

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, November 14, 2016**

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council were held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Degner, Heibel, R. Kokesch, and Scharfencamp. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch and Pederson. Guests present were: Corey Gruendemann, Steve Palmer, Todd Sherman, Scott Nissen and Joel Harmoning.

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Degner called the regular meeting to order, roll call showed Wiese absent, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Mayor Degner called for approval of the minutes of October 10, 2016. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Degner called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$84,572.54 and cash receipts for October were \$22,647.44; there are 4 past due utility accounts for disconnection; the zoning report included two additions: Cristal Villegas to install a 6' x 50' chain link fence at 261 1<sup>st</sup> St. N., and to Brent Christopherson to install a 6' x 555' chain link fence and 8 storage bins at 333 St. Hwy. 19. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

As required by statute, a public hearing is required to raise liquor license fees and both licensees were notified as required. **R. Kokesch motioned to raise the on-sale liquor license fees to \$1800 per year effective in 2017, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. R. Kokesch motioned to close the public hearing, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were addressed. Franklin Industries reported on the progress of the community center/day care facility, noting it is moving along well. Scharfencamp stated that the flag pole is situated on the wrong side of the door; Harmoning said it will be taken care of. Nissen reported: sod has been laid, a sign has been ordered, there is key-fob access, the sheetrock is painted and they are grinding the concrete floors and plan to stain and seal them later this week, fire and electrical inspections are scheduled, the Lion's donated to the sound system, and the daycare will be opening on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. The consensus is the community center will not be ready in time for Santa Day on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, nothing will be scheduled until 2017. Other items needed will be a floor mat and a podium. Nissen will check into window blinds and the types of dispensers so supplies may be ordered.

The Mutual Aid Agreement with the Redwood County Fire Coalition was reviewed. Gruendemann recommended participation and there may be opportunities for countywide trainings. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Redwood County Fire Coalition, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

The complete draft of the city code of ordinances has been recently completed for council and public review. **Scharfencamp motioned to hold the public hearing on the adoption of the revisions to the city code of ordinances on Dec. 12, 2016, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Administrative fines will be established for ordinance violations: all parking violations \$25 fine, and all other violations \$50 fine, effective Jan. 1, 2017. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2016-10, Resolution Establishing Fee Schedule for City Ordinance Violations, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads were addressed. K. Kokesch reported that the city received notice that it is one of 105 communities (of 967 possible) to receive perfect compliance for fluoridation; street are being swept; there a three dead trees that appear to be at least partially in the alley behind Valley View Apts., more research on whether or not the alley has been vacated is needed. There was a recent sewer back up that affected three homes and was due to a fluke lift station failure, this is under review by LMCIT, a determination should be made soon, they are aware of the situation and its urgency. Kokesch also questioned if there was any interest in Pat Crain's shop as he has no heat for the payloador or sweeper; he feels he has people in place to cover his absence while on vacation; the boatlanding work may still be completed this fall, the work must be done by 2018. Gruendemann reported that the new firemen are taking Firefighter I and II training in Olivia. Pederson reported that the 2017 Ambulance Association assessment was reduced to \$4525 due to the burning down of the house on Harmoning's property; elections by mail have been researched, it would be a cost savings to the city in not having to buy new election equipment or having to hire election judges; the full fee schedule will be adopted in December.

Well #4 rehabilitation is still being researched; televising wouldn't accomplish much. Ervin Well Co., Andy Kehren, and Tom Steffl (the state well inspector) are trying to figure out the best approach.

Degner, Heibel and city staff met with Jeff Dale of MRWA regarding water tower painting. Dale highly recommended involving a third party paint and welding inspector and noted that Bolton and Menk now has qualified staff for this. The plan is for the tower to be painted, both inside and out, in 2018 at an approximate cost of \$300,000.

The canvass of the November 8, 2016 official returns was received with 195 total people voting, the following received the highest number of votes: Todd Sherman, Mayor; Robin Kokesch and Corey Gruendemann, City Council. **Heibel motioned to approve the abstract of votes for the November 8, 2016 State General Election, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

The Addendum to the Lease Agreement with Franklin Industries was revised and approved by Cedar Mt. School, the city will pay for the landfill costs. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the Addendum to the Lease Agreement for the tenants of the Franklin Industries Facilities, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson presented a breakdown of table and chair quotes received, noting that no matter what the council decides someone will not be happy as there have been a number of differences of opinions. It was also noted that many people would like at least some round tables. A private donation of \$5000 and a \$1000 donation from the Legion were made toward the table and chair purchase. R. Kokesch met with vendors and commented on the warranties, quality, and availability of VIRCO. With the city's \$20,000 budget and the added donations, the tables, chairs, racks, plus some round tables and rack could be purchased. **R. Kokesch motioned to proceed with the quote from VIRCO and add an additional 6 round tables and caddie, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Thank you's will be sent to the donors.

Pederson presented a draft rental policy and procedure that was compiled from several other city's policies and was reviewed and approved by LMCIT. Liquor control confirmed that because it is a city facility and the city licenses the local bars, they may provide alcohol at the facility provided their liquor liability insurance covers the community center location and they list the city as an additional insured. It was noted that this policy may need to be changed as experience is gained. **R. Kokesch motioned to adopt the Community Center Rental Policy and Procedure as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

**R. Kokesch motioned to approve advertising for bids for cleaning services and the scope of work as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Councilor requests included: R. Kokesch recommended reviewing the city's ordinances for the limit of outside events that bars can serve alcohol, recommended having an Open House of the community center and producing a pamphlet of the facility. Mettling gave Pederson a cost estimate from ProCare Services and demanded a response from the city within seven days; letters acknowledging the sewer back up will be sent to the affected parties along with LMCIT contact information.

**At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Degner called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting and public hearings will be October 12, 2016, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer