

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 13, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: M. Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: Kokesch and Pederson. Guest present was: S. Palmer.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Gruendemann absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, motion for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented in the amount of \$50,487.41, cash receipts for October were \$30,470.09. There are three past due utility bills approved for disconnection. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the bills and utility disconnections as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** A zoning permit was issued to M. Rendon to install a 9' x 9' x 90' handicap ramp at 630 2nd Ave. E. The Planning Commission met to discuss Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.09A; their recommendation is to allow temporary dwellings for up to five days and beyond five days they must be registered with the city and receive approval of the city council; they also recommended approval of an ordinance regulating renewable (solar) energy systems. **R. Kokesch motioned to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission, second by Sherman, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens requested to be addressed.

Safe Routes to School information was presented and discussed. The committee comprised of city, school, and community members met and noted potential hazards for walking and bicycling within the city. The city council members had several questions and would like more information.

David Madsen of DM Depot, LLC, will be purchasing the Franklin Depot and requested liquor license application approval. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve Madsen's liquor license applications and to waive the \$500 preliminary background investigation fee provided there are no issues with the preliminary investigation, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson presented some typos that were found in the city ordinances, Chapter 52 and the recommended corrections that could be published with the other ordinance amendments and additions in December. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the Chapter 52 ordinance corrections, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. K. Kokesch stated that the street sweeper is getting worn and something is breaking down on it most times that it is used; it was noted that there are many cars in the streets which could impede snow removal; the council would prefer to give out warnings before citations if possible. M.R. Paving has completed the street patching and broke down the costs of each patch; per city ordinance and policy, Robert and Julie Hall will pay for their portion. **R. Kokesch motioned to special assess Hall's for \$1,368.87 over four years at the prime interest rate, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No, Heibel abstained.** Sump pumps that discharge into the streets may cause ice build ups; Kokesch will research what other cities do. Pederson presented requests from Central Community Transit for funding which the council denied, and a request for support of opposing larger trucks on roadways-no action taken; information on the League's 4M Fund; is looking into a grant for an AED to be kept at the Community Center; received approval for vacation and to attend the clerk's conference both in March; money budgeted for economic development will be put into the Community Center this year. **Pederson completed the ambulance license renewal and presented the amended Ambulance Bylaws and Policies and Procedures which were motioned for approval by Sherman, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The Community Center was discussed at length: coat racks and cigarette receptacles will be ordered; the recent rental used a commercial cleaner that removed some of the floor's coating, their damage deposit had been returned not realizing the floor was damaged, rather it was assumed it was over-cleaned; the installer of the coating recommended the floor surface be reground and sealed at an estimated cost of \$9200, the city will look into options for repairs and reimbursement.

The personnel policy discussion was tabled.

The city alley proposed vacations were tabled.

New Business included the **LMCIT Liability Coverage Waiver, which was motioned to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Following research of CREP, the city will not pursue this program, the farmland lease is through the 2018 season and will be revisited in mid-2018.

There were no Councilor Requests.

At 9:12 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting and Truth in Taxation Public Hearing will be held on December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer