

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 12, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson and Wiese. Guests present were: Denise Bonsak, John Graupman, Jamie Connor, and Myron 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. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018, Regular Meeting and the minutes of the February 5, 2018, Ambulance Association and Rural Fire Association Meetings as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda, Pederson requested the zoning portion be dealt with separately: bills were presented in the amount of \$29,602.95; cash receipts for January were \$36,321.54; there is one past due utility account approved for disconnection. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** M. Forsyth submitted her resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission; the vacancy will be posted. **Scharfencamp motioned to accept M. Forsyth's resignation from the Planning Commission, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Sarah Madsen requested approval to bring a mobile hair salon to Franklin. Pederson contacted the League for legal advice and any regulations needed; as the salon is licensed by the state, the city would not license them; the salon is self-contained, so would simply need a place to park and need to comply with city ordinances. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the Hair Traveler mobile hair services to do business in Franklin, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens requested to be addressed.

J. Graupman and J. Connor, Bolton and Menk, did an evaluation on the water tower in 2016 and noted that prices have held steady and recent bids have been coming in lower than estimated. They recommended putting the paint and repair project out to bid with a completion out to June 2019. The project should take about 6-7 weeks. Bolton and Menk has done 20 or so water tower rehabs including Redwood Falls, Vesta, Tyler, Hanley Falls; they provide inspection services and there would be a 2 year warranty on the tower and 15 years on the paint. They recommended bidding approval be done by March if the project is to be completed this year. Graupman was questioned on the chlorination room needed at the wastewater plant; it could be either a fiberglass one or a wood one both needing a cement slab; it is hoped the remaining USDA project dollars could be applied to this project and get done quickly because chlorination begins April 1. **R. Kokesch motioned to proceed with the chlorination building project, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. At the Rural Fire Association Meeting, the rural approved the sale of the yellow pumper truck; the city will declare it as surplus property once the new truck arrives; the rural approved raising the rate for additional hours of fire calls to \$150. **Gruendemann motioned to approve raising the additional hours of fire calls from \$100 to \$150 and amending the fee schedule; second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes 0 No.** Wiese tendered his resignation from the ambulance department, which was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No; Wiese was thanked for his years of service to the ambulance. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve Beth McCorquodale as Ambulance Chief, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch will be taking time off in March, there haven't been any water freeze ups that didn't involve human error; he feels either water tower proposal would be good. Pederson will attend Loss Control training in Sleepy Eye in April; presented information on Destination Small Town USA; noted that Christmas decorations are now 40% off and the city's need replacement; there have been requests to video council meetings as done previously, which would require purchasing some video equipment, the council did not wish to pursue this at this time; Pederson is still working on getting an AED for the community center; water was billed at 77% in 2017; the ambulance is working on the contract renewal with North Ambulance for coverage; and Pederson reminded the council she will be gone in March and utility bills will not be considered late until after March 27th.

The community center was discussed. The Lions club will pay for the changings stations for the community center. The council directed Kokesch to install them in the handicap bathrooms and to follow ADA standards. LMCIT adjuster has researched the floor and they will pay to have the floor restored to its original condition (quoted cost of \$7906.85, less deductible). The council would like to pursue other flooring options (double-epoxy) etc. and hopes to find something less fussy that will last longer. Pederson inventoried the community center and there are still some manuals/warranties missing; a meeting will be set up with RBC and Franklin Industries to get this figured out.

Sarah Sullivan would like to again provide a joint summer recreation/community education program with Franklin and Morgan. The council was pleased with last year's program. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve proceeding with the summer program, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Councilor requests included: Gruendemann stated that there are issues with cars parking on 2nd Ave. by the ballpark during Catfish Days and he would like there to be no parking allowed for the weekend, questioning using no parking signs or what to do; Gruendemann is to discuss this with the sheriff's office for guidance. R. Kokesch feels that all branches of the military should be represented by statues at the Veteran's Memorial; it was felt that this would be very cost prohibitive and more likely to be a Legion or nonprofit project.

At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for a motion to adjourn, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be March 12, 2018, at City Hall; Board of Review will be April 3, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer