

Mendon City Council Minutes

Convened: Feb 8, 2024 | Meeting location 15 North Main Street, Mendon City Office

Meeting called by Mayor Ed Buist

Type of meeting City Council

Note taker Holly Gordon

Attendees:

Amy Garbe Kirk Taylor

Jon Hardman Jim Cannon

Michael Morgan Daphne Carlson

Bob Jepsen

Brian Myers

TIME: 6:00 PM

Call to Order: There being five members present and five members representing a quorum, Mayor Buist called the meeting to order.

Others Present: Keilani Ludlow, Joann Hardman, Martin James, Carter Stagg, Tony Hardman, Melanie Willie, Dave Willie, Paul Willie, Emily Fletcher, Landis Wenger

Pledge of Allegiance: Brian Myers

Invocation: Amy Garbe

Welcome: Mayor Buist welcomes everyone.

Agenda

Agenda Adoption: A copy of the notice and the agenda for this meeting was posted on the Utah Public Notice Website, Mendon City's Website, posted at the City Office, the Post Office. It was also provided to each member of the governing body. All provided more than forty-eight hours before meeting time.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for January 11, 2024 have been reviewed.

Motion: Councilmember Morgan motions to accept January minutes. Councilmember Garbe seconds the motion.

Action: All are in favor and January minutes are accepted.

Approval of Bills: Bills have been reviewed by all council members present.

Motion: Councilmember Jepsen motions to accept and pay the bills as submitted. Councilmember Myers seconds the motion.

Action: All are in favor and bills are submitted.

Minutes:

Topic 1- Citizen Participation/Comment 6:04 PM

Topic 2- Future Public Works Building – Joe Beck 6:05 PM

Plans for the public works building are in progress. Ed discusses the option of moving forward with the plans for the new public works building in the next fiscal year. Bob asks about the timeline. Ed explains he and Jim need to go thought the budget and decide if the funds allow building to start this year or must wait until next year. Ed is not willing to set a solid date. Ed perceives the cost somewhere between 200K-300K. Councilmember Morgan motions to accept plans to move forward with the public works building. Councilmember Jepsen seconds. All are in favor.

Topic 3- BRAG – Margie Rycewicz 6:09 PM

Margie Rycewicz introduces herself as our new advisor for BRAG. She has lived in Cache Valley for 20 years. She is the local administrative advisor for BRAG. Margie explains the benefits of BRAG and the help she can offer Mendon. Mendon is one of twenty-six communities that fall within the jurisdiction to help. She can help find grants, help with the application process, help with city administrative duties that the city staff does not have time for. She is not qualified to help with land use. She will be sending a questionnaire for the mayor and council members to fill out to help her understand our needs and what BRAG can do for us.
margier@brag.utah.gov 435-713-1456

Topic 4- Mendon Station Classes Beneficial to the Community – Kelley Richardson 6:15 PM

Kelley teaches performing arts classes and wants to teach social dance classes to the citizens of Mendon. She is asking the council if it would be possible to rent the station at a discounted rate on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:45p.

Periodically on Friday nights. Ed, concerned about the flooring, asks about the type of shoes people will be dancing in. Kelley is willing to bring marly flooring in to protect the wood floor. She has several rolls of 100 feet that should protect the majority of the floor. She will also make sure only tennis shoes and other soft soled shoes are used if they dance on the wood floor. Marly is professional flooring that would be beneficial for protecting the wood floor and Kelley is willing to donate it to the building. Amy thinks the flooring is a great offer but logistically there is nowhere to store it. It is decided that Kelley would need to store the flooring, bringing it with her to use and taking it with her when she leaves each class. Brian is concerned about scheduling. Ed wants to reiterate that the station is needed for our citizens. He's also concerned about times of year when the station is busier, such as summer and November and December. Kelley is willing to work around busier times of year. It is decided that Wednesday afternoons aren't much of a hindrance to other citizens' use of the building. Brian is concerned about the fees being charged. Maintenance comes at a cost. Holly is asked what the fees are now. \$30 per hour for non-residents and \$10 per hour for city residents. \$700 per day for weddings and receptions for non-residents, \$350 for city residents. \$200 per year for long-term renters. Ed's concern is the financial end and considers raising the fee. Mike points out that she is here under our current long-term rental fee, and we should honor it today and talk about changing the fee come June. Amy says Kelley's request seems reasonable until we readdress fees and long-term rentals. Councilmember Morgan motions to accept Kelley's request for a dance class on Wednesday afternoons as a long-term rental with the knowledge that fees may change come June. Councilmember Garbe seconds the request. Ed asks the clerk to alert other long-term renters about a possible price increase come June.

**Topic 5- Cell Tower and Internet Service Provider Proposal
– Carter Stagg**

6:35 PM

Wi-Fiber would like to rent space on the existing cell tower on a trial basis. Overall, faster internet for Mendon residence. Wi-Fiber company would cover cost of trial to see if this is something Mendon wants. Ed says rent might be a possibility, depending on our cell towers. A discussion takes place about long-term costs, plans and comparisons with

other companies. Ed asks if today he is just after rent on the tower. Carter says yes. Amy asks about tower agreement. Ed asks Daphne to reach out to Verizon to ask about the tower agreement. Ed gives Carter a definite maybe.

Topic 6- Wayne's Loop – Jason Wooden

6:46 PM

Mike and Jason met with the county. Jason would like to discuss with the council about the trail head update and looking at a point they can reopen the trail. Tim has moved on. Landis is the new county rep. They are currently looking at grants and the possibility of building the trail head down lower with the likelihood of two trails. There is a discussion about the road being gated or the possibility of signs discouraging road use and direction to the new trail head. Ed asks about how the county feels about signage. Mike says they need to talk to the county about it. Mike adds there is a small chance that construction on the trailhead will start this year but will not be open until sometime next year. The new design will address turnaround and parking issues. Jason asks if the work can commence on the rim trail and asks for a partial reopening now that the road is paved, even though the parking issue hasn't been resolved. Ed says the trail will not reopen until the parking lot is completed. However, he does want work on the trail completed so it's ready to go when the parking lot is finished. Ed is aware that the trail is being used, but not at the rate it would be if they announced a reopen to the public. The trail is intended to be a non-vehicle trail... bikes, horses, hiking. Garbage cans and restrooms are in the plans. Amy asks if the community can be involved in the structure of the trail. Jason says yes.

Topic 7- Library Report – Jessie Eiman

6:59 PM

The library is on task, on budget and new posters are up throughout. Hopefully, the library will have a grant coming through for \$1,000.

Topic 8- Law Enforcement Liaison – Deputy Wursten

7:00 PM

Excused

Topic 9- Eric Dursteler – City Engineer

7:00 PM

The Impact Study needs to proceed without water history. Jon clarifies that there are no records or documentation as early as what is being asked. It is proposed that they go ahead without said water history. Jon motions to proceed with the Impact Study. Mike seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Ordinances are getting updated and will be passed on to Planning and Zoning.

Ed brings up the COG meeting. There might not be funding this year. Not a rural issue. Bigger jobs are eating up the funds. It was decided that the funds might be held a year to build up.

Topic 10- Kirk Taylor – Public Works Director

7:05 PM

Station needs 2 new round tables. Leak issue in library needs to be addressed. Need to update water connection fees, possibly double due to cost of parts. The fee would need to be charged up front to cover costs. Kirk discusses the requirement to inventory the type of piping used on meter hookups to houses. He will inventory what he can. Bob asks about the truck. Kirk has no update. Ed wants Mike (truck mechanic) on March agenda to address what is taking so long.

Councilmembers Reports:

- A. **Brian Myers-** Walked through the station to see what needs to be addressed. The wood floors are due to be refinished. Cost will be the city's responsibility. Need to discuss a date when this can be done. On the south wall, an exposed cable needs to be covered. Mike will find out where the cable goes. Outlet covers need to be replaced. Asks about light cover over stairs. It is decided to buy a new light fixture instead of trying to track down a matching cover. Discussion on the southeast corner moisture problem at the city building. Might be ground water creeping

7:12 PM

through. Kirk and Brian will talk. Completed mosquito abatement training online. There was no turkey trapping this year. Reviewed turkey and deer management. May Day meeting with Mike and the May Day committee. Queen's Tea is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 at Mendon Station.

- B. Amy Garbe-** worked with Jessie on signs for dog clinic. Posted the sale of the red chairs. No takers. Amy wonders about lowering the price. Ed gives her the ok. Numbers at the rabies and license clinic are about the same as last year. Checked with animal control and there is no contract on cats. They do not pick up cats. Cats can be taken to county shelter. There are complaints about too many strays. The county shelter is working on a program for feral cats getting fixed. We would have to trap cats and take them to clinic. There is a need to update the codes for animal control. Amy has suggested changes to codes on animals and rabies and briefly discusses changes. Jon suggests a public hearing. Ed asks clerk to set up a public hearing for March. The Youth Council has been unsuccessful in contacting Juliene Robins about hamburger stand money from last year. 7:20 PM
- C. Mike Morgan-** Planning and Zoning is looking through and updating codes. Work meetings have been scheduled. Google Docs of the codes have been created for the Planning and Zoning committee to work on together. Todd Gordon has volunteered to help with Planning and Zoning. All approve of Todd Gordon. It is recognized that Todd Gordon was chair on Board of Adjustments and that spot needs to be filled. 7:29 PM
- D. Jon Hardman-** working on lease agreements for culinary water. Some residents lease to the city without being charged overage. Some want financial compensation instead. Need a new lease agreement giving the option between the two. 7:32 PM
- E. Bob Jepsen-** if we don't hear from governor by March about Ray Olsen's years of service, we need to resend the letter. Ed needs to ask Juliene about Ray and 7:34 PM

Carolyn Olsen being this year's grand marshal in the 24th celebration parade.

F. Mayor Buist- Jon and Ed have been working with the city attorney and engineer on the Mendon Land Use Authority and will have someone in place next month. The position will take effect on April 1.

7:35 PM

Councilmember Hardman motions to close the meeting.

7:36 PM

Councilmember Jepsen seconds the motion.

Adjourned.