

# Mendon City Council Minutes

*Convened: September 11, 2025 | Meeting location 15 North Main Street, Mendon City Meeting Room*

Meeting called by Mayor Ed Buist

Type of meeting City Council

Note taker Laura Hampton

Attendees:

- Amy Garbe
- Kirk Taylor
- Jon Hardman
- Laura Hampton
- Brian Myers
- Bob Jepsen

Absent Ian Nemelka, Daphne Carlson, Jim Cannon, Holly Gordon

## TIME: 6:00 PM

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

**Others Present:** Blake Tullis, Patty Taylor, Paul Taylor, Val Sorensen, Gene Hibner, Darren Wold, Marilyn Krogh, Richard Watkins, Paul Willie, Kim Willie, Karole Sorensen, Nathan Harris, Valerie Harris, Paul Harris, Neal Jackson, Shelley Jackson, Sharalen Benson, Eric Dursteler, Kirk Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Nolan Bird, Barbara Bird, Nicole Norris, Jason Norris, Kristi Olsen, Brad Olsen, Paul Cressall, Dave Willie, Melanie Willie, Laura Hampton, Alan Harker, Kim Harker.

## Minutes:

### Mendon City Meeting Room Dedication and Presentation – 6:00 PM

Mayor Buist welcomes all in attendance to the dedication of the new Mendon City Meeting Room. Paul Willie gives a presentation of the history of Mendon City Square. Sharalen Benson and Shelley Jackson play a piano duet as part of the presentation. Mayor Buist dedicates the Mendon City Meeting Room.

**Dedication of Mendon City Meeting Room  
September 11, 2025**

I welcome you all to this special occasion—the dedication of the new Mendon City Meeting Room. This important addition to the Mendon City Hall and Library is more than just a building; it is a space that will serve the citizens of Mendon for many years to come. It will be a gathering place for civic engagement, thoughtful discussion, and productive meetings—all in the spirit of bettering our community and enriching the lives of our citizens and neighbors.

On behalf of myself and the City Council, I extend sincere thanks to Paul Willie for his generous contributions that made this meeting room possible. We also express deep appreciation to all the good citizens of Mendon who contribute their time, talents, and resources. Your dedication and service are what make Mendon such a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

And so, as Mayor of Mendon City, I, Ed Buist, proudly dedicate this Mendon City Meeting Room to the people of Mendon. May it always be a place of unity, learning, and civic duty. May it host educational events, city meetings, and other gatherings that uplift and strengthen our community.

We humbly ask for divine providence to watch over this building, to protect it, and to guide those entrusted with its care. May it fulfill its purpose and be a lasting symbol of our shared commitment to one another and to the future of Mendon.

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## **Mendon City Council Meeting – 7:17 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Nathan Harris

**Invocation:** Brian Myers

**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 August 14, 2025 have been reviewed.

**Motion:** Council Member Garbe motions to accept August 2025 minutes. Council Member Myers seconds the motion.

**Action:** All are in favor and August 2025 minutes are accepted.

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

**Motion:** Council Member Jepsen motions to accept and pay the bills as submitted. Council Member Garbe seconds the motion.

**Action:** All are in favor and bills are submitted.

**Topic 1- Citizen Participation/Comment (7:23 PM)** No public comments.

**Topic 2- Eagle Scout Project – Nathan Harris: (7:24 PM)** Nathan Harris is a member of the Mendon/Petersboro scout troop. He would like to do some clean up and repair work at Pioneer Park. Sanding the fascia on the outside edge of the pavilion as well as add a coat of resin to the interior as there is some damage starting to show. Pruning or replacing plants around the signs and statue as well as pruning dead branches around the park. The time capsule is showing some wear and cracks and Nathan would like to repair it. He talked with a monument company and they made some suggestions on how to go about doing that. He was able to approve his proposal with Kirk Taylor, Public Works Director, and has started the above mentioned improvements to Pioneer Park. He comes before council to inform them of his plan and show his progress.

Mayor Buist asks Nathan to talk with Paul Willie about the time capsule before he starts work on it. Nathan has reached out to Paul Willie and has consulted with him.

**Topic 3- Welcome To Mendon Sign Update – Blake Tullis: (7:31 PM)** Blake Tullis would like to research ways to update the Welcome to Mendon signs at the entrances to the city. He originally thought vinyl or high intensity polyethylene letters would work to replace the broken wooden letters but found out they yellow with UV exposure. He suggests quarter-inch aluminum that is water jetted for longevity. He needs to explore costs. Pine could be an option but wouldn't hold up to the weather. He needs to explore the state of the sign itself and see if the wood needs reconditioning or replacing. He would be happy to continue researching options and report to the mayor and council. Council Members Jepsen and Myers make some suggestions concerning materials. The mayor suggests Blake Tullis, Bob Jepsen, Brian Myers and Kirk Taylor get together to discuss this further.

**Topic 4- Legacy Park Bids – Amy Garbe: (7:42 PM)** Council Member Garbe summarizes the following document:



September 8, 2025

Mayor Ed Buist  
Mendon City  
15 North Main  
Mendon, Utah 84325

**RE: Legacy Park – Phase I Improvement Project  
Recommendation for Award**

Dear Mayor Buist and Council:

Forsgren Associates has received bids and completed the bid opening for the above-referenced project. We have completed a review of bid documents and tabulated the bids to check for errors. We received bid proposals from **eight** contractors for the project with bid amounts as shown below (from lowest to highest).

**Bid Results - Bid Opening September 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Legacy Park – Phase I Improvement Project**

|   | Contractor                              | Total of Base Bid |
|---|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Staker Parson Companies                 | \$372,780.00      |
| 2 | Jersey Excavation                       | \$381,509.14      |
| 3 | Cook Building                           | \$389,790.00      |
| 4 | Naylor Construction                     | \$400,533.00      |
| 5 | Landmark Companies                      | \$410,207.30      |
| 6 | LeGrand Johnson (dba Kilgore Companies) | \$414,541.83      |
| 7 | Raymond Construction                    | \$495,324.00      |
| 8 | Wasatch West                            | \$507,547.92      |

Staker Parson Companies is the low bidder and listed Parkin Tennis Courts and their subcontractor for construction of the pickleball courts. Parkin Tennis Courts is well known for their quality work in Cache Valley and most recently completed two pickleball courts for Newton Town. Consequently, it is recommended that Staker Parson Companies be awarded the Legacy Park – Phase I Improvement Project for a total contract amount of \$372,780.00.

Following the award of the project by the city council, we will prepare a Notice of Award for the mayor's signature. Once signed by the mayor, the Notice of Award will be provided to the

contractor for his signature and copies disseminated accordingly. The contractor will arrange for Performance and Payments Bonds in preparation for the Pre-Construction Meeting.

The Contract Agreement will be executed during the proceedings of the Pre-Construction Meeting upon receipt of the executed bonds. A Notice to Proceed for commencement of the work will also be prepared for signatures by the mayor and contractor at the conclusion of the pre-construction meeting.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this recommendation, please contact me at (435) 227-0333 or via [edursteler@forsgren.com](mailto:edursteler@forsgren.com).

Sincerely,  
**Forsgren Associates, Inc.**

  
Eric Dursteler, P.E., C.F.M.

Attachment  
Bid Tabulation – Legacy Park – Phase I Improvements

## CITY OF MENDON, UTAH

## LEGACY PARK - PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Bid Opening Date: September 4, 2025 Time: 2:00 p.m.

## Bid Tabulation



| ITEM NO.            | BID ITEM DESCRIPTION                                                              | UNIT | QUANT. | NAYLOR CONSTRUCTION |               | STAKER PARSON |               | RAYMOND CONSTRUCTION |               | LANDMARK COMPANIES* |               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                     |                                                                                   |      |        | UNIT PRICE          | TOTAL PRICE   | UNIT PRICE    | TOTAL PRICE   | UNIT PRICE           | TOTAL PRICE   | UNIT PRICE          | TOTAL PRICE   |
| 1                   | Mobilization                                                                      | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 20,582.00  |               | \$ 53,000.50  |                      | \$ 23,734.00  |                     | \$ 8,000.00   |
| 2                   | Traffic Control                                                                   | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 500.00     |               | \$ 1,310.00   |                      | \$ 6,000.00   |                     | \$ 1,320.00   |
| 3                   | Excavation, Grading, and Site Preparation                                         | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 30,987.00  |               | \$ 14,085.00  |                      | \$ 59,733.00  |                     | \$ 23,106.00  |
| 4                   | Parking Lot Driveway Approach & Apron                                             | EA   | 2      |                     | \$ 10,963.00  |               | \$ 3,870.00   |                      | \$ 5,429.00   |                     | \$ 3,080.00   |
| 5                   | Remove and Replace Existing Sidewalk at Approaches (to 5' thick)                  | SF   | 390    |                     | \$ 3,910.00   |               | \$ 12.00      |                      | \$ 4,735.00   |                     | \$ 1,318.20   |
| 6                   | Parking Lot - Tensar 160 GeoGrid                                                  | SY   | 2,600  |                     | \$ 12,582.00  |               | \$ 6.10       |                      | \$ 13,078.00  |                     | \$ 6.50       |
| 7                   | Parking Lot - Structural Backfill Material (10 inches thick)                      | CY   | 700    |                     | \$ 20,638.00  |               | \$ 39.25      |                      | \$ 45,533.00  |                     | \$ 47.85      |
| 8                   | Parking Lot - Untreated Base Course Material (4 inches thick)                     | CY   | 350    |                     | \$ 11,953.00  |               | \$ 54.00      |                      | \$ 28,987.00  |                     | \$ 93.50      |
| 9                   | Curb and Gutter - Type A                                                          | LF   | 190    |                     | \$ 7,315.00   |               | \$ 28.35      |                      | \$ 19,470.00  |                     | \$ 37.40      |
| 10                  | Curb and Gutter - Spill                                                           | LF   | 780    |                     | \$ 29,643.00  |               | \$ 28.35      |                      | \$ 33,140.00  |                     | \$ 37.40      |
| 11                  | Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement (3 inches thick)                                   | SY   | 2,250  |                     | \$ 47,875.00  |               | \$ 17.10      |                      | \$ 69,455.00  |                     | \$ 22.19      |
| 12                  | Parking Lot - Pavement Markings (Paint)                                           | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 1,438.00   |               | \$ 1,300.00   |                      | \$ 1,800.00   |                     | \$ 1,200.00   |
| 13                  | 12' x 10' Dumpster Pad (8 inches thick)                                           | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 3,567.00   |               | \$ 2,065.00   |                      | \$ 531.00     |                     | \$ 2,530.00   |
| 14                  | Sidewalk Concrete Pavement (4 inches thick)                                       | SF   | 4,800  |                     | \$ 43,258.00  |               | \$ 6.05       |                      | \$ 34,600.00  |                     | \$ 43,560.00  |
| 15                  | Stormwater Management Basin & System                                              | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 10,681.00  |               | \$ 6,415.00   |                      | \$ 6,747.00   |                     | \$ 10,631.50  |
| 16                  | Post-Tensioned Concrete Pickleball Court and Appurtenant Materials and Assemblies | EA   | 2      |                     | \$ 125,368.00 |               | \$ 62,100.00  |                      | \$ 139,652.00 |                     | \$ 135,136.10 |
| 17                  | Signage, Site Restoration & Cleanup                                               | LS   | 1      |                     | \$ 19,673.00  |               | \$ 735.00     |                      | \$ 2,200.00   |                     | \$ 11,000.00  |
| TOTAL OF BID AMOUNT |                                                                                   |      |        |                     | \$ 400,533.00 |               | \$ 372,780.00 |                      | \$ 495,324.00 |                     | \$ 410,207.30 |

| ITEM NO.            | BID ITEM DESCRIPTION                                                              | UNIT | QUANT. | COOK BUILDING |               | LEGRAND JOHNSON** |               | JERSEY EXCAVATION |               | WASATCH WEST*** |               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                     |                                                                                   |      |        | UNIT PRICE    | TOTAL PRICE   | UNIT PRICE        | TOTAL PRICE   | UNIT PRICE        | TOTAL PRICE   | UNIT PRICE      | TOTAL PRICE   |
| 1                   | Mobilization                                                                      | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 26,540.00  |                   | \$ 40,621.05  |                   | \$ 23,070.00  |                 | \$ 64,492.77  |
| 2                   | Traffic Control                                                                   | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 3,850.00   |                   | \$ 5,000.00   |                   | \$ 6,000.00   |                 | \$ 889.50     |
| 3                   | Excavation, Grading, and Site Preparation                                         | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 20,350.00  |                   | \$ 48,582.55  |                   | \$ 29,059.30  |                 | \$ 31,562.40  |
| 4                   | Parking Lot Driveway Approach & Apron                                             | EA   | 2      |               | \$ 3,680.00   |                   | \$ 2,264.42   |                   | \$ 1,355.40   |                 | \$ 2,380.64   |
| 5                   | Remove and Replace Existing Sidewalk at Approaches (to 5' thick)                  | SF   | 390    |               | \$ 13.50      |                   | \$ 5,265.00   |                   | \$ 2.60       |                 | \$ 1,014.00   |
| 6                   | Parking Lot - Tensar 160 GeoGrid                                                  | SY   | 2,600  |               | \$ 6.25       |                   | \$ 16,250.00  |                   | \$ 3.30       |                 | \$ 8,580.00   |
| 7                   | Parking Lot - Structural Backfill Material (10 inches thick)                      | CY   | 700    |               | \$ 38.00      |                   | \$ 26,600.00  |                   | \$ 41.37      |                 | \$ 28,959.00  |
| 8                   | Parking Lot - Untreated Base Course Material (4 inches thick)                     | CY   | 350    |               | \$ 52.50      |                   | \$ 18,375.00  |                   | \$ 41.45      |                 | \$ 14,507.50  |
| 9                   | Curb and Gutter - Type A                                                          | LF   | 190    |               | \$ 30.00      |                   | \$ 5,700.00   |                   | \$ 42.35      |                 | \$ 8,046.50   |
| 10                  | Curb and Gutter - Spill                                                           | LF   | 780    |               | \$ 30.00      |                   | \$ 23,400.00  |                   | \$ 42.35      |                 | \$ 33,033.00  |
| 11                  | Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement (3 inches thick)                                   | SY   | 2,250  |               | \$ 23.00      |                   | \$ 51,750.00  |                   | \$ 23.74      |                 | \$ 53,415.00  |
| 12                  | Parking Lot - Pavement Markings (Paint)                                           | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 1,650.00   |                   | \$ 1,650.00   |                   | \$ 5,000.00   |                 | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 13                  | 12' x 10' Dumpster Pad (8 inches thick)                                           | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 2,880.00   |                   | \$ 1,780.50   |                   | \$ 2,860.00   |                 | \$ 1,961.00   |
| 14                  | Sidewalk Concrete Pavement (4 inches thick)                                       | SF   | 4,800  |               | \$ 7.50       |                   | \$ 36,000.00  |                   | \$ 9.60       |                 | \$ 46,080.00  |
| 15                  | Stormwater Management Basin & System                                              | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 6,820.00   |                   | \$ 6,746.49   |                   | \$ 5,609.04   |                 | \$ 7,249.90   |
| 16                  | Post-Tensioned Concrete Pickleball Court and Appurtenant Materials and Assemblies | EA   | 2      |               | \$ 63,500.00  |                   | \$ 127,000.00 |                   | \$ 55,132.50  |                 | \$ 110,265.00 |
| 17                  | Signage, Site Restoration & Cleanup                                               | LS   | 1      |               | \$ 10,000.00  |                   | \$ 10,000.00  |                   | \$ 3,300.00   |                 | \$ 3,300.00   |
| TOTAL OF BID AMOUNT |                                                                                   |      |        |               | \$ 389,790.00 |                   | \$ 414,541.83 |                   | \$ 381,509.14 |                 | \$ 507,547.92 |

\* Landmark Companies Bid Schedule Amount: \$410,221.60

\*\* LeGrand Johnson (Kigore Companies LLC) Bid Schedule Amount: \$432,816.83

\*\*\* Wasatch West Bid Schedule Amount: \$507,548.80

Council Member Garbe proposes the bid for Legacy Park construction be awarded to Staker Parson Companies with a total base bid of \$372,780.00. She does not have the exact amount of funds raised thus far, but knows it is enough to cover the base bid. Nicole Norris comments that there are more donations that have been pledged coming in. A discussion follows with questions about lighting and the RV power post. Mayor Buist would like to see the conduit go in for these items before the asphalt or concrete is laid. Mayor Buist suggests costs for lighting and the RV power post be presented at the next city council meeting as well as the exact number of funds raised.

Council Member Myers motions to approve the bid for Phase One of Legacy Park be awarded to Staker Parson with a total base bid of \$372,780.00.

Council Member Garbe seconds the motion. All in favor.

**Topic 5- Resolution to Cancel Election – Jim Cannon: (7:58 PM)** Mayor Buist takes the place of Jim Cannon. There is one opening for mayor with one person who filed for mayor. There are two openings for city council members with two people who filed for city council member. This resolution is to cancel the election as there is no need for one. The question is asked if any write ins can still be submitted. The mayor answers in the negative. The deadline for write ins was September 3, 2025. Mayor Buist reads the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10  
A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE MENDON CITY 2025 MUNICIPAL  
GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 20A-1-206 authorizes a municipal legislative body to cancel a municipal election or race if the ballot will not include any contested races or ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mendon, Utah, finds that the 2025 Municipal General Election ballot does not include any contested races or ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mendon desires to certify that the candidates who qualified for the ballot are considered elected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mendon, Utah, as follows:

Cancellation. The Mendon 2025 Municipal General Election scheduled for November 4, 2025 is hereby cancelled.

Certification. The following individuals, having qualified for the ballot, are hereby certified as elected to office:

|                        |             |               |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Edwin David Buist      | 4 Year Term | Mayor         |
| Benjamin Devon Watkins | 4 Year Term | Councilmember |
| Arthur Frank Heers     | 4 Year Term | Councilmember |

Notice. The Clerk/Recorder is directed to:

- Provide notice of this cancellation on the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website ([vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)).
- Provide Class A notice for the municipality in accordance with Utah Code § 63G-30-102.
- Provide a copy of this resolution to the Cache County Elections Division immediately for ballot and VISTA updates.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Mendon this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

Mendon City

By 

Mayor

Attest:



Recorder



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(Note: this copy of the resolution was signed and sealed following the meeting.)

Council Member Garbe motions to approve Resolution 2025-10 to cancel the Mendon City 2025 Municipal General Election.

Council Member Jepsen seconds the motion. All in favor.

**Topic 6 Mendon City Meeting Room Policy Vote: (8:04 PM)** The policy was not available during the meeting and will be addressed during the next city council meeting.

**Topic 7- Youth Council Report – Mayor Norris: (8:07 PM)** Mayor Norris made a report last month during her swear-in. She will report again in November.

**Topic 8- Law Enforcement Liaison – Deputy Spence: (8:08 PM)** Excused

**Topic 9: City Engineer – Eric Dursteler: (8:08 PM)** Eric Dursteler has nothing to add to or subtract from the meeting. He asks if anyone has any questions for him. Mayor Buist would like to go over the updated plan and numbers for the new public works building closer to the end of the year with Mr. Dursteler and Council Member Myers.

