

Francis City Council Meeting
Thursday, May 14th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
2317 So. Spring Hollow Rd. Francis, Utah

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Staff: Mayor Jeremie Forman, Councilmembers Riley Atkinson, and Sam Hunter. City Engineer Scott Kettle, City Recorder Suzanne Gillett, and City Planner Erin O’Keefe

Not Attending: Councilmembers Clayton Querry and Clint Summers

Others Attending: Emily Quinton, Isabelle Frazier, Betsy Frazier, and Brooke Frazier

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—The Mayor called the May 14th, 2026, meeting to order. He then asked Councilmember Hunter to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor then introduced our new City Planner Erin O’Keefe. He then moved on to the consent agenda.

2. Consent Agenda---The Mayor reviewed the check register with Council.

Councilmember Hunter motioned to approve the check register dated May 14th, 2026, and approved the minutes of April 9th, 2026. Councilmember Atkinson seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmember Atkinson and Hunter voted in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Comment---None

4. Public Hearings---None

5. Discussion, Updates and Approval on Potential Action Items

A. Community Clean Energy Program/ Emily Quinton/Ordinance No. 2026-25---The Mayor introduced Emily Quinton to all in attendance.

Emily introduced herself and explained that they have been working on this project for over 5 years. She explained that the name has changed from what it initially started as, but it is the same program. (See attached power point presentation).

The program is estimated to launch the beginning of next year. Emily explained how they were working with Rocky Mountain Power. She then reviewed the renewable option comparison. She feels this program will drive a new scale for power. She then went through the program development. (See attached power point)

Emily explained the billing rate and how to get assistance. She reviewed the initial program rate on non-residential volumetric rate. For communities that take this step all customers are in the program

unless they opt out. The only exception came in 2017; solar roofs will not be allowed to participate in the program. No rates will change more than annually, and they feel the rate may go down over time. Timeline is in the 90-day window to sign up to participate. If residents opt out after 90 days there will be a fee. Once everything is ready then all customers will receive 2 notices before the program starts and then they are part of the program.

It has always been defined that the local communities would need to pass an Ordinance in order for the community to participate. The Ordinance itself is about adopting the program so if accepted all in the community are in unless they choose to opt out. Public Service Commission sets the rate.

Emily reviewed the contributions that the City has made. She then explained that the City would need to pay for the two notices being sent out. The estimate would be just under \$1,000. Final cost if adopted. In the Ordinance the City would need to pay their cost on the bill.

The program states that Francis will not be responsible for any other costs.

Springdale, Summit County, Salt Lake City, Emigration, and Park City have all passed the Ordinance already.

Councilmember Hunter asked about the \$4.00 fee. He is skeptical on that, but it is pretty ambiguous.

Emily said that was a legitimate concern and explained her thoughts. However, there are a few other things like covering the startup cost, including a surcharge for some customers, and the other piece is ongoing costs for personnel. Start up costs are a one-time thing. Once they are paid off then there will be not cost.

Emily shared that all communities will have a Board Member. The Governance will lay out how the voting goes.

The Mayor feels it gives everyone in the community an opportunity to opt out.

Councilmember Atkinson wanted to know what the difference is between opting out instead of opting in.

Emily explained that part of the motivation for that structure was that it didn't make it seem like a distinctive program. She feels there are more people that want to participate and miss the opportunity, so it is easier to make people opt out.

Councilmember Atkinson asked if people move in do they still have the chance of entering the program. He was told yes and Emily explained that to him.

Councilmember Hunter asked if once the house is sold does the new owner have to be in the program. He was told no it is with the individual.

The Mayor opened the meeting for those that were present.

Isabelle Frazier stated that she lived in Francis and was really excited about this. She feels this is her only chance to help. She reviewed and explained her thoughts on the program, and it will help on saving fossil fuels. She feels our energy bills will be shifting and she feels that renewable energy will help with things. She is asking for the Council to please give their residents the option. Her family has been in the valley for decades. She has an environmental degree and feels this is very important.

Councilmember Hunter said he would like to have had full Council here to hear their thoughts. He explained there are concerns he has with leaving decisions on rate increases and things. The one good thing is they give every resident the option to opt out. He feels it is not fair to not give the residents the option. He would approve it if that is the motion set forth.

The Mayor feels from his perspective is he doesn't see the down side, everyone has the opportunity to opt out for \$30. He said he is not eligible any way as he has roof top solar. He just doesn't see the down side. Maybe it will diversify what power generation may exist.

Councilmember Atkinson leans to not taking away decisions from residents. He explained he doesn't like the opt-in-opt-out options. He would hope that the outages wouldn't affect the residents because of this.

The Mayor explained that he had talked with Rocky Mountain Power on things that had happened in the past.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05. The Mayor seconded the motion. The Mayor and Councilmembers Hunter & Atkinson voted in favor, motion carried.

Emily explained that she will help get the word out.

B. Rodeo Contract---The Mayor reviewed the Rodeo Contract with Council. He stated that it is just a little bit more than last year.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to give Mayor Forman the authority to approve the Rodeo Contract as submitted. Councilmember Atkinson seconded the motion. The Mayor and both Councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried.

C. Discussion on Purchase of Dump Trailer and Office Christmas Lighting---The Mayor asked for approval for public works to spend \$8,557.00 on a dump bed trailer. He explained they do not have three bids as this is a state contracted dealer.

The Mayor also brought up the lighting on the building. He said that we need to get the bids in writing.

Councilmember Hunter motioned to sign the PO for the new dump trailer. Councilmember Atkinson seconded the motion. The Mayor and both Councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried.

D. Amended Budget 2025-2026 & Tentative Budget 2026-2027---The Mayor explained that the City operates on a fiscal year and each year in May and June we prepare the budgets. He explained that he and Recorder Gillett mainly Recorder Gillett do the city budget. There was a brief conversation on Truth in Taxation as the City has been made aware of the fact that Summit County is going to start charging the Cities for the Sherriff's department.

Councilmember Hunter explained what he had learned about it at the City of Leagues and Towns conference that he had just attended. And that he and Recorder Gillet had watched a video presentation that the City of Leagues and Towns has done.

Next year the City is going to need to do a Truth in Taxation and there are a lot of steps that will need to taken in order to prepare for that.

He then explained that we are currently operating in the Amended Budget. He explained that they need to look at each line item in the budget. Every line item in the budget needs to balance to zero.

Council discussed line items individually with Recorder Gillett and she explained some of the changes that had been made.

He then reviewed the Tentative Budget for 2026-2027. There was some discussion on what items Council would like to see added to the tentative budget. The Mayor would like to see some money put aside for the Community Center to make some repairs, so it looks a little better. Council also talked about the flag and flag pole and budgeting for that. Council was going to review the budgets and let Recorder Gillett know if they had come up with anything else they would like to see added.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to review again in June the Amended Budget of 2025-2026 and the Tentative Budget for 2026-2027and set the public hearing for the June meeting. Councilmember Atkinson seconded the motion. The Mayor and both Councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried.

6. Council Business

A. Council Reports—None

B. Planner Reports—None

C. Engineer Reports---They are working on the park and hope to finish by the end of June. The well is almost put together to start using and they are still working on the well house.

D. Mayor Reports---Old building is gone and ground is leveled out. He then explained that they are working on the power for the restrooms.

Councilmember Hunter shared that Gabe was as happy as a clam with the trailer.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to leave regular session and go into executive session to discuss reasonably imminent litigation. Councilmember Atkinson seconded the motion. All in favor, Council went into closed session..

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to leave the executive session and return to regular session. Councilmember Atkinson seconded the motion. The Mayor and both Councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn City Council meeting. All in favor meeting adjourned.

7. (As Needed) Closed 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.

8. Adjourn

Mayor Jeremie Forman

City Recorder Suzanne Gillett