

Mendon City Council Minutes

Convened: May 14, 2026 | Meeting location 15 North Main Street, Mendon City Meeting Room

Meeting called by Mayor Ed Buist

Type of meeting City Council

Public Hearing

Minutes Stephanie Miller

Absent Brian Myers

City Attendees:

Amy Garbe Marilyn Atkinson

Art Heers Daphne Carlson

Bob Jepsen Laura Hampton

Ben Watkins Kirk Taylor

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:

Jessie Eiman, Nicole Norris, Allie Norris, Kirk Taylor Lisa Aedo

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Amy Garbe

Invocation: Daphne Carlson

Welcome: Mayor Buist welcomed 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: The April 9, 2026 minutes have been reviewed.

Motion: Councilmember Garbe motions to accept the April 9, 2026 minutes.
Councilmember Watkins seconds the motion.

Action: Voting is unanimous and April 9, 2026 minutes are accepted.

Approval of Bills: April, 2026

Motion: Councilmember Jepsen motions to approve the April, 2026 bills. Councilmember Garbe seconds the motion.

Action: Voting is unanimous and April, 2026 bills are accepted.

Minutes:

Topic 1- Millie Smith – Oath of Office – Planning & Zoning Secretary (6:05 PM):

Mayor Ed Buist administered the oath of office for Planning & Zoning Secretary, Millie Smith.

Topic 2- Citizen Participation/Comment (6:07 PM)

Lisa Aedo, the new Countywide Planner, was present. She wanted to introduce herself and to let us know she would be happy to be of service if needed. Mayor Buist introduced Councilmember Garbe and Councilmember Watkins as Mendon's councilmembers over planning and zoning. Lisa said she would leave her card with contact information for them.

Topic 3- PUBLIC HEARING: Ian Nemelka Annexation (6:09 PM)

Motion: Councilmember Jepsen made a motion to close city council meeting and open a public hearing for the Ian Nemelka Annexation. Councilmember Watkins seconded the motion.

Action: Councilmembers Garbe, Watkins, Jepsen, and Heers voted aye. The motion passed.

The Nemelka's joined the discussion by phone. City Recorder Marilyn Atkinson said she has the petition for annexation from Ian Nemelka, parcel ID 11-011-0037 which is 1.58 acres. The private drive back to the property is off of 300 North, and the address would be approximately 250 to 360 West. Marilyn has reviewed it and everything looks like it is in order. Land Use Authority Mike Morgan sent an email stating that everything looked to be in order. Marilyn stated that this is step three in the annexation process. The council will be voting tonight to continue the process and consider it for actual annexation. If approved by the council, she will collect any other information needed to be sure the petition meets all of the state law requirements. There are 30 days from council's acceptance to certify or deny the petition. Once it is certified, the city council will advise the public of the notice of certification and intent to consider it at the

next meeting. After that it is brought forward for a final vote. Then it goes to the lieutenant governor's office if approved.

Public Comment:

The public were invited to comment on the annexation. There was no public comment.

Motion:

Councilmember Watkins made a motion to close the public hearing on the annexation and reopen council meeting. Councilmember Garbe seconded the motion.

Action:

Councilmembers Garbe, Watkins, Jepsen, and Heers voted aye. The motion passed.

Discussion:

The house number will be assigned when they apply for the building permit. Councilmember Garbe said she sees there is a space between the East edge of the property and the city boundary. Would that leave that strip in the canal not part of the city, or will that come as well? Councilmember Jepsen said there is a right-of-way that goes along the canal, so they don't include the right-of-way in the annexation.

Motion:

Councilmember Jepsen made a motion to approve the Nemelka annexation petition. Councilmember Watkins seconded the motion.

Action:

Councilmembers Garbe, Watkins, Jepsen, and Heers voted aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Buist said now that the annexation petition has been approved, the city recorder will take the next steps. The final vote will be in the June 11th city council meeting.

Topic 4- Megan Brown to give an update on the park and funding (6:19 PM)

Megan Brown and Lisa Puga came to update the council on what happened with the grant Councilmember Garbe and City Treasurer Daphne Carlson helped to submit for RAPZ tax. It appears Mendon has been

awarded \$80,000 for playground equipment. It won't be final until the county council approves it. After speaking with the mayor that should be about \$107,000 the city has to go towards the park. They questioned the mayor about the \$50,000 that was allotted to be spent in this fiscal year, which is coming to an end. The mayor accounted for \$38,00 of that money used to cut and fix the curb, removing dirt, bringing in new dirt and wood chips, and installation of the playground equipment purchased. The remaining \$12,000 is being carried over into the next budget.

