

**MINUTES OF THE FRANCIS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING HELD AT FRANCIS TOWN RECREATION BUILDING NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

The Francis Town Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in the Francis Town Recreation Building. Mayor John Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present:	Mayor John Bergen
Council:	Tim Butikofer John Keyes Lorin Prescott Lee Snelgrove
Town Clerk:	Lynette Hallam
Others attending:	Tal Adair, Gene Atkinson, John Barclay, Randy Butters, Keith Cowan, Dallas Cox, Josh Cox and Gio Melendez

Consent Agenda – Approval of Town Council minutes – 10/20/09 Council meeting and 10/1/09 Work Session

Lee Snelgrove made the motion to approve the consent agenda. John Keyes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Election Canvass – Canvass of the 2009 Municipal Election

Town Clerk Hallam presented a copy of the Resolution of the Canvass of the 2009 Municipal Election. The provisional ballots which were qualified were opened and added to the totals. The results of the election were as follows:

Total votes cast in the election	274
Mayor	
Lee Snelgrove	233
Write-ins	
Jack Robb	1
Matt Francis	2
Dusty Hatch	2
Tal Adair	2
Kristi Major	2
Mark Hoyt	1
Laura Rude	1
Mickey Mouse	1
4-Year Council	
Tal Adair	217
Kristi Major	132
Gio Melendez	145

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Write-ins		
Mark Littleford		1
Rae Prescott		1
Mickey Mouse		1
2-Year Council		
Lorin Prescott		235
Write-ins		
Deborah Sellers		1
Gwyn Purvis		1
Kristi Major		1
Tal Adair		1
Gene Atkinson		1
Bond Issue for Town Office		
For		118
Against		154

Tim Butikofer made the motion to approve the results of the Canvass of the 2009 Municipal Election. John Keyes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Voting in favor: Mayor Bergen, Tim Butikofer, John Keyes, Lorin Prescott and Lee Snelgrove.

Resolution – Resolution 2009-04 of Francis Town, Canvass of 2009 Municipal Town Council Election, adopted November 17, 2009

Tim Butikofer made the motion to adopt Resolution #2009-04 Canvass of 2009 Municipal Town Council Election. John Keyes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Voting in favor: Mayor Bergen, Tim Butikofer, John Keyes, Lorin Prescott and Lee Snelgrove.

Discussion Item – Discuss with Council the viability of forming a committee to look at solutions of the Town office situation, Lee Snelgrove

Lee Snelgrove opined that no one disagrees there is a problem with the present office. Mr. Snelgrove suggested that a citizen’s committee be formed with recommending capability only and no binding authority to determine what should be done. The committee would come back to the Council with their recommendations. Because of the time of year and the holidays, Mr. Snelgrove felt this is an issue the future Council will have to address and would be easier with input from citizens. Mr. Snelgrove wanted to put the idea before the Council, with Mayor Bergen’s permission, for the Council’s opinion on forming the committee with eight or ten people who are willing to sit down and put together some proposals of a direction to go.

Mayor Bergen added the public agrees there is a deficiency as far as the Town Hall; forming the committee would give them an opportunity to help determine what should be done.

Tim Butikofer felt it was a good idea, something needs to be done. The ballot issue was close enough, and the committee should have a mix of people who were for the building as well as

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those against it who can agree on a solution; then the Council could move forward. Mr. Butikofer stated this plan would let citizens feel they were part of the process.

John Keyes said it was a good idea. The citizens turned down the bond issue in the election; maybe they have ideas where the Town can get the funds. Mr. Keyes said the ad in the newspaper against the bond said there is money out there. Mr. Keyes felt businesses are less likely to establish a location in Francis if they can't come to an office that appears to be able to take care of the growth.

Lorin Prescott felt that public opinion is good, but it often does not get to the Council. Mr. Prescott opined that financing a building was going to be a problem.

Gene Atkinson offered his opinion that it is a good idea to get everyone involved. Mr. Atkinson suggested a note be put in the utility bill asking interested parties to submit a letter of interest. The new Council will have a stack of applications to form a committee.

John Barclay agreed the selection of the committee should be the responsibility of the next Council.

