

**MINUTES OF THE
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 10, 2018**

A Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council were held on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch and Pederson. Guest present: M. Gehrke.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order with roll call showing Heibel absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of November 13, 2018; R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$37,794.27 and cash receipts for November were \$111,307.97. There are 2 past due utility accounts approved for disconnection. There were no new zoning permits. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the consent agenda items, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Sherman opened the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing; there were no citizens present nor comments received so the public hearing was recessed at 7:05 p.m. and would be revisited if someone arrived. At 7:35 p.m. the Mayor called the Public Hearing to order, and as no one came, the 2019 Budget and Levy were presented with no changes to the proposed levy. **Scharfencamp motioned to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No Citizens requested to be addressed.

The council tabled the draft amendment to Ordinance 71.08, Prohibiting Parking in Residential Zones until January. **R. Kokesch motioned to adopt the Amendments to Ordinance 30.11, Charges for Services and Fees, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

The 2019 Budget and Levy were presented for approval. The 2019 Budget was presented as follows: General Fund income of \$130,040, expenses of \$437,169; Water Fund income of \$135,220 and expenses of \$134,470; Sewer Fund income of \$151,780, expenses of \$154,831; with the net 2019 Levy of \$171,760, an increase of 2.52% over 2018. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the 2019 Budget and Levy and Resolution 2018-11 Notice of Property Taxes, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the 2019 Summary Budget for Publication, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Council Elect H. Morlock moved from Franklin and submitted a written resignation for her pending city council position. **Gruendemann motioned to approve Resolution 2018-12, Accepting Resignation and Declare a City Council Vacancy, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson contacted the League to verify the proper procedures to fill Morlock's position. The council directed Pederson to publish the vacant position to be revisited and possibly appointed in January.

The Rural Services District ordinance is in need of some revisions. It will be reviewed by Scharfencamp and Pederson and the recommended changes will be presented to the council.

Department Heads were addressed. Kokesch questioned the "No U Turn" sign in the street; it will be removed for the winter season. The MPCA Compliance report was received and the city is compliant in everything except percent removals which he is going to try to get removed. The old snow truck will eventually need to either be replaced or consider hiring out snow hauling; the council directed Kokesch to research options; R. Degner will be grinding the community center sidewalk later this week. Pederson presented the sheriff's request for a Knox Box on the daycare/community center, one box costs about \$323 and cost will be split with the daycare, which the council approved. A letter was received regarding a request to make payments on a fire call as the claimant states auto insurance will not cover it; the council directed Pederson to research insurance and bill insurance if possible. **R. Kokesch motioned to bill the insurance and if there is no insurance, the balance is due in 30 days or it will be turned over to collections; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson reported on the Rendon rescue call and is unable to submit the claim to Medical Assistance as requested; Pederson notified them as such. An ambulance call will be written off as the patient has filed for bankruptcy. Mediacom sent a notice of rate increases. A 2019 estimated Ditch Assessment of \$612 for the city's farmland was received. So far \$2,125 has been donated for the Christmas lights, and we are still waiting on a bid from All-Phase for the electrical work. Pederson and Kokesch were asked to speak at an MPCA conference regarding I & I reduction.

Pederson presented the Ambulance and Fire Department Annual Payroll, gross amount of \$14,861.25; noting the ambulance payroll is up because it was a refresher year. **Sherman motioned to approve the 2018 Ambulance and Fire Wages as presented, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

In unfinished business, Sherman questioned the surveying progress. Kokesch asked for clarification, noting it was approved to survey the water tower property and to compile a list of other questionable properties. It would be more cost effective to survey all of the properties in question at the same time. Kokesch is to compile a list and present it in January and then line up Bolton and Menk to survey the properties.

Pederson presented the 2019 Meeting Schedule, noting the November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 due to Veteran's Day conflict; also discussed was changing the December meeting date as it typically conflicts with the CMES Christmas program; it was decided to move the December meeting to Tuesday, December 10, 2019. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Counselor requests included: R. Kokesch questioned the status of North Ambulance with regard to ALS support; so far they have been continuing coverage. Gruendemann purchased cameras for the Fire Hall to be installed soon and is working on the outside keypad.

At 8:02 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 will be January 14, 2019, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer