on that. Daphne asked if there is any way that we could add some signage on how to get to Logan.

Greg Taylor

Kirk got a bid for a generator for this building, so they are looking at that and looking into a possible grant. Daphne stated that Duane Garbe was on a grant writing committee and may be able to help with that process. Mayor Buist stated that since this building will be for emergency operations we need to have that in place.

Karole Sorensen

Karole stated that Greg Schroeder would be willing to do the food stand again. We need to get the sink in before spring. Mayor Buist stated that Hyrum city is sponsoring a NIMS Complaint training January 20. If the leadership of a city is current on the training and something massive happens, then federal funding is available.

Kelly Barrett

Kelly stated that we will start looking at the funding for the 400 N road project. We will use Eric to get it out for bids. Jon stated that he got an email from Aaron Bunker who said the state cleared the ditch in front of part of his property. Aaron is concerned that unless it is continued then water will go into his property. Kelly will check and let them know. Jon stated that there is a lot of discussion we need to have with the storm water. Mayor Buist stated that his thought is to add some funding for the fire department and storm water projects next fiscal year. Paul stated that he emailed Ray with a list of firefighters, he needs Ray to indicate who to pay. Anyone new will need to fill out a W4.

Jon Hardman

They pulled the well at the booster well to put a camera down. The perforations started a 102ft. The state is claiming that it is 20ft less than what we originally proposed to build. They may require that we seal 20ft of the perforations. Eric is going to get someone to do an elevation for an exact measurement. Jon stated that the majority of water at that well is coming from the upper part, so any sealing could diminish water. The well log identified a zone that would be potential water zone, so if required to seal the upper portion, we may consider perforating at that zone. The critical thing is to determine the exact elevation and work with the state to solve their concern. Karole asked why this is now. Jon stated that we have to prove up on the well after a period of time and this was discovered at that point.

Jon stated that we are still pursuing the Urban Deer Hunt. Before he finalizes the paperwork, he wanted to verify with council about the number of permits we release. The goal is not to make them extinct in Mendon but to decrease the numbers. Karole hasn't seen as many this year. Kelly stated that we wouldn't have a 100% success rate. Jon stated that he will have to write a general permit for Mendon City and a cut off tag that can stay with the meat. Paul has a stamp for that tag. Deputy Chesnut reiterated that they need written permission from the owner to fire within 600' of any building. If they don't have the letter it is a B misdemeanor. Hunters are responsible to get that permission. Archery, shotgun, or muzzleloader will be permitted. Paul stated that maybe they should have a meeting with the deputies to go over regulations. Council agreed.

Mayor Buist

Mayor Buist attended planning and zoning. They are going through the zoning code book. Mayor Buist mentioned to them that they are about a year out from some building permits. There has been interest in multi-family development. Mayor Buist stated that with the water situation and other variables that it isn't necessarily something we are interested at this time. We are looking to get water into the system and a plan to grow not all at once. Jon stated that one piece of this puzzle is that wells are not allowed in the city. If we are not able to provide water, then they should be able to drill a well. If the city can provide water at some point, then, the well would need to be signed over to the city. Phil Zobel asked how many homes can be serviced by one well. He will talk with Eric, because there are certain standards.

Kelly asked if we have zoning for multifamily. We need to have a plan and be careful about what we allow and what we don't. We don't want to discriminate. A four plex may be better than a bigger development. Karole added the septic tanks are also an issue with multifamily development. Kelly stated that maybe it is up to us to see how much water we have and say 10 hookups a year, but not dictate what type of housing they are used for. Jon added that we are required to provide low income housing.

Mayor Buist stated that these types of developments may usher in sewer. Jon stated that there are no options for Mendon to discharge a sewer system, so we either need a tertiary treatment facility, where it is treated to culinary standard or land apply the waste. Population dictates that.

Greg motioned to adjourn. Jon seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:28PM