

Francis City Council Meeting
Francis City Rodeo Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Francis City Community Center 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Mayor R. Lee Snelgrove, Councilmember's Mike Baldwin, Matt Crittenden, Jeremie Forman, Gio Melendez, Public Works Employee Luke Thomas, City Treasurer Susan Moses, City Recorder Suzanne Gillett

Others Attending: Shana Fryer

1. Welcome & Introductions—The Mayor thanked everyone for coming, and the meeting started at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor said that they would change the order of things around just a little bit tonight.

2. Public Comment--None

3. Public Hearings—None

4. Discussion, and Possible Approval on Action Items

A. Discussion on Francis Frontier Days—The Mayor updated Shana Fryer on one of her assignments when she comes on the Council in January. He informed her that she would be working with Councilmember Forman on the Rodeo Committee. The Mayor wanted to review some of the items that did not make money. He also wanted to come up with some suggestions for committee members for the two separate committees, the rodeo committee and the celebration committee. He said that they had a good rodeo committee last year and he is not sure if those people want to continue working on the committee or not. He feels that if we get busy working on things now, then there could be better planning.

The Mayor informed Council that we lost money on the Horse Pulls and the BBQ. Those two items were the only two areas, so what does the Council want to do. Councilmember Forman said let's start with the Horse Pulls. This one has been a money loser from the beginning. Councilmember Melendez said that the only reason we have kept it is because they have always had it. Councilmember Forman stated that he was one of the biggest proponents for the Horse Pulls for a while. However, we don't get any support from the Horse Pull Association and we get charged \$1,000 more than our neighboring folks in Oakley for exactly the same thing. Councilmember Forman said if we are going to keep them, then someone else is going to need to work with them. Because, they treat him like everything going on is his fault, they make no effort to help with anything, all they will do is put it on their Facebook. Councilmember Crittenden said that his dad really enjoys the Horse Pulls, but if they are not willing to work together and help then what do you do. Shana Fryer stated that she enjoys the Horse Pulls as well, but they should feel grateful that they have an arena to come pull in. Councilmember Crittenden agreed, you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours, we should work together.

Councilmember Melendez feels that the City should approach them one last time and ask them to help us make this a zero profit operation and if they are not willing to do anything then neither is the City. Council decided to tell them how they felt and if they don't want to do anything to work together then we are done. The Mayor will draft a letter and send it to the Horse Pull Association saying that the City would be willing to pay \$1000 and if they don't like that then the City will move on. The hardest part of this is their attitude.

Councilmember Forman feels that if anything is done with them then everything needs to in a contract stating exactly what each party will do, because nothing like that has ever been done before and it would really help to solve some of the problems.

The BBQ cost the City \$2500 dollars and they brought in \$1200. Councilmember Melendez wanted to know if that was because of less people. He was told no there were more people in attendance than in the past. The City lost less money this year than in the past. There was some discussion on what has gone on in the past and what should be done in the future.

Again, the Mayor feels that we need to ask people a lot further in advance to help out with things. He again asked the Council to think of some names. He also said that he felt that Luke should not be on the rodeo committee because it pulls him in to many different directions, and it causes some people to ask questions. If employees are here then they should be getting paid.

A couple of things that need to be decided by the Council are, does the Council and Committee members get so many tickets for free for all the work they do, and do parents of royalty get in for free with their daughters. This has been an ongoing issue. There was some discussion on what other rodeo's and committees do on their tickets. Treasurer Moses suggested that the City have packets for their royalty already with everything they get for being in the royalty.

Councilmember Forman informed the Council of some of the issues that came up this year. There was some discussion whether to give committee members a certain amount of tickets or not. It was decided that the committee members receive four tickets for the event of their choice. The Council will receive six total tickets to the event of their choice.

Another item is the Sponsors, they need to be approached by the end of the year. Follow up was the biggest problem, there needs to be more follow up. City staff is sending out thank you cards to all sponsors. Also, do they want to continue with the National Ability Center? Council discussed what they thought would be the best thing to do. The City did not get the participation on their part that was discussed. Another option is the 1033 Foundation and they are happy to go after their own donations. Councilmember Forman feels that the Military and 1033 Foundation would go well together.

The Mayor reviewed everything that had been discussed. The two separate committees need to get together with their volunteers and get going. They all need to decide what to do in the afternoon if they discontinue the Horse Pulls, because the fuller the schedule the better the City does. There were a lot of ideas thrown out about what the City could do. Shana Fryer suggested that everyone come up with five ideas that could be voted on in the December meeting. Again the Mayor stated that we stayed really well within the budget even with all the new things that have been done.

It was decided to use wristbands again next year and also to do trophy's for the kid's rodeo.

B. Approve Bills & Check Register—There was Council discussion on the check register and what bills were paid. Council discussed the billing on the salt for the winter.

Councilmember Melendez made a motion to approve the check register. Councilmember Forman seconded the motion. The Mayor, Councilmembers, Baldwin, Crittenden, Forman and Melendez all voted in favor, motion passed.

The Mayor made a request of Councilmember Baldwin and Forman. He asked that they would take over the payment on the remainder of the building and things. So, would they please work with Rusty? There was a brief discussion on the Resolution and previous minutes in regards to the building. Both

Councilmember Forman and Baldwin agreed to work with Rusty. Council agreed on what should be paid and when.

There was a brief discussion on the alarm system and the beeping and whether or not the City wanted to try to work with the current company on it or not. The City needs three bids in order to accept anything, if they do anything at all.

C. Approval of Minutes for October 10, 2013 and October 15, 2013—Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013. Councilmember Forman seconded the motion. Mayor Snelgrove, Councilmember’s Baldwin, Crittenden, Forman all voted in favor, motion passed. Councilmember Melendez abstained.

Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Mayor Snelgrove, Councilmember’s Baldwin, Crittenden, Forman and Melendez all voted in favor, motion passed.

D. Talk about assessment to Woodland Hill Shareholders—Councilmember Melendez updated the Council on what has been going on with Woodland Hills. He said they had the meter replacement project and he received an email from Patrice saying that the operating budget does not have enough to cover everything. He told her he needed an exact bill so that they can make an assessment to the shareholders and that the next billing cycle they need to send out a letter. He feels that 49% will come out of their slush fund and the other 51% from the City. No assessment has been made and nothing has been done.

Treasurer Moses asked about the homes that we have using water from the Woodland Hills well, will they have to pay for their meter replacements. Councilmember Melendez explained to everyone how things worked. The Mayor also helped explain some of the things that have been going on with Woodland Hills. Treasurer Moses said that the way things are, the City is paying a lot more money than they should be. Councilmember Melendez says when they start to see the assessments they have to pay, then maybe they will realize what has really been going on.

There was some discussion on Mountainlands and Woodland Hills parts, there is too much confusion with parts when Woodland Hills is ordering them because they don’t know what they are doing. Luke is being left in the dark with what Patrice is doing and when he tries to work with her she just doesn’t understand the parts end of things. Everyone is going to try to work together to get this project finished up and then hopefully some changes will be made.

5. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes accepted as to form this _____ day of December 2013.

Mayor R. Lee Snelgrove

City Recorder Suzanne Gillett