**Topic 10: Public Works Director – Kirk Taylor: (8:10 PM)** Kirk Taylor brings up a discussion in a prior work meeting on the problems with the public bathroom drain fields being over filled and seeping to the ground surface due to the amount of water used during the 24<sup>th</sup> celebration. He makes the following recommendations to make some improvements on water-saving measures. Replacing four toilets on one side and look into getting motion-detected faucets on the sinks so the water isn't left running. He may look into getting a flow meter to find out how much water is being used. Mr. Taylor will order twice as many portable toilets next year and see if that helps.

The public works building is ready for doors to be hung, a heater and lights.

The plan to bring infield sand for the softball field may have to wait a year due to budget issues.

With the exception of a few potholes, the street work in Mendon is done for the year.

There is some clean up to be done after replacing the lid on the cemetery water tank. He will cover the tank lid with earth and plant some seed.

**Councilmembers Reports:**

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**Brian Myers- (8:14 PM)** Council Members Myers and Eric Dursteler had a meeting on Wednesday at the Deep Canyon Trailhead with county officials, the trails committee and Johnson construction. Curbing and sidewalks are poured, the toilet is set and the asphalt is due to be laid for the parking lot next Monday. Gravel will be spread for the horse trailer section in the next couple weeks. Once this is finished, top soil will be spread. Their hope is to hydro seed with a grass that will grow up there. Due to the dry land, they are discussing shrubs and trees that may be able to thrive there. It is predicted that there will be \$30K left over after the improvements to go toward landscaping. There was a discussion about a water tank on a trailer to water the trees and shrubs. They are planning around 400 plants to make it habitable for the turkeys. Landis, with the forest service, says a water tank is feasible, however, filling the tank and watering will fall on Mendon City.

A discussion on the garbage receptacles. There are areas at the trailhead for garbage cans as well as a dumpster. Mendon City would be responsible for trash disposal. There needs to be some research on the price of a dumpster through Waste Management and if they would be willing to contract to a partial year as the trailhead will be closed during the winter.

They are still waiting on the concrete benches and tables.

Work on the road is ongoing. The plan is to asphalt the road this year before it gets too cold.

West Nile Virus has been detected all over the valley. Council Member Myers reports that the mosquitos during the day are not the breed that carry the virus. It's the mosquitos that come out during the cooler temps, in the evening and first thing in the morning, that carry the virus. Five human cases have been reported in Cache Valley. None from Mendon. The Cache Mosquito Maintenance District will hold their public meeting on the fourth Thursday in October at 7:00.

Keep an eye out for an invasive bug that kills ash trees. It started out in the Detroit area and has made its way to Oregon. It is predicted the bug will make its way to Utah in the next two to five years. Council Member Myers suggests planting additional species of trees to intermix with the ash trees in the parks. In the event that the ash trees become infected, there will be trees already there to take their place.

**Amy Garbe- (8:25 PM)** The youth council is working on getting more funds for the Legacy Park project and will be starting the potato fund raiser soon.

**Ian Nemelka- (8:26 PM)** Excused

**Jon Hardman- (8:26 PM)** The water is expected to be in the canal for another two weeks.

The monthly Wellsville-Mendon Canal meeting discussion was centered around whether or not the company should lease water to the State of Utah. At least 50 people attended. A straw poll, not an official poll, was taken and only 6 people were opposed to taking a step further to see if we could lease water to the State. This is currently in draft, it's not been completed and it's not been reviewed by an attorney. At

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this point if we move forward with the lease, we'd go for 10 years with a clause in the agreement that said if at any time we determined it was no longer in the irrigation company's best interest, we would terminate the agreement. The proposal would be to lease 1,000 acre feet at a cost of around \$350 per acre foot. The annual revenue would be around \$350K. This is important because come 2030 South Cache water users are worth \$12 billion in irrigation. That's one of five members on the hook for 15% of the cost of putting the spillway at the Hyrum Dam. Right now, that is currently estimated at \$120 million, but there is no guarantee. The project is scheduled to be finished in 2029, the 50 year loan is due in 2030 and we'll be paying 15% for 50 years. If we do not lease the water, there is a strong likelihood that the water assessment could triple or quadruple. Currently, agricultural users are paying \$45 per acre foot. M&I, which includes Mendon City, are paying \$70. If you see that triple, it will be \$210 per acre foot, jumping from around \$9K per year to \$27K or \$30K per year. You can see how that could create a significant budget problem. Leasing to the State would give us a chance to have money in reserve so when the balance comes due, we can make a large payment and water rates won't raise as significantly.