Megan said Louis had sent an amended quote for the plan, and she sent it to Councilmember Jepsen and public works director Kirk Taylor. She didn't see a detailed breakdown of what the quote included and wondered if his quote included all the work needed to be done. Mayor Buist said Councilmember Jepsen and Kirk Taylor would be helpful in determining what work would need to be done. It should be included in the bid. The cost for the equipment and freight is about \$130,000. Louis said that he would be happy to organize a community build. He said we would need about 20 people working over two different days, and that would save us between \$15,000 to \$20,000. The mayor said he was ok with it as long as Louis understand the liability, and is overseeing it, making sure it's being done properly. Louis said if we place the order by the first week of June, that it could be installed by Pioneer Day. The hope is to hit the \$150,000 mark with the grant and more donations. Kirk the one who has to do all the work around it now. He needs to be involved with the details.

Topic 5- Library Budget Presentation – Jessie Eiman (6:27 PM)

Mendon library director, Jessie Eiman, said the number of people using the library have increased. It's double what it was four years ago. They've cleaned the carpets. The STEM club had their annual egg drop from the bell tower. Summer reading begins June 8th and will continue until Pioneer Day. They have a couple of speakers coming in for the America 250 celebration. One will speak about Abraham Lincoln. Another will talk about Americans during the Fremont period.

The Community Library Enhancement Fund (CLEF) came through. They received about \$2,000, 90% of what was requested. They have received a grant for new computers for \$1,700. The new computers will be installed within the next few weeks. Jessie presented the 2026-27 library budget for \$46,137. For the library employee's salaries, we get a donation of \$15,000. The city matches that donation bringing the total to \$30,000. The remaining revenue comes from grants and private donations. Mayor Buist said he put down \$47,000 for their budget in order to put employees at the \$13.60 level, and giving a slight increase to the library director.

Paul Willie has donated \$42,000 worth of Mendon history books that are to be sold. They are a second edition. The mayor wants to put the sale of those books mostly in the library's hands to sell at celebrations and any other places. It is suggested they sell for \$90 a book. All of those proceeds will be going to the library. The mayor said he'd like to see an easel in the library advertising the books. They can keep some

behind the library desk, and we will keep some in the office. The rest will be stored upstairs. The library is holding a book sale that starts on Friday and goes for a week.

Councilmember Watkins asked if there was an update on the Cache County Library. Jessie said the Cache County Library has been funded through November. They wanted to make it possible for the voting public to vote on whether Providence and Millville and a couple nearby cities want to take over the library. They are waiting to get that feedback from the community, and then they'll make a decision. The County Library is going away. The County Executive plans to reimburse the Mendon library for those that are eligible to use the County library. He thinks it will be people from Petersboro, and Young Ward. Ours is not the only library he is making that deal with. The cost of Libby used to cost the city \$400 a year. It will be increasing to at least \$1,500 a year.

Jessie was thanked for the great job she and her staff do.

Topic 6- Approval of Right-Of-Way Excavation Permit (6:41 PM)

Public Works Director Kirk Taylor got with another community to look over their permit process. Anyone doing any work in the city right-of-way needs to come in and fill out a right-of-way permit. This includes residents as well, only the residents don't have to pay the fee unless they are boring or digging or pot holing out on the road. That is what we are going to require the fee for. Most likely, it is going to be the contractor. He is proposing a \$650 fee and that should ensure that they're going to do a good job so they can get reimbursed \$600 of the \$650. It is going to be a bit of record keeping. We feel we can handle that with a file folder and probably an electronic file to keep to track. On the application it says there is a minimum one-year warranty. After inspection, if everything looks ok they can come in and get their refund back.

Councilmember Jepsen said we might check what UDOT is charging the city for a right-of-way excavation permit. Kirk said he plans to check with other communities to see what they are charging. We will need to have a public hearing on this at next month's meeting.

Topic 7- Youth Council – Mayor Norris (6:46 PM)

Youth Council Mayor Alie Norris reported that the Youth Council filled over 3,000 eggs for the Easter egg hunt, held on April 11th, the week after Easter. Lila Bingham did a wonder job overseeing this activity and it was highly appreciated and enjoyed by the community.

They also did the dyer's woad project on April 24th and 25th. They cleared dyer's woad from the property up on 300 North on Deep Canyon Road. Emma Goetz coordinated this project with Councilmember Brian Myers. They had 36 members of the Youth Council, friends and parents, participate for a total of 72 hours

of work. As for the pre-agreed contract, the Youth Council will receive \$1,200 from the city for the labor that was completed. These funds will be added to the Youth Council budget for next year.

They are having their closing social, May 22nd. Dawson Jessup is the Youth Council leader in charge of this. They will be meeting at the city square for dinner, outdoor games, and to play ball. They are excited to welcome the new members.

The Youth Council had 22 members this year and spent over 700 hours serving the community, learning about government leadership, fundraising for the Legacy Park, and having fun. In April, they opened up registration for the 2026-27 Youth Council members. 22 youth signed up for next year, with 8 of those members being new. Interview with the leadership team will be held in the meeting room on Monday, May 18th, and will be announced at the closing social.

They are excited to see the completion of Phase 1 of the Legacy Park. The pickleball courts were painted earlier this week, and they are really looking forward to being able to play on them. They wanted to know when the courts will be unlocked. Mayor Buist said we've been working on getting some signage up. There are rules for it, and the hours will be from dawn to dusk.

They did not receive either of the two grants applied for towards phase three. They have the National Tennis Association grant, which is \$70,000 and approximately \$25,000 currently in the Legacy Park account. Their focus will be to continue fundraising, looking for new grants, and reapplying for the CPR and RAPZ grants next year. To improve our chances of getting those grants, we need to show that we have matching funds for CPR in place and apply the feedback received on the grant application this year to next year's application.

This is Alie Norris' final report as Youth Mayor. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to help the community, and to learn. She said that leadership is about the people you serve and what you can do for them. It's not what it does for you. She is looking forward to being a member of next year's Youth Council.

Mayor Buist said the presentation the Youth Council made to the Cache Mayors Association was impressive. Several Mayors said they were impressed with how involved the Youth Council is and what they've done with Legacy Park.

Topic 8- Law Enforcement – Deputy Spence (6:59 PM)

Deputy Spence said they are following up with Mayor Buist's call about electric bikes on the square, along with some other complaints. Enforcement throughout the county is being increased. Mayor Buist said that as a steward of the community liability is important to him. He doesn't want anyone getting hurt, or a parent asking why he hadn't done something about it.

Next month we will discuss Pioneer Day. Mayor Buist thanked Deputy Spence for his service.

Topic 9 – Preliminary Budget Presentation (7:07 PM)

Mayor Buist said he has included the last five years' budgets to they can look at comparisons.

The first line is the administration budget. You can see that mid-year we felt like we were going to be well over on the \$93,000. We've made a few changes. We have a couple of employees that are here for a few more hours and it was needed. Along with some other things that have been done on the administration budget, he is looking to increase the administration budget to \$125,000 next year. The majority of that is an increase on wages. Bills were looked at. We are \$48,000 over because we dropped from \$93,000 to \$76,000 mid-year. The \$42,000 we got from Paul Willie that paid for the books was put in the administration budget. In June we're going to add that \$42,000 to that budget from that check. That doesn't have anything to do with next year's budget.

Next two line items are buildings. The Mendon Station is separated from all of the other buildings, because it is one of our few money makers in the city at this time. It will help us count the pennies a little bit easier. We've increased both of those a little bit this year to try to help Councilmember Myers do a few things in the station, like painting outside. He's going to need about \$20,000, and that will come from the capital projects budget.

The cemetery is about the same for the maintenance of the cemetery. \$25,000 has been put toward the \$30,000 cemetery expansion. We're preparing another section.

Parks is down a little bit. Last year we received a bit more money from RAPZ money. This year we've set the budget at \$75,000 because a lot of things are happening in the parks right now.

Our streets budget is about \$205,000. That includes the B&C funding that we have coming in. We received \$367,607 from the COG for the 300 North 200 West project. We have a match that is required that will come out the streets budget.

The Fire department's budget is \$125,000. They are well above that this year, but we've got some grant money that will be coming in for about \$9,900. There were some cost incurred with the addition to the station that we need to pay for. We will figure that out when we open the budget next month.

Our EMS 911 is covered by funds collected with the water utility bill. Cache County has passed a 10 cent increase to the 911 fee to be implemented July 1st for the next 4 years.

The Sheriff is paid a set amount of \$16,980. Animal control is about \$4,500. We pay less for that, but money is added there for dog tags and other things that might be needed.

\$20,000 is there for surface water in case we get some flooding.

The library is \$47,000, as was discussed previously in the library's budget presentation.

The court system is for our prosecution, a continuing thing as we are with the Hyrum court system. Our prosecutor is James Swink. We've also used him to contact a few people that were questioning some things they were being ticketed or told they needed to be in compliance with.

Softball leagues have a budget of \$10,000. They usually don't use all of that.

The Youth Council budget will remain at \$6,500.

Sanitation has slightly been increased to \$15,000 from last year. More homes are being built and we feel like it was important to add to that amount.

Miscellaneous celebration costs are \$2,500. We may adjust that in January when the budget is reviewed. We may need to add more for porta potties for the 24th of July celebration. We might need to pump the tank Friday night before the Pioneer Day celebration. Kirk replaced four toilets in the restrooms located on the city square. That should make a huge difference by decreasing the amount of water used for flushing, and water not running all the time.

May Day will stay at \$4,200.

The Easter egg hunt will be \$500.

Pioneer Day is increasing from \$16,000 to \$18,000. The \$2,000 has been added from money some community members are going to donate.

The City IT Municode has been increased to \$35,000. The contract this year is \$32,000, but more was added just in case something comes up that we have to make a call.

Planning and Zoning will remain at \$10,000.

Land Use Authority has a \$15,000 budget. Our secretary over planning & zoning and land use will be paid out of that. It is to cover public hearings and other costs that might come from that.

Building permits is set as \$100,000, which is passed through. The building inspector is paid from this account.

Public Works building is \$7,500 to do some odds and ends.

Fire hall payments is a fixed number of \$12,726 which we have approximately 15 more years to pay on.

The water conservancy district has the budget of \$15,300. That is the cost for the shares Mendon owns.

The Mendon North/Central irrigation is \$2,000 for shares Mendon owns, and for dues.

Engineering budget is set for \$20,000.

Attorney fee budget is \$4,000.

There needs to be a truck lease budget set at \$28,500. There might be some change in this when it comes to the council next month after meeting with Rick Bailey. We might decide to purchase them, or lease them, or get a payment on them.

The bottom line budget total is \$1,572,613.

The \$400,000 in the water account is not added in the bottom line. It is a separate thing with it's own account.

The capital projects is \$282,500. Add that to the \$1,572,613 gives us a budget of \$1,855.113 this year.

The one time money breakdown is as follows: \$367,607 – COG; Playground \$107,500, which could change as more donations come in. This amount includes the \$80,000 RAPZ money grant; General Reserve Capital Projects - \$175,000, which will likely change over the next month; Proposed budget minus one time funds = \$1,105,006; Projected Revenues (minus one time funds) is \$1,130,000. The mayor proposed a budget that is under what is being brought in.

Budget discussion points:

1. There is an approximate \$52,000 change order for the public works building. Discussion is needed as to whether that can be covered by Streets B&C funds in the 2025-26 budget, or if that will be covered in the Capital Projects funding for the 2026/27 budget year.
2. Playground equipment funds have been awarded by RAPZ in the amount of \$80,000. Approximately \$15,750 has been donated to date. There is \$12,000 to be carried over from budget year 2025/26 for a total of \$107,500 for the playground in the 2026/27 budget year. Other donations during the next fiscal year can be added at the mid-year budget opening.

The 2026/27 Capital Project List is as follows:

1. Accounting Software - \$14,900
2. Pioneer Park Pump - \$39,400
3. Cemetery Canal Bore - \$12,000
4. Cemetery Pump Structure Box - \$6,100
5. Cemetery Expansion - \$20,000
6. Cemetery Mower - \$25,000
7. Four Wheeler - \$9,200
8. Street Lighting - \$10,100

The Mayor met with our Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder, and went through the numbers, to see what was in our General Reserve. After bills are paid we should have approximately \$575,000 to \$600,000 in our General Reserve Fund. We want to keep that at 25-30%, which is what the state allows you to carry over. So take \$175,000 from Capital Projects off of that and it leaves us \$400,000 in the rainy day fund.

The 2026/27 Capital Project List was rated from 1 to 10 based on needs or wants.

1. Accounting Software – This is going to cut out a lot of man hours. The City Treasurer has researched this more than 2 years. Other communities that are using the new software program say it's really good. It is written for a municipality, not written for a business. It was rated at a 10.

The city treasurer said she spoke with the CEO of the software company and they are willing to defer any payments from Mendon City until our next fiscal year starts in July. We can start now the migration and getting the program up and going so that by July 1st we are into the new program and going. There is a onetime set up fee of \$8,500 which will cover the cost to migrate all of our existing accounting spreadsheets and everything else into the program. We are able to have unlimited users. Now we are only allowed one. They will give us training and we will have tech support. The yearly

subscription fee will be \$5,400. They expect to see a savings in time. There are reports that have to be done, which they already have the software prepared to do. We won't have to hunt for things anymore. Right now, for payroll, there are 3 spreadsheets that information is entered on and then has to be entered into Quick Books. It's a huge process and time consuming. The software will have an online time entry for everybody who gets paid and it will import it directly. Councilmember Jepsen asked if there was an option to do direct deposit for employees pay. The city treasurer said it is a possibility, but there is a cost, and we aren't big enough to justify the cost. We will have an easier ability to accept online payments for the water bills from our citizens. We will also be able to save in postage because we will have the ability to email some of the statements. Attachments with information can be added to the bills without additional cost.

2. Pioneer Park Pump – It is a lot more expensive than expected, however it is on its last leg. It was rated at a 10.
3. Cemetery Canal Bore – We have a short window of time to get that done. The canal company has given us clearance. This is in preparation of getting secondary water up to our cemetery. It was rated at a 10.
4. Cemetery Pump Structure Box – The reason this needs to be done now is because it is tied in with the permit from the canal company. It was rated at a 10.
5. Cemetery Expansion – It was crossed out because money was put in the budget itself for the cemetery expansion.
6. Cemetery Mower – The current mower has been used for 10 years and is getting some wear on it. It was rated at an 8.
7. Four Wheeler – It has been used since 2008 and has 8,000 miles on it. It was rated at an 8.
8. Street Lighting – A bid was received from Rocky Mountain Power to switch our current lighting to LED. It's not a priority, but we don't know what monies are going to be available. We know we've got to get it done. It will save us in the long run because the cost will likely increase.

Four other things need to be considered.

1. The \$20,000 for the painting of the outside of the Mendon Station needs to be done as was rated a 10.
2. Three new cameras need to be put up on the city square to help identify those who are doing damage. The mayor is getting a price on these within the week. It was rated at a 10.
3. New drain fields at the restrooms is not something that needs to be done this year. But if we've got some funding, that is something we want to consider.
4. The city square sidewalks need to be connected over to the Mendon Station and then up to the church. Even if the sidewalks work as a curb, it will help with parking.

Topic 10: City Engineer – Eric Dursteler (7:53 PM)

The city engineer had asked to be excused. The mayor received some information regarding the master plan. Our engineer's firm now offers review services. With our budget we need a simple review, not extensive. He will talk more to us about it.

Topic 11: Public Works Director: Kirk Taylor (7:55 PM)

There is an LED light on the softball field that is blinking. He called C&E, the company that lights came from. They have a 10 year warranty. They hope the warranty includes labor. Kirk is trying to find a contractor that has a bucket truck..

Chip and seal is going to take care of streets going east and west from 400 South to Center Street for \$65,000. Usually that happens in July.

We have a sanitary water survey coming up and he's trying to get it postponed until June. Every 3 years they inspect and assign us points if we are short on anything.

He was visiting with Nicole Norris and he agreed with her that we need to get the pickleball courts open sooner than later. He had a picture of Wellsville's signs and are reaching out to other communities to see what they have. It was proposed that the city clerk put something together, have Watkins printing put it on cardstock, laminate it, and put it up until we can get permanent signs. Then we could open up the pickleball courts tomorrow . Nicole said they had talked about having a couple of youth council members record a video in front of the pickleball courts and say, "the Mendon Youth Council is excited to announce the opening of the pickleball courts. We've worked really hard on this and we want it to last and be enjoyed by all the community. These are the rules at our pickleball court". They can read the rules that have been put together and then they can post a link to the video on social media outlets and upload it to the website. Brad Olsen is working with a couple of the youth council members to start a pickleball league that they hope to start in June and run through the Fall.

Topic 11: Councilmember Reports (8:05 PM)

Brian Myers- (8:05 PM)

Councilmember Myers is out of town

Amy Garbe- (8:06 PM)

Notes were sent out in the water bill asking politely that people take care of their junk cars. Next month they will check the addresses that have been on a list. If nothing has been done they will receive a personal letter. If nothing is done, they will get a visit from Deputy Spence the next month.

Planning & Zoning is almost finished with the general plan. It was suggested to hold a work meeting to review it. The mayor would like to have the council review changes before the meeting in June. The plan needs to be passed in November after a public hearing. It was discussed in Planning & Zoning that it would be nice to let the public know that we will need some input from them. It would be helpful if we had a newsletter that could be sent out in emails, put on the city website, posted on Mendon 411, or put in the bills, with a little bit of information needed. The question was asked if there were someone that could be asked to volunteer to put a newsletter together. Megan Brown had mentioned being willing to post information on Mendon 411 for the planning and zoning. It was suggested that Councilmember Garbe follow up with her.

We did not receive any grant money from the CPR or RAPZ grants. We will keep working on it and apply next year.

Ben Watkins- (8:13 PM)

Councilmember Watkins said another thought about the community newsletter, is to share a piece of paper with staff, council, or mayor, to type something on. He would be willing to edit it. It could be done bi-monthly or quarterly. He'd like to continue the discussion about that,

He attended a trail meeting with John Eiman, Ron Campbell, and Wayne Wheeler. There are some exciting things in the works, including a trail that would connect with Blueberry Springs all the way to Trapper Park in College Ward. From there it would connect to the lower trail.

They could use training and help in planning & zoning with the general plan. They are doing their best, but they are not professional planners.

It is tough to get people to say yes to serve on the history committee. One person, Dominic Sir, a professor at USU, said he would serve. There are people willing to give input, but are opposed to serving on the board. He will keep looking for people to serve.

Art Heers- (8:17 PM)

Councilmember Heers said he would like to start going to the county trails meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The County has decided to asphalt the road by the trailhead. The guy working up there said it had to be done by June. They want to have a sort of grand opening at the trailhead in July. As soon as the road is paved and a conditional use permit is secured, the road will be open. They still have some work to do on the drainage system. Mayor Buist said it is important for mosquito abatement to spray in July. He would like them to spray at least once and maybe twice during the week of the July 24th celebration.

Bob Jepsen- (8:24 PM)

The mayor gave permission to hire a tree removal company to take care of some trees on the block of 200 West 200 North. Only a third of the trees were taken care of and it cost about \$3,000. Another tree fell down in a

storm and he is working on removing it. We are going to continue to have these challenges. We will take care of them one at a time.

Councilmember Jepsen said he needs to contact Eric Dursteler, the city engineer, about the citizen complaint regarding the end of 200 West with the right-of-way.

There is a lot of work to get done at the cemetery this week to prepare for Memorial Day. A ward is coming Tuesday night to do a service project, which will help. There are some trees and bushes that need to be planted, along with some edging that needs to be done. He received a letter from Ron Campbell that gives a different view on what he see happening at the cemetery. As the cemetery develops, we are seeing a lot of burials there. Ron's concern is that we have many being buried that are not Mendon residents. It was suggested that burial rates be reviewed.

Mayor Buist – (8:31 PM)

Mayor Buist expressed gratitude for the patience and support he has received as he tries to make the community a better place.

Some of the trees in town are probably 50-75 years old. Back then they said because they had planted it, they would take care of it. People didn't realize where they had planted them and the concerns they've caused over time. Now if there are problems with the trees which were planted in the city right-of-way, the city is liable for them. It is going to cost the city a lot of money. We need to get something in city code not allowing trees to be planted in the city right-of-way. People need to plant trees on their property, not on the city's. It is fortunate that a big limb hasn't dropped in the street and somebody was killed.

Mayor Buist entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilmember Jepsen made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Garbe seconded the motion.

Vote: The voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Adjourned (8:41 PM)