

Mendon City Council Minutes

*Convened: September 10, 2026 / Meeting location 15 North Main Street,
Mendon City Meeting Room*

Meeting called by	Mayor Ed Buist	City Attendees:	
		Amy Garbe	Marilyn Atkinson
Type of Meeting	City Council	Bob Jepsen	Daphne Carlson
		Brian Myers	Laura Hampton
		Ben Watkins	Kirk Taylor arrived at 6:43 PM
Minutes	Stephanie Miller		
Absent	Art Heers		
	Eric Dursteler		
	Deputy Spence		

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: Nicole Norris, Jackson Mickelsen, Carolee Berrett, Jessie Eiman

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Amy Garbe

Invocation: Councilmember Ben Watkins

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 August 13, 2026 minutes have been reviewed which included several corrections.

Motion:

Councilmember Jepsen motions to accept the August 13, 2026 minutes with incorporated changes.. Councilmember Watkins seconded the motion.

Action: Voting is unanimous and August 13, 2026 minutes are accepted.

Approval of Bills: August, 2026

The Council reviewed the bills for August 2026.

Motion:

Councilmember Garbe motions to approve the August, 2026 bills. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion.

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

Minutes:**Topic 1- CITIZEN PARTICIPATION/COMMENT (6:07 PM):**

Mayor asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanted to make comments. Jessie Eimen requested the city consider making the Pioneer Day Celebration be smaller.

Topic 2 –YOUTH COUNCIL - Mayor Sadie Robbins (6:08 PM)

Mayor Sadie Robbins was unable to be in attendance. Youth Councilmember Jackson Micklesen gave the report. The Mendon Youth City Council has had several events over the summer. In June they had a leadership meeting where the youth council planned their activities for the upcoming year. They selected a theme for the year, "Rise to Lead". In July they helped with Pioneer Days, Mendon City's July 24th celebration. They helped with the dunk tank, and had a booth about their Legacy Park project. They helped with the pickleball tournament, which more than 50 teams participated. They thanked Brad Olsen for organizing the tournament. In August they held an opening social for the

youth council at the Benson marina. During September they are having their annual potato and onion fundraiser. They thanked Laura Hampton for arranging it for them. On October 17th they plan to have their annual zombie wars, organized by councilmember Dawson Jessup. They will also help Cameron Buist set up Halloween lights around the Mendon City square. Mayor Buist thanked the Youth Council and their leaders for all they do for the community.

Topic 3 – Appointments to the Library Board (6:12 PM)

Council Ben Watkins is the liaison for the Mendon City Library. Several letters were turned in by residents interested to serve on the library board.

Motion: Councilmember Watkins motioned to appoint Carolee Berrett and Kia Sorensen as members of the library board. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion.

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

Topic 4 – Law Enforcement Liaison – Deputy Spence (6:16 PM)

Deputy Spence was not in attendance.

Topic 5 - PUBLIC HEARING – General Plan (6:16 PM)

Mayor Buist said there would not be a Public Hearing at this time. It needed occur in Planning & Zoning which will be held at 6:00 PM on September 24th. It conflicts with the History Committee meeting and Mayor Buist offered the use of his office for the History Committee meeting. Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on September 17th at 7:00 PM for a public hearing on the Hansen lot split.

Topic 6: City Engineer – Eric Dursteler (6:17 PM)

Because there was not going to be a public hearing, Eric asked to be excused.

Topic 7 – Public Works director – Kirk Taylor (6:17 PM)

Kirk had not yet arrived at the meeting. He would be asked to report later on in the meeting.

Topic 8 – Playground Donor Recognition Plaque – (6:18 PM)

Mayor Buist wanted the public and city council to be aware and give their support for a playground donor recognition plaque in the new city square playground. As the playground committee asked for donations they told donors if they donated over \$5,000 their name would be put on a plaque. Donations under \$5,000, will be recognized at the bottom of the plaque and will say, “and all other donors”. The mayor was not aware of large donations being promised to be put on a plaque and was uncomfortable because the small donations were every bit as important as the big donations. However, the promise was made. There will be 5 names on the plaque, one of those being RAPZ tax in the amount of \$80,000. The playground committee said it was suggested by a councilmember. It was not brought before the city council for their approval. Councilmember Myers said in the future he would like the entire city council to be consulted before making promises like that.

Topic 9 – Mayor & Councilmember Reports (6:22 PM)

A. Brian Myers (6:23 PM)

It was brought to his attention by city staff that unpaid water and garbage utility bills were beginning to have a pretty large balance. Four months ago it was about \$5,000 the city was carrying. Two months ago it was about \$5,000. One month ago it was about \$8,000. It recently jumped up to \$18,000. He asked what the protocol has been in the past for addressing delinquent bills. City Treasurer Daphne Carlson said if you are two months behind on payments, meaning you have not made a payment at all, you are put on the shut off list and an orange notice is put on their door. They have one week to contact the office and make payment or arrangements. There is an 18% fee added monthly. Staff is more than willing to work with citizens with a payment plan, because they may have large medical bills, loss of jobs, military service, etc. Shutting off their water is the last thing staff wants to do. Usually people are pretty good to take care of it. At the end of July the city switched to a new accounting program and has not done shut offs. Staff was trying to get up to speed with the new program. which is why the list has increased. If those notices can be put up next week there will probably be a number of those payments coming in.

Councilmember Myers is working to get bids to paint the outside of the Mendon Station.

B. Amy Garbe (6:33 PM)

Councilmember Garbe said there are a number of things going on, but she has nothing to report on any of them.

C. Ben Watkins (6:34 PM)

Councilmember Watkins knows there a number of people concerned with the general plan public hearing and would like the Planning & Zoning Commission to help spread the word about it. Public hearings are required to be posted two weeks prior to the public hearing. Notices are put on the state website, the city website, and posted on bulletin boards at the city office and the post office. Laura has put in on Mendon 411 and will make some yard signs to advertise it.

Councilmember Myers stated that as a community, and Planning & Zoning Commission, we need to go online and participate in the Cache West Corridor survey. Mayor Buist is on the Western Cache Corridor Local Government Advisory Committee.

The History Committee has selected Trevor Spence as the history committee chairman, and Laura Morgan as the secretary. Trevor had brought up how important it is to connect the younger generation to our history. An idea was to have QR codes around town that can be scanned which will let them hear a recorded voice telling a story about Mendon's history.

Some residents are asking about the monkey bars on the playground placed in the 1940's that were removed. Councilmember Jepsen expressed his concerns about safety and that we should have something new that is certified by the state.

D. Art Heers (6:48 PM)

Councilmember Heers was not in attendance.

E. Bob Jepsen (6:48 PM)

Councilmember Jepsen commented on how nice and green the parks are and thanked Kirk for what he does in the parks.

There are a couple things in the Legacy Park that need to be completed. The sprinkler system should be done before the park strip project. It was agreed it would be delayed until next year.

All but 5 lots have been purchased in the Blueberry Springs development. He noticed there are trees planted in the parking strip which the council addressed and decided no trees to be planted in park strips in future developments. He recently talked with the landscaper and he was not aware. We probably need to have the builder state it on the building permit. There is a concern of utilities located beneath the park strip. Also, people don't keep the lower

branches cut so people can walk under them. Mayor Buist explained that there have been problems with trees being planted in park strips that become the city's responsibility because they are in the city right-of-way. There needs to be some foresight on what kind of trees might be approved for park strips if they are going to be allowed. Perhaps there is an arborist that can give some guidance.

Next month, Bob plans to begin excavation for the new pump at Pioneer Park, along with the box at the cemetery. He hopes the work can be coordinated with the bore under the canal. He reported that his portion of the work at the public works building is complete.

Councilmember Jepsen spoke with Millville Mayor Hair about the cemetery district that Millville formed with Nibley to learn how their district operates. He plans to contact Summit County Councilmember Chris Robinson to learn how their county's cemetery district is structured. The Mayor provided information regarding the process for establishing a cemetery district. Councilmember Jepsen will continue to investigate the possibility of Mendon forming a cemetery district and will bring his findings back to the City Council.

Topic 7 – Public Works Director Kirk Taylor (7:08 PM)

Kirk is preparing for winter. He has collected and submitted all required water samples from the water distribution system for the year. Results will be sent to him, and he will notify the residents whose water was tested. Lead and copper appear to be the primary findings.

Kirk is unsure whether there is sufficient budget to complete the improvements in the softball field infield. He will likely postpone the project until next year. It was suggested that he contact Jay Dee Jensen to see if the softball group would be willing to assist with the project. Kirk will obtain cost estimates for the improvements.

Chipping at Taylor Park will be completed using the population RAPZ funds recently received.

F. Ed Buist (7:10 PM)

The mayor stated that there would be three councilmember positions available and encouraged the public to consider filing for those positions in June.

Cameron Buist is excited to put lights up on the city square for the holidays. The mayor proposed Halloween lights be on October 10th through October 31st, 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM.

Schedule for the Christmas lights to be November 27th through January 2nd, 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM – 10:30 PM.

Motion: Councilmember Jepsen made a motion to approve the mayor's lighting schedule for Halloween and Christmas. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion.

Action: Councilmembers Garbe, Watkins, Myers, and Jepsen voted aye. The voting was unanimous and the proposed Halloween and Christmas light schedule was approved.

Councilmember Jepsen will contact Cameron with the approved schedule.

The state completed a study for speed limit signs at the north end of town and the signs have been moved.

Mayor Buist has been studying state code about how best to handle the budget between the city and library. He feels good about the Friends of the Library continuing to do what they do contributing \$10,000 - \$15,000 to the library. He needs to adjust down the city's budget because he's been adding their contributions to the city budget. Wages is what is coming through the city. So he is going to separate those.

Friday, September 18, 2026, the playground committee is having an ice cream social and ribbon cutting at the new playground on the city square. Ice cream is being provided by Paul Willie. Saturday, September 19, 2026, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, at the Deep Canyon trailhead, the County Trails Committee is putting on breakfast with the mayor. They will also have a ribbon cutting for the trail.

Mayor Buist said he'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Vote: Councilmembers Garbe, Watkins, Jepsen, and Myers voted aye. The motion passed.

Adjourned (7:38 PM)