

Mendon City Council Minutes

Convened: October 10, 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 Daphne Carlson

Jon Hardman Jim Cannon

Brian Myers

Bob Jepsen

Ian Nemelka

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: Blaine Taylor, Bryan Bitterman, Kara Tim, Emily Fletcher, Landis Wenger, Paul Willie, David Endicott, Joni Endicott, Phil Zobell, Keilani Ludlow, Millie Smith, Eric Dursteler, Jessie Eiman

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Buist

Invocation: Council Member Jepsen

Welcome:

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: Council Member Garbe points out that Ian Nemelka was not included on the attendance for September 12, 2024. Topic 7: The second approval was Council Member Jepsen. Youth Council: needs to be referred to as Youth Council Leaders.

Minutes for September 12, 2024 have been reviewed.

Motion: Council Member Nemelka motions to accept September 12, 2024 minutes. Council Member Garbe seconds the motion.

Action: All are in favor and September 2024 minutes are accepted.

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

Motion: Council Member Hardman motions to accept and pay the bills as submitted. Council Member Nemelka seconds the motion.

Action: All are in favor and bills are submitted.

Minutes:

Topic 1- Citizen Participation/Comment: (6:06 PM) Phil Zobell who resides at 48 West Center Street expresses some concern about the traffic driving around city square during the Mendon City Pioneer Day celebration. He would like the city to consider blocking the roads off from 100 West down 100 South along 100 East up 100 North, creating a two-block horseshoe around city square.

Phil Zobell adds a complaint about the food trucks parked on center street during the Mendon City Pioneer Day celebration. He was told that the generators would be shut off by 9:00 PM. Phil claims the generators were running from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. He had to go ask the food truck vendors to shut the generators off during the fireworks show. He suggests Mendon City supply the food trucks with power as well as getting a sound ordinance in place. Center Street was also cut down to one lane of traffic due to the food trucks and the cars parking behind them or next to them.

Topic 2- Deep Canyon Trailhead Engineer Estimate: (6:11 PM) Landis Wenger reminds Mendon City that we must have our funding contracted by the end of the year or it disappears. So the engineers, Walt Consulting Group, are here to present what they are calling the 90% Design which will be the final design for the approval. Once Mendon City is happy with the design, we can put it out to bid and get it under contract to be built next year.

Paul Peterson with Walt Consulting Group shares the site plan. They have already received approval from Cache County. Council Member Hardman attended the county meeting where the site plan was approved

with conditions. It is pointed out that the landscape plans are not on this plan but are drawn up and should be implemented this week. The plans are at the 90% level and will be wrapped up within the week, when it will be sent to Cache County the following week so they can advertise it through their procurement process and get a contractor on board. It's noted that the vault toilet was moved from its original spot due to the steep slopes.

Eric Dursteler comments that the construction crew will need access to water, and they need a backflow preventer or some air gap to fill a tank.

Eric asks where the dumpster pad is on the plan on page C-206. It is suggested there should be two, one at the trailer exit and one at the day use exit. He also questions a dashed line on page C-300, whether it is a ditch or a swell. It's a tie in the existing grade. There ought to be some sort of body to capture the water out of the lower parking lot.

There is a question of meeting all the conditions on the conditional use permit before construction, if we can proceed with construction while some conditions are incomplete. It depends on the condition. Mendon taking care of trash pickup will be ongoing condition for the facility, so it isn't expected to be met before construction. But conditions like the road being paved must be met before construction. Public Works are grading this fall, then with part of the project funding the asphalt will be laid.

There are currently no plans with this funding covering landscaping, that will be considered phase 2. But if there is enough funding, it can be used for landscaping.

Mayor Buist says let's move forward and get the funds secured before the end of the year.

Topic 3- Brent Willie- Blueberry Springs: (6:20 PM) Paul Willie takes the place of Brent Willie to correct a formality that wasn't caught when Blueberry Springs was approved. Blueberry Springs subdivision needs to be zoned as R-1 from agricultural. Mayor Buist clarifies that this was just an oversight that needs to be corrected. Keilani Ludlow will have the appropriate paperwork at a later time as she was unaware there was paperwork involved.

Council Member Hardman motions the annexed land that is part of Blueberry Springs is approved and changed from agricultural to R-1.

Council Member Jepsen seconds the motion. All in favor.

Topic 4- Food Truck Selling Options- 5Y Pizza Pie- Bryan Bitterman: (6:24 PM) Bryan has a food truck he operates out of and would like to know if he can operate on the city square, possibly on the side of the road of 100 West. He is looking at next summer for the softball games and is already looking to sell on Pioneer Day. He wants to know if there are any options beyond that and what the city would allow.

Mayor Buist considers some other proposals and some complaints concerning food trucks. He would like to work with Planning and Zoning to discuss a plan for such commerce. He thinks many would agree that this is something our community needs. However, there needs to be some sort of direction and plan in

place as this will most likely draw attention to some other food trucks or similar commerce. Planning and Zoning, the mayor and others are working on an application for temporary commerce licenses as Mendon City has never needed to address it before. Mayor Buist comments that he would like to see more food destinations in Mendon and wants it to be successful for Bryan and others that will undoubtedly follow. There just needs to be a concrete plan moving ahead.

There are several concerns about more vendors on city square. Mendon City owns limited property on the city square, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints owns the rest. The infrastructure within the food stand is not capable of keeping up with even the Snow Shack as it is consistently popping breaker.

Council will continue to look into this matter and find a solution to possibly allow more opportunities for such temporary licensed commerce in Mendon.

Topic 5- CAPSA- Kara Tim (6:33 PM) October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Kara shares a story of a woman who reached out to CAPSA in a time of need. Her story was to point out that CAPSA has case workers that deal with all aspects of abuse, not just physical. CAPSA has a clinical therapy program to help victims of abuse feel empowered and strong enough to make healthy decisions for their future. According to data reports for Mendon, CAPSA has provided services to 11 survivors with a total of 59 crisis line calls and 146 case management sessions. This means that survivors in our community are reaching out for help.

Believing that collaboration is key, CAPSA asks Mendon City Mayor and Council Members to sign a pledge board to publicly show support for CAPSA's work. A picture of the Mayor and Council Members with the pledge board will be posted on CAPSA's social media pages.

Topic 6- Bid Opening for the Fire Department- Ray Olsen (6:39 PM) One company bid on the Fire Department addition and it was double the price of what was proposed. The bid was declined. The Fire Department addition will be put out to bid again.

Topic 7- Mingo's Location Proposal- Maria Bingham (6:40 PM) It is agreed that a spot on the west side of the food stand would be ideal. The Mickelsen's who run the Snow Shack and the Larsen's who run the food stand approve of Mingo's sharing the spot. Power supply will need to be reinforced to accommodate the food stand, Snow Shack and Mingo's.

It is reminded that Planning and Zoning and council will need to work on and adapt a temporary commerce permit. It is important to have that in place as temporary commerce begins to grow in Mendon. Limited space on city square is also brought up and we may have to identify other space and what will be allowed.

Council Member Myers is in charge of buildings and has been asked to head the project of updating the food stand, starting with the electrical. Council Member Jepsen would also like to research the possibility

of some sort of temporary power station for food trucks to use during the Mendon City Pioneer Day Celebration. Council Member Nemelka comments that it is an enforcement issue concerning the generators being shut off by 9:00 PM instead of a power issue. Special permits for celebrations need to be a little bit more specific to avoid confusion.

Council Member Nemelka comments concerning temporary commerce. We are going to get to a point where it's going to be more than temporary vending and we'll need a way to avoid preferential treatments in any specific business, making it two separate issues to be addressed.

Maria is told there is no definitive answer yet, but progress. She is asked to come back to city council in January. Maria also mentions that the name Mingo's is not being sold with the business. A possible name may be Bingo's (due to Maria's last name) to keep the name similar.

Mayor Buist comments that there will be a fee for temporary vending that needs to be charged for using Mendon City property that is currently not in place that will be fair to all involved.

Topic 8- COMCAST Agreement: (6:54 PM) Comcast provides many Mendon City residents with cable and the contract needs to be renewed.

Council Member Jepsen motions to accept the Comcast franchise agreement for Mendon City amended with Comcast of Indiana and Kentucky, Utah LLC.

Council Member Nemelka seconds the motion. All in favor.

Topic 9- PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Annexation Resolution- Jon Hardman (6:57 PM)

Council Member Nemelka motions to close Mendon City Council Meeting and open Public Hearing Proposed Annexation Resolution for Jon Hardman.

Council Member Myers seconds the motion. All in favor.

There have been no petitions of complaint against Jon Hardman annexing land from Cache County to Mendon City. The land to be annexed is located on Highway 23 and 2000 South or R 600 South. The city boundary is across the street of R 600 South. The intent with the property is to split for a building lot and keep the rest as agricultural R-1.

No public comment.

Council Member Nemelka motions to close Public Hearing Proposed Annexation Resolution and open Mendon City Council Meeting.

Council Member Garbe seconds the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Buist reads the Annexation Resolution as follows:

Resolution number 2024-02. The resolution accepting a petition for annexation of certain real property under the provisions of section 10-2-403 and 10-2-405 Utah code annotated 1953 as amended. Whereas on March 26, 2024, the owners of certain real property petitioners filed a petition with the city recorder of Mendon City, Cache County State of Utah requesting that such property be annexed to the corporate boundaries of Mendon City and whereas said petition contains the signatures of the owners of private real property, that is, one, located within the area proposed for annexation, two, covers a majority of the private land area within the area proposed for annexation, and three, is equal in value to at least one-third of the value of all the private real property within the area proposed for annexation and whereas the petitioners certify that said property proposed for annexation lies contiguous to the present boundaries of Mendon City and the petitioners have caused an accurate plat of the real property proposed for annexation to be prepared by a licensed surveyor and have filed said plat with the city recorder and whereas said petition appears to comply with all the requirements of section 10-2-402 and 403 Utah code annotated 1953 as amended. Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Mendon City, Cache County, State of Utah that the annexation petition attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby accepted for further consideration under the provisions of Utah State Annexation Law and is hereby referred to the city recorder to review pursuant to section 10-2-405 quotations 2 under state code annotated 1953 as amended. Be it further resolved that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Council Member Myers motions to approve Resolution 2024-02.

Council Member Nemelka seconds the motion. All in favor with Council Member Hardman abstaining.

Topic 10- PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Library Card Fee: (7:06 PM)

Council Member Hardman motions to close Mendon City Council Meeting and open Public Hearing Proposed Library Card Fee.

Council Member Nemelka seconds the motion. All in favor.

The library card fee committee consists of Ron Campbell, Ruth Morgan, Jamie Judy and Janelle Simmons. The committee was to evaluate an increase in sustainable funding for the library as a way to avoid charging those living outside the taxed area. The committee pursued the idea of becoming a branch of the Cache County Library with the intent of acquiring funding at the county level. It quickly became apparent with the merger; the Cache County Library Board would become the governing board of the library, and all assets would become property of the Cache County Library system. The Mendon Library would also lose their state certification because the Cache County Library is not yet certified. Certification can take up to three years. Mendon keeps up to date on certification because there are a lot of grants that come with that certification and access to a lot of services.

In their research, they found that most libraries collect fees for those who do not live within the city boundaries. At this time there are approximately 344 cardholders who live outside of the Mendon City

taxed area. At \$40 per year, if all these card holders received a paid library card, that could bring in approximately \$13,000 per year. It is estimated that Mendon City taxes used to support the library is approximately \$107 per parcel.

Given the above information, the Library Card Fee Committee recommended implementing a library card fee for patrons outside of the taxed area and the library voted to approve it on May 23rd 2024. The Mendon City Library is financially supported in part by many city residents through allocated taxes. The proposed library card policy was created to extend financial support for the library to Cache County residents through paid library cards.

The community can continue to participate in library activities regardless of card status. This policy applies to those who want to check out books, movies, digital items, etc. To check out materials a patron must have an active library card.

For those who own parcels or residents who rent property within Mendon City limits, library card fees are paid through collected taxes. Residents within Mendon City are not being asked to pay for a library card. Just those who are not living within city limits. Library cards expire one year to the end of the month they were issued. Library cards are issued per household.

The public is invited to comment.

Heidi Taylor comments that she used to work for Mendon City Library and now works for North Logan Library. She thinks a \$40 fee is fair as North Logan City charges \$90 per year per household. Heidi asks how Mendon Library is going to monitor non-resident/resident library card issuing. It is decided that the Cache County Plat Map will be the most accurate way to check addresses and tax boundaries. She asks when the fees will go into effect. January 1, 2025.

Michelle Woodbrey comments that she is the library board chair and was part of the process to this point. She believes this is a great way to make the library more sustainable and that in the long run, people will value the library more because it is official. She believes the fee is reasonable.

Keilani Ludlow approaches the microphone and questions why Mendon City residents are paying more in taxes for a library card than a non-resident. She recognizes the fundraisers that benefited the library through non-residents, but it doesn't stand to the kind of contribution made through taxpayers since the library came to be. Her point is validated by council. It is pointed out that the \$109 in taxes is a rough estimate as that estimate included every parcel in Mendon regardless of size. So, the amount would vary depending on the value of the property. \$109 is probably an inaccurate figure. However, it is suggested that the library start with a \$40 fee that will possibly increase in the future. Raising the fee would be much easier than starting at a high point.

Council Member Hardman motions to close the Public Hearing for the Library Card Fee.

Council Member Jepsen seconds the motion. All in favor.

Council Member Nemelka motions to open Mendon City Council Meeting.

Council Member Hardman seconds the motion. All in favor.

Council Member Garbe motions to approve the proposed library fee of \$40 per household per year for non-residents effective January 1, 2025.

Council Member Jepsen seconds the motion. All in favor.

Topic 11- PUBLIC HEARING: Noise and Lighting Ordinances: (7:34 PM)

Council Member Hardman motions to close Mendon City Council Meeting and open Public Hearing Noise and Lighting Ordinances.

Council Member Nemelka seconds the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Buist asked Council Member Nemelka and Planning and Zoning to create a Noise Ordinance and Lighting Ordinance due to some circumstances over the last few years that have determined a need for them. Mayor Buist believes that public buildings need appropriate lighting on the outside of the building for security measures. The city attorney agrees that a municipality has the right to light what they need to.

[Lights Ordinance 2024-01.pdf](#)

Council Member Nemelka heads the public hearing on lights. Regarding light on public property, city property specifically, an exemption from those that we impose on private residences and businesses, etc. This also covers holiday lighting as well.

[Noise Ordinance 2024-02.pdf](#)

Council Member Nemelka heads the public hearing on lights. A noise ordinance needs to be put in place to ensure law enforcement have something to stand behind when called on a noise disturbance issue. This ordinance will cover the following issues. Excessive and unreasonable noise that may be injurious to health or quiet enjoyment of personal property. Sound level measured in decibels. Any noise exceeding 10% of the time for R-1 property, daytime limit is 60, nighttime limit is 50. Type B property (agricultural, retail, office, repair, etc.) daytime limit is 70, nighttime limit is 60. If there is suspicion that the decibel of noise exceeds the ordinance, the sheriff's office have the equipment to check decibels. This is for ongoing noise that continues longer than ten minutes at a time all day or night long. Some big exceptions, because we are a rural community, are agriculture operations, including agriculture equipment and livestock, kept as part of an agricultural operation, emergency events, equipment and vehicles, equipment, including the fire department siren, commercial or personal emergency generators, operating only during power failure or outage, fireworks and explosives in accordance with state and local regulations, heating, ventilation, HVAC systems, etc., in good repair operating within their manufacturer specifications, city, school or government-approved events within the parameters of such approvals, snow removal equipment, temporary or short-term use of equipment or machinery for construction, maintenance, and cleaning, any emergency

construction or the normal operation and maintenance of city public facilities, the construction of any critical city water resources, and other temporary exceptions may be granted with the approval of the city.

Dogs seem to be the biggest complaint about noise. We have come up with a fee schedule specifically for dog nuisance. The first offence is \$100 and impoundment, second offence is \$150 and impoundment, third offence is \$200 and impoundment... each of these after warnings have been given. After the third offence, the dog will be impounded and no longer reclaimed by the owner.

It is brought to Council Member Nemelka's attention that the dog noise nuisance should be measured in longevity, not decibel. That will be amended at a later meeting. The ordinance will be changed to incessant barking heard longer than 10-minute intervals from the complainant's residence.

The public is invited to comment.

Ryan Bishop bought his home next to the fire station in 1991, predating the fire station and the elementary school. He has no issue with the siren. However, concerning lights, he is disappointed that the city would completely carve out an exemption for the government buildings even though they have the right to do so. He finds it unnecessary to have lights blaring up to the sky. There are lighting techniques that are more directed to the ground that should cover security concerns. Ryan points out that the school has been broken into regardless of the lights which makes him disagree with the assessment that lights deter break-ins.

Phil Zobell comments that the lights from the ballfield shine directly into his windows across the street from the ballpark. This has only been an issue since the ballfield lights were replaced earlier this year. It is determined to be a realigning issue and will be addressed by the proper city authorities.

Brian Bitterman cautions against the regulatory rules on dogs. Coming from California where they lived under such regulations, he comments on how nice it is to be in a place like Mendon. He doesn't know the right answer as far as dog noise and nuisance go but cautions how much the city becomes involved in regulating it.

Blaine Taylor is concerned about his generator running to keep medications kept in the fridge from going bad. His generator self-tests now and then when the power isn't out, and he wonders if that would infringe on the new ordinance. It's set to run once a week for 10 minutes on Monday around 11:00 AM. Blaine is reassured, this is not a problem.

Council Member Nemelka points out that there are countless exceptions to the ordinances, you just can't write them all. He's hoping residents will be neighborly and let their neighbors know if there will be an ongoing problem that they are working on getting fixed. A lot of issues can be avoided if we communicate with each other. It is commented that the main reason for these ordinances is it is reactive to citizens' complaints. If these ordinances need to be adjusted sometime in the future, they can be.

Council Member Hardman motions to close Public Hearing for Light and Noise Ordinances and open Mendon City Council meeting.

Council Member Garbe seconds the motion. All in favor.

For the record, this noise issue comes up every few years. It is commented that we do our best to figure out a solution, if it doesn't work, we change it up. If we do nothing, it doesn't solve anything. It is recognized that there have been some good comments made on the issue of noise and light.

Council Member Nemelka motions to approve Light Ordinance 2024-01 and Noise Ordinance 2024-02 as they have been presented, with the amendment that dog related violations will be determined from the point of complainant's residence.

Council Member Jepsen seconds the motion.

All in favor of ordinance 2024-01.

All in favor of ordinance 2024-02.

Mayor Buist comments that he will talk to the appropriate channels to get the lights at the ballpark adjusted. He asks Council Member Jepsen to talk to Chief Ray Olsen about adjusting the lights at the fire station.

Topic 12- PUBLIC HEARING: ~~Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances~~- (8:00 PM) Postponed for November council meeting.

Topic 13- Law Enforcement Liaison- Deputy Spence: (8:01 PM) Excused

Topic 14: Library Report- Jessie Eiman: (8:01 PM) Friends of the Library have a goal to create an endowment, increasing investments that will fund the library by its own accord. It is expected to take about 15 years. The new library card fees will in part be used for the endowment. The city wants to help and be a part of it by being involved in the funding for which the library is grateful.

The library is doing well and is funded through July 2025.

Several grants are coming within the next couple of months.

The library is up for a designation called Library of Excellence. By next year, we will hopefully have a plaque on the wall. It's not monetary, but fun to be recognized.

The library maintains their state certification. Some of the advantages it gives to library card holders is the automatic subscriptions to all newspapers in Utah and Libby audio book library. There are also several channels on that same website, the website is named Gale, for things like auto repair and how to. Lots to explore. All free for library card holders, which is why we maintain our state certification.

The library Halloween party will be on Halloween this year. We will stay open for a couple extra hours.

Topic 15: City Engineer- Eric Dursteler: (7:49 PM) The new Mendon City Public Works building is out for bid. The pre-bid is October 17. The bid opening is October 24. The drawings are at Watkins Printing and have been printed out.

Cemetery Lid Replacement Bid Tabulation: [Cemetery Lid Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)

For the record, bids were between \$159,000 and \$231,000.

It is unclear whether ARPA funds will take care of this.

Trapp Construction is the apparent bidder, but we need to hear back from the city attorney, Seth Tait, before moving forward.

Topic 16: Public Works Director- Kirk Taylor: (8:09 PM) Excused

Councilmembers Reports:

Brian Myers- (8:09 PM) Council Member Myers would like contact information for upgrades on the food stand with electrical being top priority. Some of the other renovations will include replacing the cabinets with food safe aluminum-type cabinets for easier cleaning, a new fan in the hood and a refrigerator.

Council Member Myers questions whether or not there was a public hearing for Wayne's Loop. There was a public hearing when it was first proposed, however, it was never expected to be where it is today. Due to someone publicizing Wayne's Loop on the internet, it became more than could be handled which is why we are where we are today with the Trailhead plans. Council Member Myers asks if Mendon City needs to hold a public hearing for the Trailhead. No. The property is owned by Mendon City, but it is located in the county, so the county was responsible for the public hearing. A public meeting was held here to let the community know of the changes being made at the trailhead.

The application for the pit vault toilets for the trailhead was approved and we should see the permit for those soon.

There will be a tax increase for mosquito abatement on November 1 at 7:00 PM at the conference room at Bear River Health at 1800 North in North Logan. There have been 4 or 5 cases of horses reported in Cache Valley contracting West Nile Virus with one needing ethnicization. There has only been one human case reported in Cache Valley. There has been concern from a citizen of Mendon about the mosquito abatement who has threatened to sue the Mosquito Abatement District if they do not discontinue spraying for mosquitos. It is believed that there is a state statute that protects the Mosquito Abatement District.

Amy Garbe- (8:15 PM) Council Member Garbe attended a hazard mitigation meeting through BRAG on September 16th. They are starting the process of writing up a plan that they are wanting as many entities as possible to be a part of to help establish where there are possible hazards and to put a plan in place of how to help mitigate those hazards before something happens. It looked like we have been a part of that in the

past according to the current plan. That plan must be updated every five years. FEMA does require the city, anybody who wants to receive funds from FEMA, to participate in this process. There's going to be another meeting in November. Council Member Garbe will continue to follow-up on that.

She also attended a grants meeting on October 3 only to find out Mendon makes too much to apply. However, there are two other possible sources for grants for the park that she will be working on.

Ian Nemelka- (8:19 PM) Zoning and subdivision ordinances should be ready to go for next month's public hearing. Council Member Nemelka and planning and zoning will start drafting an ordinance for temporary vending as well as a potential route towards equity when talking about utilizing city property for businesses.

Mayor Buist asks Council Member Nemelka and Council Member Bob Jepsen to talk with JayDee Jensen and Brent Linford about readjusting lights on the ballfield and at the fire department sooner than later.

Jon Hardman- (8:20 PM) Council Member Hardman, Mayor Buist and Kirk Taylor met with irrigation company people last night. Overviewing and seeing some of the 566 project that is coming forward. They are hoping to have the EIS portion of the project done by 2025, design work for the project in 2026 and then hoping to start construction in 2027. Part of that potentially is the piping of the canal, but there's some other aspects to it.

Council Member Hardman would like to have further discussion with the irrigation people about the proposal for the city property on the north side of the cemetery of an extensive size pond that may affect future cemetery growth to the north.

Water rates were discussed at a Wellsville-Mendon Conservation District meeting on October 1 and the rates passed. Something to consider for the budget meeting next year.

When Hiram Dam was built it was strictly an agricultural water source and they're estimating now about a third, 33% of it is now used for residential. The Bureau of Reclamation is saying you need to look at different things. That's what's spurring some of this. It's going to also come into play because it will be starting a spillway for Hiram sometime this fall and with an anticipation of finishing it up before spring, but the reality is that if for whatever reason winter shuts them down or another unforeseen problem occurs then we may be facing that. The Bureau doesn't have any heartburn over that and the rest of us do. That's the reality. If you can appreciate the liability that if that dam wants to go because there's an adequate spillway structure that's needed and that's what they've determined is, that's its life support. My question is, if that's the scenario, what do they do with the water behind the dam? Well, they won't fill this little country down the river. And it's unfortunate because based on two good years of snowpack, Hiram Dam, they can start to fill it. It's been putting water in it. So up to a point, if they put the dam in for too long then it's going to come on the spillway because it's building that fast. So, they can't release any water into the canal with that scenario. All those works are interconnected. However, let me go on the record, I'm not saying it's going to happen. But you all need to be smiling this year because there's water still in the canal

and they're anticipating at least to the 15th. That's amazing. People are still using it to keep their lawns green when it's so dry and hot.

\$9,800 is in the budget for Water Conservancy last year with a change to \$17,570. Leased shares will be charged \$79 next fiscal year.

Bob Jepsen- (8:27 PM) Taylor Park needs the sprinkler filter system updated. Cost is estimated at \$3000. Planning to replace this fall.

Sprinkler system in the new part of the cemetery should be completed by the end of the month.

With the \$20,000 allocated to the cemetery, Council Member Jepsen proposes funds be used toward the conduit under the canal and the box for the pump. Possibly be used for infrastructure and toward the pump. We need to apply for the permit from the canal and they need a GPS co-ordinate of the area where the drill shot will be done. Council Member Jepsen asks Eric Dursteler to do that for him. The estimate is around \$100,000.

Council Member Jepsen is reminded that if we have a bad summer for culinary water, the cemetery will have to forgo watering.

Council Member Jepsen talked to couple people, including Daphne Carlson who has worked with the city for 23 years, about how many cemetery increases have occurred in 23 years. It has been determined that an increase has only occurred once. There is a discussion on rewording the Cemetery Fee ordinance that the fee may be adjusted at any time, as well as reviewed every five years.

It is mentioned that the ballpark restrooms were vandalized again with graffiti. It is an estimated \$25,000 for security cameras.

Mayor Buist- (8:37 PM) Mayor Buist discusses the adding of a meeting room on the north side of City Hall that was proposed by an individual in the community. The city's share of the construction of the meeting room is estimated to be \$50,000. He talked to the auditor about our budget reserve. We will need to add \$100,000 to the budget next year for several things, one of them being the addition. We will also need to add some money to the Public Works Building as \$350,000 isn't enough.

Mayor Buist discusses a COG meeting he attended. COG is Cache County Council of Government. All the mayors in the valley and the county executive are on COG. There is a certain amount of county taxes that goes toward roads every year. It was put into place about 14 years ago. Our group are the ones that hear all the proposals. All the communities and the county put in jobs to get some of this funding every year. This is how our bottom road got redone. This is how several of the projects that you've seen, big projects that you've seen get done. We've received \$750,000 over the years. Mayor Buist is on the committee that helps grade each project. And we've done our best over the years to keep politics out of it. This year there was \$8 million that is out there for projects to be put in for. Out of that amount all the rural communities get 13% of that no matter what. The other 87% goes to the urban side. Rural is approximately \$750,000 this

year. There was only about \$500,000 worth of rural projects put in. So, our project gets funded this year. That is to chip and seal the entirety of Main Street. We could never have done that on our budget alone.

There was \$7 million for the urban. One mayor came in with two projects, one of them \$1 million and one of them \$6 million, which could take it all. Mayor Buist really struggles with that because all communities need these types of things and they've always been able to work that out within this group. That's what the county council wants them to do but there's getting to be pressure. He can foresee this group doing away with the rural cut. We need to get in on it as much as we can.

One project would be to straighten out 300 North up toward the mountain toward the new trailhead. If we had put that project in this year, we probably would have had it.

We have had proposals from a couple of groups, one of them AT&T, wanting to put up another cell tower or purchase the existing one. Mayor Buist does not want to see another tower going up; however, it is a council decision. Line of sight will play a roll in another tower, which most likely will not work in Mendon City.

Verizon currently uses the existing tower for \$880 per month. It states in our contract that we can rent the tower to another company, making more money for the city. However, there is talk about Verizon selling their towers. Atlas Tower is another company that would like to lease the existing tower. Their proposal is to lease it until 2040. They would give us a lump sum of \$170,000 or five-year installments of \$38,000 or 10 years of payments of \$22,500 if they leased this tower. Does that all add up to the same number? It's more if we do it in 10 annuals. It would be \$225,000 in 10 years where if it was a lump sum, it would be \$170,000. We need to find out what's going on with Verizon. What they are going to do with the tower and what our options are. But there is room on the existing tower for others to put their lines in with Verizon. Council Member Hardman is in favor of leasing the tower, but not selling it.

Christmas Staff Party is on December 6 at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Buist entertains a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Hardman motions to close city council meeting.

Council Member Nemelka seconds the motion.

Adjourned (8:52 PM)