



CITY OF FRANKLIN NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

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COUNCIL BRIEFS: (Complete minutes posted at City Hall and on the city web site)

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council were held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. City Council present were: Degner, Heibel, R. Kokesch, and Scharfencamp. Staff Dept. Heads present were: Kokesch and Pederson. Guests present were: C. Gruendemann, S. Palmer, T. Sherman, S. Nissen, and J. Harmoning.

Meeting called to order, roll call showed Wiese absent. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1. Approved minutes of 10/10/16.
2. Approved Consent Agenda Items: bills (see below); 4 past due utility accounts for disconnection; Zoning Permits issued-C. Villegas to install 6' x 5' chain link fence at 261 1st St. N., and B. Christopherson to install 6' x 555' chain link fence and 8 storage bins at 333 St. Hwy. 19.
3. Public Hearing on On-Sale Liquor License fees, none present, no comments received, approved increase to \$1800/year.
4. Citizens Addressed. Franklin Industries reported on facility progress: sod laid, sheetrock installed and painted, key-fob access, floors ground, staining and polishing to follow, fire and electrical inspections scheduled; flag pole location discussed. Daycare opening December 5; Community Center to be opening early 2017.
5. Approved Redwood County Fire Coalition Mutual Aid Agreement.
6. Public Hearing on revision to the city's Code of Ordinances set for 12/12/16.
7. Approved Resolution 2016-10, Resolution Establishing Fee Schedule for City Ordinance Violations; administrative fines of \$25 fine for all parking violations; \$50 fine for ordinance violations.
8. Department Head reports. Kokesch reported: city received perfect compliance for water fluoridation; three dead trees behind Valley View Apts., location and alley need to be researched; recent sewer back up affected 3 homes and has been submitted to LMCIT the city's insurer; there is no heated place for the payloader or the sweeper; boatlanding work may be done yet this fall but must be completed by 2018. Gruendemann reported that new fire people are taking firefighter training in Olivia. Pederson reported the Ambulance Assessment was reduced due to house removal; election by mail is being researched as an option saving costs of election equipment and judges.
9. Well #4 rehabilitation options are being researched.
10. Water tower painting (inside and outside) is planned for 2018, approximate cost is \$300,000.
11. Canvassed and approved the Abstract of votes for the Nov. 8th State General Election.
12. Approved the Addendum to the Lease Agreement for the tenants of the Franklin Industries Facilities.
13. Reviewed table and chair options and costs for the community center; two donations received; approved quote from VIRCO for chairs (210), rectangular tables (to seat 200), round tables, and corresponding carts.
14. Approved Community Center Rental Policy and Procedure.
15. Approved advertising for bids for cleaning services and scope of work for cleaning the community center.
16. Councilor requests: R. Kokesch-review liquor ordinance for number of outside events allowed for licensees, recommended holding an Open House for the community center and producing a pamphlet of the facility. Letters acknowledging the sewer back up will be sent.
17. Approved financial report, October receipts were \$22,647.44; current expenses are \$84,572.54 the bills authorized for payment are as follows:

Salaries	\$5,849.72	Gov. Forms and Supplies	\$32.75	Amanda Heibel	\$701.56
PERA	\$1,058.78	Ronald Degner	\$71.60	Franklin Amb. Association	\$1,435.83
MN Dept. of Revenue	\$306.25	Election System/Software	\$357.00	Kerkhoff Plumbing & Htg.	\$271.50
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,924.29	Clements Lumber	\$30.74	Renville Co. Solid Waste	\$1,068.48
USDA Rural Development	\$763.00	One Office Solution	74.45	HD Supply	\$269.57
SW/WC-Cooperative	\$3,863.00	Claudia Smith	\$53.50	Hawkins, Inc.	\$548.46
Renville-Sibley Coop.	\$44.91	Younger & Walton	\$81.95	MVTL Laboratories, Inc.	\$481.63
Post Office	\$122.66	Running's Supply	\$297.28	TNT Construction	\$258.75
City of Olivia	\$32,857.22	Bolton & Menk, Inc.	\$130.00	MN Valley Telephone Co.	\$213.49
Xcel Energy	\$2,952.86	Kurt Valentin	\$330.00	Wex Bank	\$330.92
Post Office	\$51.94	MN Dept. of Labor	\$40.00	Macqueen Equipment	\$4,183.38
Madison National Life	\$32.70	All Phase Electric	\$235.48	Wendy Pederson	\$24.84
Gopher State One Call	\$16.20	North Ambulance	\$450.00	Franklin Fire Relief	\$16,858.57
Marco	\$134.47	Praxair	\$78.75	Harvest Land Cooperative	\$1,050.00
Franklin Industries	\$1,275.00	Expert T Billing	\$81.00	USTI	\$2,030.00

TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

The Franklin City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the city will provide in 2017. All Franklin residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the city council to express their opinions on the budget and the proposed amount of the 2017 property taxes. The hearing will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall, 320 Second Ave. E., Franklin, MN.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE REVISED CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

The Franklin City Council will hold a public hearing on its revised Code of Ordinances on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. A draft of the code is available for public inspection by inquiring at City Hall or visit the city's web site: www.franklinmn.us and click the ordinances tab.

CITY OF FRANKLIN UTILITY BILLING POLICY

- Meters are read approximately the 25th of month, Bills are sent the 1st of the month
- Bills are due 20th of the month (or first business day following)
- Late fees (10%) posted 21st (or first business day following)
- **Any accounts with a balance due will also be sent a disconnect notice at the end of the month with added fee of \$10 for the additional notice. No disconnection hangers, phone call reminders, or further notices will be sent prior to disconnection.**
- Accounts that are past due will be disconnected following the opportunity to be heard at the regular city council meeting, cold weather rule applies provided you provide proof of hot water heat.
- Any account that remains disconnected and past due will be notified that the amount due will be certified to the Renville County Auditor/Treasurer and assessed to the owner's property taxes.

AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT AT NO CHARGE, CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION WITH A FEE

For your convenience the city is capable of withdrawing your monthly utility payment directly from your bank account. You must complete an authorization form for transactions to take place. Contact City Hall for the authorization form and get your utility account set up for automatic payment. Credit and debit card payments (a fee per use is charged) are accepted by visiting the tab on the city's web site: franklinmn.us or go to: <https://paylocalgov.com/Payment/SelectEntity/131>

Mark Your Calendar...

Curbside Recycling: November 29; December 13 & 27.

Morton Fire and Rescue Steak Fry and Gun Raffle...Friday, Nov. 18th, 5:00 pm at St. Johns Catholic Church, Morton. Tickets available from any fireman. 3 Gun Giveaway and various other prizes.

Safe Avenues Make A Difference Event...Friday, Nov. 18th, 6:00 p.m., Max 's Grill in Olivia.

County Historical Society and Museum Holiday Sing-A-Long...Saturday, Nov. 19th, 11:00 AM on the Museum in the St. John 's Church, 441 N. Park Drive, Morton, MN www.renvillecountyhistory.com 507-697-6147 FREE WILL DONATIONS Museum open 10-4 on this day!

Legion Turkey BINGO Party...Saturday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m.at the Cedar Mt. Elementary School Cafeteria, Franklin. Snacks provided by 4-H kids.

St. John's Catholic Church Turkey Bingo...Saturday, Nov. 19th, 6:30 pm, St. John's Catholic Church Basement, Morton, MN. 20 games for \$7.00. Snacks and refreshments available.

Renville County Historical Society's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser...Sunday, Nov. 20th, Morton Senior Center, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and juice. Ages 13 and older \$8, Ages 3-12 \$5, Ages 2 and under Free. Proceeds to Renville County Historical Society. 507-697-6147

Cougar Cub Child Care Center Open House...Saturday, December 3, 2016, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 215 Second Ave. E., Franklin, MN. All are welcome!!

Santa Day...Saturday, December 3rd - watch for more information on time and location

Senior Nutrition - Meals on Wheels

Call 507-430-5542 to reserve your meals

*Menus are subject to change



Mon., Nov. 21	Veg. Soup/Sandwich	Mon., Dec. 5	Swiss Steak
Tues., Nov. 22	Liver or Pepper Steak	Tues, Dec. 6	Honey Mustard Chicken Breast
Wed., Nov. 23	Roast Beef	Wed., Dec. 7	Lasagna
Thurs., Nov. 24	CLOSED-Happy Thanksgiving!	Thurs., Dec. 8	Pork Loin
Fri., Nov. 25	CLOSED-THANKGIVING	Fri., Dec. 9	Pub House Fish
Mon., Nov. 28	Cabbage Roll Casserole	Mon., Dec. 12	Baked Chicken
Tues., Nov. 29	Pork Chop	Tues., Dec. 13	Sausage Egg Bake
Wed., Nov. 30	Meatloaf	Wed., Dec. 14	Chili/Sandwich
Thurs., Dec. 1	Oven Crispy Chicken	Thurs., Dec. 15	BBQ Meatballs
Fri., Dec. 2	Meaty Beef Stew	Fri., Dec. 16	Ham Boiled Dinner

Thank You:

Thank you to friends and relatives for your kind words, prayers, cards, memorials, flowers and food brought to the house at the time of Clift's death. Your kindness will never be forgotten. God's blessing to all.

Marilyn Wolter

I am grateful to be reelected. Looking forward to continue serving Franklin.

Robin Kokesch

I thank the voters of Franklin that let me serve 30 years as Mayor. I always tried to help the city as I could.

Ron Degner

I'd like to thank everyone that supported me in the election. I am looking forward to the new challenge. A personal thanks to Ron for his years of faithful service.

Todd Sherman

Thank you to the election judges for your work and dedication that made the 2016 elections run smoothly!

Thank you to the donors for the generous donations toward the purchase of the tables, chairs, and sound system for the community center!

Services:

Tired of Raking Leaves or Just Don't Have Time? Call Dennis to bag your leaves. Dennis McGowan Jr. Lawn Service/Snow Removal LLC. Dennis 507-829-4328. We also offer: Lawn Dethatching, Mowing, Leaf Bagging, Core Aerating, Garden Tilling, Tree Trimming, Shrub Pruning, and Chain Saw Sharpening. We also do Snow Removal and Skid Steer Work. We accept Debit & Credit Cards. Call today for your free estimate. dennismcgowan.dm@gmail.com

Cougar Cub Child Care Center, opening December 5, 2016 in Franklin! Now accepting enrollments for infant through pre-school ages. *Open all year, Monday - Friday *Educational Curriculum *Brand New Construction *Family-like Atmosphere *Licensed, fun, friendly staff. For more information, please call Director, Jody Rose at 507-276-1805

Wanted:

The City of Franklin is accepting bids for general cleaning services for the periodic cleaning of the Franklin Community Center beginning January 1, 2017 for a term of one year, which could be renewed annually.

Bidders must provide proof of liability insurance and name the city as an additional insured as well as proof of workers compensation insurance or self-insurance.

Scope of work documents may be obtained from the Franklin City Clerk, 320 Second Ave. E., Franklin, MN or by email: franklin@mchsi.com

Notices:

Beginning December 2nd the Franklin Post Office Retail Window Hours will be 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

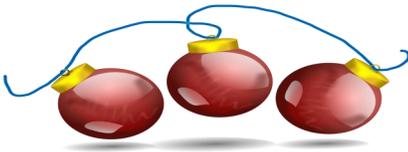


Renville County Santa's Closet Donations are accepted at Franklin State Bank through Thursday, December 8, 2016. Electronics, games, hats, gloves, and clothes for teenagers and young adults and monetary donations are especially appreciated. Thank You!

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2016



- Nov. 19 Legion Turkey Party, 7:00 p.m., CM Elementary Cafeteria
Nov. 24 *Happy Thanksgiving!*
Nov. 29 Curbside Recycling
Dec. 1 Legion Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fire Hall
Dec. 3 Santa Day, watch for more information on time and location
Cougar Cub Child Care Center Open House, 2:00-4:00, Cougar Cub Child Care Center
Dec. 7 Community Development Corp., 7:00 a.m., Farmer's Union Insurance
Dec. 12 Lions Club, 6:00 p.m., Fire Hall
Truth in Taxation Public Hearing/Public Hearing on Adoption of City Code/City Council, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
Dec. 13 Curbside Recycling
Dec. 15 Ambulance Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fire Hall
Fire Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fire Hall



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