The opposition is concerned that in the past once water goes to a large place like Salk Lake, you never get it back. But legislature has specifically been very careful in drafting this legislation because they don't want to waste water. So they've made it very clear that this is only a lease agreement and the water falls back to us upon completion of the agreement.

The actual proposal is due October 1 at which time we would get the water attorney involved to review it before anything is signed.

**Bob Jepsen- (8:36 PM)** Prepping for asphalt at the cemetery will start within the week. Hopefully the asphalt will be done by next council meeting.

The hydraulic pump in the backhoe is down. It is \$5K-\$6K to fix.

In addition to the discussion about the issues with the public restroom drain field, there was mention of replacing the 30 year old drain field. It would cost about \$12K to replace. To understand a drain field, when it gets over filled, sewage comes to the surface of the ground.

Talking with Richard Worley of Bear River Health, we are not meeting expectations from the health department during our 24<sup>th</sup> celebration. Namely drinking fountains, sanitizing stations, first aid stations, etc. Mr. Worley will not be the enforcer, but there will be people from this agency that will check at some point to see if we are in compliance. Council Member Jepsen encourages council to look at the budget when it's reopened in January to look into fixing this matter. Council Member Jepsen loves the celebration, but just wants to be prepared for probable changes.

Phase 2 of the irrigation system around the city square starts next week.

In the near future, Council Member Jepsen would like to see the sidewalks on city square connect to the church sidewalks and the Mendon Station sidewalks.

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**Mayor Buist- (8:44 PM)** Mayor Buist asks Kirk Taylor, to ask Jim Cannon, recorder, whether the left over RAPZ was added to parks or not. If not, we need to add it in January at the reopening of the budget.

The new fire chief, Barry Locke, was voted and sworn in on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Daphne Carlson and Mayor Buist advertised for and met with potential candidates for the Mendon City Recorder position, made a decision and will be moving forward on that. Jim Cannon has agreed to stay on as Deputy Recorder as a budget consultant.

Mayor Buist proposes the new recorder be paid hourly at \$18 per hour. The recorder will be expected to put in at least 10 hours per week.

Council Member Jepsen motions to accept the recorders pay at \$18 per hour.

Council Member Hardman seconds the motion. Discussion: Would the recorder only be paid for the 10 hours per week and would that be monitored? Mayor Buist says it would not be fair to cap the recorders hours at 10 hours per week as for the first few month with transition and training, the new recorder will be putting in more time. The new recorder was made aware during the interview that they would be expected to put in at least 10 hours per week once they were established. There is a question whether the budget will allow for the new recorders pay. Mayor Buist says yes, he included it in the 2025-26 budget.

All in favor.

A question is asked where the budget is so tight and payroll is an open ended budget, will there be enough money there to cover expenses if the wages end up exceeding the administration budget? Mayor Buist reminds council that in June, during the budget meeting, he originally added \$8K to the budget and Council Member Jepsen said to make it \$10K, which he did and the council approved. Mayor Buist is not worried about salaries exceeding the administration budget and asks council to trust him in his duties as he trusts them. He also expressed appreciation for the questions and concerns presented.

Mayor Buist proposes that Jim Cannon, as deputy recorder, continue to be paid the salary as stated in the 2025-26 budget.

Council Member Hardman motions to create the position of deputy recorder and offer it at the current salary of the recorder through the fiscal year as was passed in the 2025-26 budget.

Council Member Jepsen seconds the motion. All in favor.

The next position to be filled will be the building inspector.

Mayor Buist entertains a motion to adjourn.

**Council Member Myers motions to close city council meeting.**

**Council Member Garbe seconds the motion.**

**Adjourned (9:13 PM)**

