

Francis City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2014
Francis City Community Center 7:00 p.m.
2319 South Spring Hollow Rd. Francis, Utah 84036

Council and Staff Attending: Mayor R. Lee Snelgrove, Councilmember's Mike Baldwin, Matt Crittenden, Jeremie Forman, Shana Fryer, City Engineer Scott Kettle, City Planner Kristie Bair and City Recorder Suzanne Gillett.

Excused: City Attorney Kraig Powell

Citizens Attending: Renee Atkinson, Barbara Prescott, Jane Wilford

1. Welcome, Introductions, & Pledge of Allegiance—The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and requested that Councilmember Forman lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor then proceeded on with the meeting. He asked if there were any public comments and there were so he opened the meeting to public comment.

2. Public Comment--Jane Wilford wanted to make some comments to the community in regards to the Uinta Express Pipeline that is supposed to go in next to the Chevron Pipeline. She informed everyone that there had been an open house at the Wasatch High School on February 15th. She also informed the Council that there is a public comment period and if anyone would like to comment it would be due on March 17th, and she would encourage anyone that has interest in this to write them. Mrs. Wilford stated that they had talked about using the highway corridor. She would like the City to make some comment on this. She said they have talked about four locations where they would be putting in above ground tanks. She said that the 4th of February was the first time any of this had been in the Park Record.

The Mayor said that he had just heard rumors about it. In addition, the rest of the Council had no knowledge of the pipeline. The Mayor said that he had been told that it is not feasible anywhere in Francis.

Councilmember Crittenden asked how long the public comment period was. He was told from the end of February to March 17th. He also asked if there were supposed to be any more meetings and he was told no. After that comment period ends then it would go to the Forest Service for their comment. Then the EPA for their impact study and then it would be two years before they start the project. Mrs. Wilford said that David Ure was at the Wasatch meeting.

4. Discussion, Update and Approval on Potential Action Items

A. Re-appointment of Greg Averett to Mosquito Abatement Board—The City was asked if they would please re-appoint Greg Averett to the Mosquito Abatement Board. They feel that he has done a great job and would like him to continue on with the board.

Council agreed to re-appoint Greg if he was willing to continue being on the board.

Councilmember Forman made a motion to re-appoint Greg Averett to the Mosquito Abatement Board. Councilmember Crittenden seconded the motion. Mayor Snelgrove and Councilmembers Baldwin, Crittenden, Forman and Fryer voted in favor, motion passed.

B. 218 Referendum Resolution—The Mayor read the 218 Referendum and explained what had been going on in regards to the referendum.

Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to let the employees choose what to do on the Social Security Amendment and they passed the Ordinance. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Mayor Snelgrove, Councilmembers Baldwin, Crittenden, Forman and Fryer all voted in favor, motion passed.

C. Codification—The Mayor explained that they had talked a little bit about codification and that the staff had attended a special presentation done by some affiliates of The Cities of Leagues and Towns. Everyone expressed their thoughts in regards to the whole codification process.

Council would like Code in Motion to come to a Council meeting and go through and explain the whole process and to discuss and review pricing.

D. Water & Sewer Rates—The Mayor informed Council that they had told the State that they would have the sewer rates up to \$62.00 by the time we completed the project. They have made the first jump, but they haven't made the second jump yet because of the delays with the state. The Mayor said that they had discussed water rates and that they are falling short on the water, they will advertise next month on that. They need to be prepared to discuss it and move forward. There has been some suggestion to take the base rate up a couple of dollars, but they can't drag it on they need to be prepared to pass things at the next meeting and move forward. Looking at the budget the City cannot run in the red, they need to cover what they have.

The City is not required to have public comment on this, but all Councilmembers and the Mayor feel that they should allow comment and then move forward with what needs to be done.

E. Sewer Update—Engineer Kettle explained that the state had put the City on hold to do a ground water study and to do a soil study to see what kind of affects the existing lagoons have on the ground water and the surrounding area and how it will impact us irrigating our forty acres. What they have come back with is that with all the testing that has been done the impact from the existing lagoons and ground water is that it is not affecting the ground adversely. It is not a concern to them, what they are saying the limiting factors would be is how much water we can actually apply to the ground.

They got with Utah State and came up with an irrigation schedule of June, July and August and that doesn't make a lot of sense. So the state talked with a bunch of farmers and it was decided that we will be able to irrigate June, July, August and September. (See attachment). The state said this is how much water you can apply per year to your property. So now we have to take this number and see how it matches up to what we have assumed to see how it affects how much ground we need right now, this is a benefit to the City.

The Mayor said that the City has approximately 100 acres right now that we could land applicate water on. If they have to hold a month longer, they may have to have a bigger winter storage tank. They will just have to wait and see what the state says and how it will affect us. The State paid for all of the testing that was done. There was a brief discussion on what will happen next.

The State has had some personnel changes so they will just need to be patient in working with them.

F. Wild Willow Lawsuit Update- The Mayor explained that he didn't think anything had been done on this. There were still a couple of people that had to give their depositions, so the City is just waiting on that. The Mayor informed the Council that Todd Godfrey the Attorney hoped that this we be to court by the end of the year.

5. Council Business

A. Council Reports—Update from Frontier Days Committee---Both Shana and Jeremie will meet with Suzanne at 3:00 p.m. on Monday to review the budget. Councilmember Forman said that he was ready with the rodeo end of things. Nicki volunteered to do the Queen Contest so he is letting her do that. For the most part the rodeo itself is done.

They are trying to do a Horse Pull with some of the residents in the valley. And, Planner Bair will be helping Councilmember Baldwin and Crittenden with their end of things.

Councilmember Forman made sure that he was only in charge of the arena end of things and that Councilmember Baldwin is taking care of the booths, 5-K Run etc. with Councilmember Crittenden.

B. Mayor Reports- Water Taste Award—The Mayor informed the Council that if they hadn't seen the newspaper yet that the City had won an award at Rural Water. They won the award for The Best Tasting Water in Utah. Rural Water will be coming to the Council Meeting next month to present the award.

There will be a conference in Washington and the Council needs to figure out who should be attending that. The Mayor said he feels that Luke has really done a good job on taking care of the water and he should probably be one of the attendees at the Washington Conference to compete nationally. The conference will be picking up the tab for the City.

The Mayor informed Council that Planner Bair has been reading up on things and trying to help answer all the planning questions that she can. The Mayor informed the Council that Planner Bair will be going to some training in a couple of weeks and she will ask some questions on some of the concerns that the Council has.

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything they needed to add. Councilmember Fryer wanted to know if the City was going to have an open house on the new building. The Mayor informed her that the office staff has been letting people that come in wander around and check things out. If people want to see the office they will come in.

There was a brief discussion on Arbor Day that will be held in May.

C. Financial & Upcoming Events—The Mayor informed the Council that the City Recorder had been in training all week and she will get everyone a copy of the budget.

D. Report and Approval of Bills Paid—There was a brief discussion on the bills. *Councilmember Baldwin made a motion to approve the check register dated 2-17-2014 to 3-13-2014. Councilmember Crittenden seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.*

E. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2014—The Mayor said that he had one change on the minutes, the changes will be made. *Councilmember Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-13-2014 and the Mayor seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed.*

The Mayor informed Council that there would not be a closed session as Attorney Powell was not present.

Councilmember Forman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All Councilmembers seconded the motion, all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Minutes accepted as to form this 10th day of April, 2014.

Mayor R. Lee Snelgrove

Suzanne Gillett

City Recorder Suzanne Gillett