

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, October 9, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, M. Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: Kokesch and Pederson. Guests present were: S. Palmer, B. Fox, J. Mathwig and M. Gehrke.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order. Roll call showed all council present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting, motion for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented in the amount of \$48,270.91, cash receipts for September were \$35,058.98. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the bills as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** There are six past due utility bills approved for disconnection. No new zoning permits issued. Discussed Zoning Ordinance Section 3.09, Dwelling Unit Restrictions and options for campers, it was decided that this will be turned over to the Planning Commission for review as well as the proposed solar ordinance.

No citizens requested to be addressed. Commissioner Fox discussed the recycling system and the signage at the county shop that restricts use by city residences and businesses. Fox noted that businesses pay for their recycling and the county is paying a fee for city resident curbside service and the bins for the rural residents. Many people are not using the curb containers as they are supposed to. Fox did state that city residents that have too much recycling to fit in their carts could occasionally use the large rural bins. Deputy Mathwig presented the monthly sheriff's office report, the city averaged 21.05 per week of call responses; during the storm and power outage officers assisted Franklin with a light tower; ALICE training took place at the school; there is now a drone available that will assist in locating people and was already used to apprehend a gas drive-off person.

**Resolution 2017-9: Annual Ambulance Association Assessment in the amount of \$4525.00, was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Resolution 2017-10: Resolution Supporting the Grant Application of MVRRA was motioned for approval by Gruendemann, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Resolution 2017-11: Resolution for Assessment of Services, in the amount of \$1450.00 was motioned for approval by Sherman, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Resolution 2017-12: Resolution Changing City of Franklin Polling Place (from Fire Hall to Community Center) was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. Wiese did not provide the ambulance bylaw changes. **Gruendemann motioned to approve hiring KyLee Trotter, EMT, to the ambulance department, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch reported on the storm clean up noting that a grapple bucket would help open up routes more quickly and that the sanitary sewer performed flawlessly and so far has done its job; during the most recent storm, lightning caused damage to the wastewater treatment plant-a claim has been filed with LMCIT; the parks are being winterized, Ron Degner has been working on the ballpark doors; curbs have been painted utilizing the Sentenced to Serve program-the council would like an additional 10' of paint added to the curb by the bank as visibility is still an issue on that intersection; street sweeping has begun, the payload was serviced; the council felt it was unnecessary to further research odd/abandoned storm sewers as it was considered that the city has no obligation. The Community Center was discussed at length: Pederson made some additions to the rental policy, the Audio/Visual System will be locked and keys must be obtained from City Hall for use; the electronic door system was discussed and it will be stressed to renters that they are responsible for the building being open for the times requested; smoking options were discussed, receptacles will be researched and provided as people are going to smoke and this should help keep it clean and contained; Mayor Sherman will do the inspections following rental events. Pederson reported: Gag Sheet Metal inspected the Fire Hall roof and did not recommend repairs at this time; the council will complete per diem forms to be turned in and approved prior to payment; the 2017 State Fire Aid is \$11,647.42; in Pederson's absence, October utility bill late fees will be extended to October 25<sup>th</sup>; Pederson plans to attend MCFOA training on Nov. 2; a workers compensation audit will take place on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>; the council will review the CREP program changes; K. Kokesch explained the new buffer law requirements noting that the ditch redetermination may cause some boundary discrepancies that the council felt would be dealt with only if/when need be.

The personnel policy discussion was tabled. Approved revised Application for Employment.

Sherman recommended tabling the tennis court discussion for lack of funds at this time.

The potential city alley vacations were tabled.

There was no New Business or Councilor Requests.

**At 8:22 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be November 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by

Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer