Francis City Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 8th, 2018 7:00 p.m.  
Kamas City Hall  
170 No, Main St.  
Kamas, Utah 84036

Attending: Mayor Ames, Councilmembers Trilby Cox, and Jeremie Forman. City Engineer Scott Kettle, and City Planner Ryan Robinson

Excused: Councilmembers Matt Crittenden and Shana Fryer

Others Attending: Tera Ames, Ana Simmons, Paul Watson, Ella Spencer, Jane Wilford, Renee Atkinson, Graig Griffin, Bill Crystal, Amy Betournay

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Thought—The Mayor explained that Suzanne was taking minutes remotely in her car and this was her calling in. He then welcomed all in attendance and stated the date, he then asked the planner to lead them in the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor wanted to share a quick thought with everyone. He spoke about his grandparents and where they lived and the fun things that they did there as kids and it created a lot of good memories. He stated that he heard this morning that the entire city where she lived is being evacuated due to fire and he was concerned and worried. So, thinking about all the good times with them, it made him think more about life and what we do in life. He then read a couple of quotes about a roman empire. He expressed that what he was saying is to make the most of who you are and throwing open the windows of your soul today. We need to find out what’s right, and it’s his goal as Mayor to help the city find out what’s right for the city, because our days are numbered.

2. Public Comment—The Mayor explained how the public comment section worked. He then asked if anyone had any public comments they would like to discuss. There were not comments, so the meeting moved forward.

3. Public Hearings--None

4. Discussion, Updates and Approval of Potential Action Items

   Introduction of the Kamas Valley Youth Council---The Mayor explained that he is excited about our first action item on the agenda. He wanted to introduce to everyone to some of the new Kamas Valley Youth Council. He informed everyone there are youth in the community who wanted to get involved with all the cities and he explained that they are a valley wide council. They will present to all the different cities their perspective on things that are important, and they may help the city with various tasks and he thinks it is awesome.

   The Mayor turned the time over to the youth city council to introduce themselves.

   Tera Ames took a minute to give a little background and then she will let the ladies introduce themselves. She spoke about having the council help on a selection committee, but this year they decided to keep everyone so that is why no one was contacted. There are ten youth city council members and three of the officers are here today.

   Amy Jo Betournay introduced herself and she is the Mayor, she is 14 years old and is in ninth grade. Ana Simmons is a sophomore, she is 15 and she is the Communications Director. Ella Spencer is a freshman and she is 14 and she is the Secretary/Recorder.

   Tera feels that they have a good spread of kids from across the valley. She then turned the time over to Ana to explain a little bit about what they have been doing with some surveys. Ana explained what the surveys were and
what they did to get their responses. They were concerned that there were not enough places for the youth to
gather. Vaping and drugs are also something they were concerned with. They felt that was important to share with
the council.

Ana knows the movie theater isn’t being used and that may be a good place for something. Tera explained they
had their own council meeting this week and they want to not only be a liaison to the city, but they would like to
help the city out in any way needed. There was some discussion on the community bon fire.

Councilmember Cox informed them that she loved having the youth be involved and she wanted to know if they
could attend their meetings. She was told when and where their meetings were being held.

The Mayor informed everyone that things don’t happen quickly all the time and there are a lot of moving parts to
governing, but don’t give up on things just keep working hard and the things that can get done will be done. Be
persistent. Councilmember Cox re-iterated what the Mayor said.

Tera asked about their information being put on the city website and she was told we could put a link on the
website.

Councilmember Forman said he was happy about this and to have the youth involved early, because at some point
they will be replacing them, so it’s good they are interested and willing to learn and help.

Tera explained that they will send three councilmembers each month, so they will be able to meet everyone. She
also explained that they will have a youth city council scholarship, so she would love help from each member of
the city council to help choose who the applicant of that scholarship.

The Mayor informed the youth city council that they could stay for the entire meeting if they wanted.

A. Resolution 2018-06 Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual---The Mayor informed
every one of the Resolution and that it was needed to amend some things for the city. He then explained what and
why the changes were made. They are adding Columbus Day in the vacation schedule as it had been missed, and
then they are making changes to comply with Utah Local Governments Trust. He explained that we clarified
everything with the Trust to make sure we were in accordance with them.

There were a couple of typos found before the Resolution was read that will be corrected.

The Mayor read Resolution 2018-06 to all in attendance, he then asked for a motion.

Councilmember Forman made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 with the spelling changes made. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmembers Forman and Cox voted in favor, motion passed.

B. Ordinance 2018-06 Conservation Subdivision---The Mayor explained that this item was discussed last
month, but that an Ordinance had not been created yet. The Ordinance has since been created and they will be
voting on it tonight. He explained that the staff report is the same as last months and this will just make it all
official. The staff report explains what was discussed and approved.

The Mayor read Ordinance 2018-06, he then asked for a motion.

Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-06. Councilmember Forman seconded the
motion. The Mayor and Councilmembers Cox and Forman voted in favor, motion passed.
C. Frontier Cottage—Planner Robinson explained that the public comment portion was passed. He read what the proposals were and what had been decided. There were some wet land issues and that was explained. He then explained the amount of lots and the acreage. This property does abut the South Summit School District Property and he does have a letter from them.

Ryan explained that they reviewed this all-in planning commission last week and that they were recommending this with some conditions from Horrocks and the Planning Commission.

Engineer Kettle said there were two options with the sewer and he and Luke had spoken on this and they feel there needs to be a sewer lift station until it is no longer needed. He also explained how many shares of water would need to be turned in.

Councilmember Cox had some questions on how the road would work and the changes being made. She had questions on the temporary sewer station on lot 107 and she wondered if that lot was buildable. Engineer Kettle said it shouldn’t take up the whole lot, but they would have to see.

The Mayor wanted to know what the trigger was for that. Engineer Kettle explained how all of it would work and regardless of the timing, it would be whenever the school district decides to do something with their property.

The Mayor wanted to know if the city had any responsibility on the land where it sits, and if we release the property when this is all done?

The Mayor asked if anyone had questions for the Engineer or the Planner. Councilmember Cox said in that neighborhood as she has come out of Lambert Lane onto 32 in morning rush hour traffic that it is taking longer and longer to turn on the road, so she is wondering if we need to talk with UDOT to see if we are going to need signs, or whatever on this. Engineer Kettle explained his conversations with UDOT and he tried explaining how it would work to everyone present.

Councilmember Forman asked if they were all single-family dwellings and he was told yes.

The Mayor explained to the youth council that every time we affect the state roads then Udot gets involved.

Graig Griffin said that the reason it took the applicant so long to show back up is, that they wanted to look at the process and how to best handle things. He explained this has taken about 2 years to get everything together.

The is the final approval that they are looking for. Councilmember Forman asked if this were approved, then would construction start immediately, is there going to be an HOA, or what do we have as far as a fence or buffer between them and Bates etc.? Graig tried to answer the questions.

Councilmember Forman made a motion to approve the final plat for Frontier Cottages with the recommendations from Horrocks Engineering, Udot approval and Planning Commission recommendations. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmembers Cox and Forman all voted in favor, motion passed.

D. Improvements on City Grounds—The Mayor has been discussing various improvements that are needed on the city grounds with Engineer Kettle, public works and office staff. One thing he wants to discuss is the locks on all the doors, he explained some of the troubles that he has had with his keys. He would like to properly secure all the buildings and to invest in a key safe. He asked if the council was good with that. He was told yes.

The other thing is the access across the canal into the city park and grounds, he feels that it is very dangerous. He has asked Luke and Scott to investigate what it would take to expand that bridge. With the soccer field on the
agenda he would like to get that taken care of. He asked Scott if he had any figures or anything. Scott explained what he had done and what would need to be done. He has talked with Chevron on this a little bit and he will need to talk with them again.

Councilmember Forman asked for clarification on how things would be laid out and Engineer Kettle explained it to him, there was a brief discussion.

The Mayor feels that this is something that we need to plan on budgeting next year. They have also talked about the snack shack and he wanted to know if they needed to put that on the planning agenda to do list. The Mayor explained that Forman’s had talked about more space and some of the issues that they have seen working in the shacks. He wanted to know if that was something that they wanted to put on an agenda as well.

Councilmember Forman stated that he feels they need to put these items all on a list and prioritize them.

The Mayor stated that back by the bucking chutes there is a safety hazard there that he had never noticed before as he hasn’t had to deal with it, but it is a safety issue. The other issue is the gates on the bucking chutes. Some animals like to go one way and some another. They have been talking for years about making some of these changes. The changes that should be made and the costs were discussed. It was decided that they would need about $30,000 to make the changes, and that the changes were for safety reasons, so everyone needed to be aware of that.

Councilmember Forman asked about the ground where the old building was, the Mayor feels that when they are fixing the paving, they can fix some of the other areas in the park there as well.

The Mayor asked Councilmember Cox if she had any questions and he was told no.

Engineer Kettle explained what was going on in the park over in Wild Willow and the discussions that he has had. Councilmember Cox wanted to know about the fencing and the timing on things. She was told they were working for some time in the Spring.

There was also some discussion on the trails. Again, Councilmember Cox said if we are making a list then we need to get Fencing on that list. The Mayor said he feels that it needs to look good and most of what is done is white vinyl fencing and he would like to stay with that.

E. Capital Improvement Summary---Engineer Kettle explained why we did this list and that it helps us get CDBG grants. He reviewed each item on the list and why it was rated the way that it was. In five years, we need to start looking at a storage tank and some of the other bigger items that we will need to upgrade.

Engineer Kettle asked the council if there was anything else that they wanted to add to the list. Councilmember Forman said this may be a concern in the 5 to 10-year range. What are your thoughts on the office building and the building space and planning for that?

The Mayor agreed with that as he feels there are some things that need to be upgraded with the buildings that we have now. They were all in agreement that they need to plan on that in the 5 to 10-year time frame.

Councilmember Cox feels that it is a good idea to have it on a list, so they are thinking about it more. It was decided to put it in the 7-year range on the list.

Engineer Kettle continued to review the list and the items on it. The Mayor asked if anyone was aware of any homeless people in the area and he was told no. Council was good with all the numbers that Engineer Kettle had rated things.
5. Council Business

A. Council Reports---Councilmember Cox feels that the improvement in the Wild Willow Park is drastic, and it looks really, good.

B. Mayor Reports---The only other thing the Mayor has is that he has been made aware of someone that has a 1966 Fire Engine that has been fully restored that he would like to give to a city to kind of make a memorial. He feels it would be great to honor our fire fighters and what they do. Nobody else in Kamas valley has anything like this, and they would need to come up with a place to display it. But, he and Jeremie have discussed this and they feel that there may be contractors out there that would be willing to help donate the time and material and he feels that this could be a good bonding experience for the city.

The Mayor asked Councilmember Cox what she thought, she is concerned about the space and money. Councilmember Forman said he felt the same way. This isn’t something that you throw together, it would be nice to have, but could the city really make it work? The Mayor said it would be up to them to get a committee together to see how we are going to fund this.

The Mayor explained he was going to talk with the gentleman that owns the truck, but he got a call today saying that he was getting antsy. He is going to talk with the gentleman tomorrow. But, if it is something that needs to happen right now then it’s not feasible, but if he could work with them, they could maybe do it.

C. Engineering Reports---Engineer Kettle explained what has been going on at the sewer pond and what they were working on. He then reported that the rest of the Jake Brake signs will be put in when they have Udot approval.

Councilmember Cox had a question on a stop sign down by Summit Haven and what was going on there. Engineer Kettle explained what they were thinking. He then explained that concrete barriers will be going up along Hill Top Road. He also explained that we have 418 water meters that aren’t radio read yet, and if they buy them all at once it would cost less, he explained the price differences in buying them a few at a time or all at once.

Councilmember Cox explained to Councilmember Forman that she went on a let’s say tangent last meeting and she explained to him what she said and how she felt about the meter reading and the cost and billing of water.

Engineer Kettle explained how the tier structures worked and that you can have as many tiers as you want.

Bill Crystal wanted to know if he could say something, the Mayor told him no he wanted to keep the meeting moving. He informed Bill that he does want to hear what he has to say, so let’s talk after the meeting.

D. Planner Reports---Planner Robinson just explained what was going on in the next planning commission meeting and that it would be coming to us next month. They need to be thinking about some names for planning commissioners. The Mayor explained that Casey Vorwaller resigned and that we are losing 3 other members, he explained some of the issues that they have been having.

E. Report and Approval of Bills Paid---Councilmember Forman made a motion to approve the bill to be paid. Councilmember Cox seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmember Forman and Cox all voted in favor, motion passed.

F. Approval of Minutes from October 11th, 2018---Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018. Councilmember Forman seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmembers Forman and Cox all voted in favor, motion passed.
6. Meeting Adjourned—Councilmembers Forman and Cox motioned to adjourn.

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 13th day of December 2018.

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Mayor Byron Ames                          City Recorder Suzanne Gillett