Mayor Bergen indicated he was not interested in being on the committee and reported that he had talked to the CIB and it appears there will be no opportunity for loans in the future from that entity.

Lorin Prescott commented that a letter should go out with the water bills. It was suggested that a notice be put in the newspaper.

Randy Butters asked if the CIB money went away. Mayor Bergen answered that the CIB has indicated there will be no more money given to Counties who do not have mineral rights. Mr. Butters clarified he was asking if the current loan had a window of opportunity for still taking the loan. The mayor reported he and Lynette Hallam had talked to a representative to see if the loan could be put on hold to see if something could be worked out. The representative indicated it could be put on hold possibly as long as sixty days. Randy Butters suggested the committee process be expedited to fit with an extension time frame and said he did not know where money could be obtained any cheaper.

Mayor Bergen reported that the bond attorney, Eric Johnson, is leaving the Smith Hartvigsen law firm to join Bigelow/Church. Mr. Johnson believes it will be possible to get an extension if the Town is taking action on the issue.

Lee Snelgrove asked Tal Adair, Gio Melendez and Lorin Prescott if an ad is put in the paper with a two week window, would they be comfortable going through those applications to select a committee. Mayor Bergen suggested the letter to CIB reports that a committee is being formed by the new Council to look into possible solutions. Tal Adair suggested that the mayor-elect contact the CIB and ask for consideration. Mr. Adair suggested the new Council meet to set up some guidelines for the committee. Gio Melendez suggested getting members of the committee from all different areas of Town and different walks of life.

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Gene Atkinson suggested the direction being suggested was just another hurry-hurry, rush-rush approach to the problem. Lorin Prescott commented if things are not expedited, the Town will lose the opportunity to get the money from CIB. Some further discussion ensued.

Lee Snelgrove opined if the Town goes back to CIB, the amount of the loan would need to be justified and an explanation of how the loan is going to be spent. Lee Snelgrove opined that if we have the opportunity to get the money at zero interest we need to find a way to do it.

Tim Butikofer stated the Town doesn't have the luxury of taking an unlimited amount of time to accept the loan.

Department Reports

Mayor Bergen reported Mountainland Association of Governments has changed the way the CDBG money is allocated. Francis Town has received grants in the past for water line repairs and the upgrade of the lift station on Foothill Drive. Under the new program, Utah County is going to breaking off on their own away from the MAG organization. Previously, Utah County applications for grant money were considered every other year. On the alternate years, Wasatch County and Summit County applied for the grant moneys. Now there will be \$450,000-\$500,000 yearly which will go to Wasatch County and Summit County. Each year Francis will have to have someone at the qualifying training meetings or they can't make a request.

Mayor Bergen reported on some interesting in the packet from MAG. MAG has done an analysis of the population of areas in the State. It is projected that Francis will be at a population of 1100 in the 2010 census, which would make Francis a fifth class city. Figures further project that between 2030 and 2040, Francis will pass up Kamas in terms of population and will be about the same size as Oakley.

The mayor admonished the new Council members to be careful how much they burden the office Staff. The Town is right at the point of needing another person.

Tim Butikofer reported the Foothill lift station is done. Mayor Bergen commented there is some concern with the generator; Scott Kettle has recommended getting a small piece of ground by the lift station to put in a generator for an alternate power source. Mr. Butikofer stated they are having trouble getting someone to sell a small piece; neither one of the adjoining property owners want to. Mayor Bergen it can be obtained by eminent domain but we would rather not do that.

Lee Snelgrove reported the Town is in good shape on the water. The pump at the Francis water tank has been fixed. The chlorine is in place for the winter; there is one more cylinder to be taken up.

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There was some discussion about the old hood at the concession stand and decided it should be junked or otherwise removed.

Lynette Hallam reported the Staff Christmas dinner would be held at the Gateway Grille on December 8th.

Approve payment of bills and Adjourn

Lee Snelgrove made the motion to approve payment of the bills and adjourn the meeting. Tim Butikofer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Francis Town Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

These minutes were approved at the December 15, 2009 meeting.

John Bergen, Mayor

Lynette Hallam, Town Clerk