

Francis City Council Meeting
Thursday, April 13th, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
2319 So. Spring Hollow Rd. Francis Utah

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Council: Mayor Jeremie Forman, Councilmembers Fryer, Querry and Summers

Excused: Councilmember Hunter

Staff: Engineer Scott Kettle, City Planner Katie Henneuse, and City Recorder Suzanne Gillett

Others Attending: Tonja Hanson, Bob Murphy, Gracia Eisman, Dallas Wagoner

Welcome, Call to Order, and Pledge of Allegiance---Mayor Forman opened the meeting and thanked all of those present for coming. He then asked Councilmember Summers to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Check Register Dated March 9th, 2023, and Approval of the minutes of March 9th, 2023—Mayor Forman explained why the bills for I-D Electric, Pumpers Plus and Rhino were so high.

Councilmember Fryer asked why there were two pumps and Engineer Kettle explained why.

Councilmember Fryer motioned to approve the check register and the minutes of March 9th, 2023.

2. Public Comment---Dallas Wagoner who lives in Francis would like the City Council to revisit Code 18.80.030 for Rental of Storage Equipment on Residential property. He read a letter (see attached) which stated what he was asking for and his reasoning behind asking for the change. He feels the change would not only benefit local business, but also the community as a whole. He listed five compelling reasons he felt the change should be considered.

1. Economic Growth.
2. Convenience for Residents.
3. Increased Tax Revenue.
4. Support for Local Entrepreneurs.
5. Flexibility for Business.

He shared a brief description of each of these items.

The Mayor thanked him for coming and said that he would get with the City Planner and look at the code.

3. Public Hearing---None

4. Discussion, Updates and Approval on Potential Action Items

A. County Council Tonja Hanson---Tonja Hanson introduced herself and explained that she was elected to replace Doug Clyde on the Summit County Commision. She threw her hat in the ring because she wanted to help the eastern side of Summit County. She explained that she grew up in Coalville and that her maiden name was Blonquist, which is a big name in Coalville. She explained that when she first got married, they lived up Weber Canyon in the 80s. Then they moved to Democrat Alley for 28 years and after that she moved back to Coalville. She has lived in Coalville and Kamas. She has spent her career working in the hospitality business in Park City. So, she feels that she can do a good job representing everyone in Summit County.

She felt that if it wasn't for Park City none of us would be here now. She has been married for 37 years and they are engrained in the eastern part of Summit County. She has had a lot of conversations with the Mayor. She said if there is anything she can do for the City, please reach out. She is here to help try and solve problems.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Tonja for coming and introducing herself. He feels the support from the County, and they have helped quite a bit with the sand and flooding issues.

B. Budget---The Mayor explained the budget season is coming up very quickly. Anything that they need to have in the budget they need to have in by May 15th. He explained there is a budget worksheet in their packets.

Councilmember Fryer asked about the Queen budget and why it was over, she didn't think she had gone over. The Mayor and Recorder Gillett explained how it worked.

C. Frontier Days---The Mayor has spoken to a few sponsors who have made commitments and he will follow up on those. He has Brenn Hill and Andy Nelson both scheduled for Friday night. He explained that Councilmember Hunter is working on the concessions. That may be an area for really focusing some help on.

The council discussed having committees and only having two or three with a couple of people on each committee.

Planner Henneuse explained that she had a couple of people interested in helping and she gave the names to Councilmember Summers.

The Mayor said unless anyone is opposed the guy who did the horsemanship clinic is also working on doing an earlier clinic because the one in September the kids are back in school, and he would like to do more of a family clinic. He explained where it was going to be held in

Marion. It would include a competition as well. So, did they want to tie both competitions together? Hopefully, it will get more people involved.

Councilmember Fryer asked what movie we were going to show. The Council discussed what they should show.

Councilmember Querry asked if we were keeping the same schedule as last year. He was told as close as they could.

The Mayor asked if it was worth having the music play throughout the day. Former Mayor Brussel didn't feel it was worth it and that no one went and listened. Planner Henneuse explained that when she was around the music there were people in attendance, so maybe she was around a different time than the previous Mayor. The Council decided to keep the music.

5. Council Business

A. Council Reports---None

B. Planner Reports---Planner Henneuse explained that she and the Mayor went to a conference last week in St. George. There will be a lot of code amendments coming from the State. She explained that they have changed some rules on the accessory dwelling units, and they are going to try and tighten down some of the things that we currently have in place.

One thing they have talked about is the owner-occupied units in either private or accessory dwellings and the Planning Commission is going to start working on the General Plan again. We have new Commissioners so they will be training them as well.

Another thing is do we still want to be part of Tree City USA? Luke is concerned about things because of the way things are done and we have to have an Arborist on site. But we need to decide if we still want to be a Tree City USA. One plus is you can get a grant for trees. But there are other ways we can still get trees like we did last year.

The Mayor explained the only real drawback is that you have to have an Arbor Day Celebration. Which means we have to have people come to help plant the trees. There are benefits and drawbacks both ways. He shared his thoughts.

C. Engineer Reports---Engineer Kettle explained that Fox Construction has started grubbing the tank site. Francis Commons has started grubbing and doing ditch work and Foothills at Francis Gates isn't doing too much.

Councilmember Fryer wanted to know if Foothills at Francis Gate had approved plans. Engineer Kettle explained that the plat is recorded and the plans are approved except for the water line. Everything they have been doing they have been inspecting, but he hasn't finalized the water yet.

The Mayor explained that they are very aware of the fact the sewer trenches and everything they are doing will have to be re-done because they have not had any compaction testing.

Engineer Kettle explained they are watching it and if they want to do the work twice, then it is on them. But they will have to have it done right. He explained that they are dealing with a lot of ground water issues. He explained what some of those issues were. Brief discussion.

Councilmember Fryer asked about the sewer in front of her house and the bag that is over it. Engineer Kettle explained what the issues were with it and why things were the way they were.

D. Mayor Reports---The Mayor explained that we are having a lot of flooding in homes in the City and most of it is ground water related. The vast majority of the problems are the ground water. We have not had any confirmed issues with surface water. He explained that people are upset with the City and feels it's their issue and it's not, it's the ground water. The City wants to be supportive and help where we can. The Mayor had staff update the City websites to guide people to areas they can find help for some of the issues they may be having. The Mayor made sure that everyone had an understanding of what was going on.

Councilmember Fryer asked about our sewer ponds and is this going to overflow them. Engineer Kettle explained he doesn't feel there is an issue right now. We have a big capacity for that right now.

The Mayor said that they were getting ready to put the sewer properties out to bid. That is the whole reason to lease it, they need to water and maintain the property.

The Mayor publicly thanked Scott, Luke, and AJ for all of their help and effort the last few weeks, he also thanked the office staff for their help.

6. (As Needed) Closed Executive Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation, Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Property and/or the Character, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

7. Meeting Adjourned---Councilmember Fryer motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes accepted as to form the 13th, day of April 2023.

Mayor Jeremie Forman

City Recorder Suzanne Gillett

