

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 8, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Degner, Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson and Wiggin. Guests present were: Tim Joehnck, Myron Gehrke, and Amy Berg.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Degner called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all council present.

Mayor Degner called for approval of the agenda. Pederson requested to amend the agenda to include Resolution 2016-3, authorizing the approval of the BCA Joint Powers Agreement. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the agenda as amended, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Degner called for approval of the minutes. Scharfencamp motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2016, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Wiese motioned to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Ambulance Association and Rural Fire Association Meetings as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

No citizens requested to address the council.

The financial status of the city was reviewed. January receipts totaled \$48,110.88; current bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$39,286.05. **Wiese motioned for approval of the bills and financial report as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

There were several utility accounts that were sent disconnect notices and six that made no attempt to make payment. The council consensus is to allow them more time to catch up from the quarterly/monthly billing switch. The disconnection policy will be adhered to in April with disconnections in May.

Department Heads were addressed. Kokesch noted that Renville County is concerned about overtime, so the plows may not be out as early; the council confirmed that the large recycling containers are a county program for the rural people and is located on private property is not a city responsibility. The Army Corps of Engineers has finally approved proceeding with the rip rap at the boatlanding but will require a permit. The Wellhead Protection meeting went well, there are items needing completion prior to the next meeting. Kokesch expressed concern of snowmobiles driving across the infield at the ballpark, a notice has been put on the public access. Kokesch continues to research water sample testing options. Wiggin reported on 25 calls for service, most of them medical from the GoldenLiving Center. Pederson reported that a Renville County 10 meeting will be on 2/29/16; Safety and Loss Control workshops are in Springfield on April 6th; MPCA is proposing amendments to the state water quality standards; will be taking 3 days of vacation in April; presented that the Yellow Ribbon group will provide one sign if the city buys at least one sign and places them up themselves, it was questioned where they would go as MNDOT must approve all signs placed on Hwy. 19, none of the council had an opinion on this so no action was taken. Wiese reported that the ambulance power cot should be delivered this week. The current EMT agreement needs to be changed; it will include First Responders, reimbursement will be at current minimum wage for whatever the mandatory classroom hours are. The Fire Dept. will be amending their constitution to change "election" to "appointment" and the position of Captain will be changed to Assistant Chief. The First Responder class dates may be moved.

There were no new Zoning Permits issued.

There was no new activity regarding the back up well. Bolton & Menk and Irvin Well have been contacted. Irvin thinks the well should be televised to see if it's in good enough shape before refurbishing. It would cost about \$9000 to televise. Kokesch is to get a written estimate and do more research with Andy Kehren.

Only one estimate was received for a new mower and Kokesch is waiting on two more.

A proposal from KLM Engineering to inspect the water tower was discussed. KLM presented their program and noted they specialize in water towers. Kokesch questioned MRWA about consultants and they agreed that a consultant should be involved and that both KLM and Bolton & Menk would be good. More information will be obtained from Bolton and Menk. It was also noted that painting may take 6-8 weeks and there would be no water in the tower.

The city ordinance recodification is still pending. The chapter on water was received. Pederson recommended the council be involved in the review so that any changes needed may be made accordingly.

A request for Franklin's participation in the MVHLC summer explorer program was discussed. The consensus is that it is a good program. It is hoped that the costs will be reduced and there will be more participants. **Wiese motioned to participate and to approve the same contribution as last year (\$3000); second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson presented the current mailing costs for the monthly city newsletter and monthly utility bill mailings, which currently cost about \$1925 per year. Many cities do not send a monthly newsletter, but most have a newspaper in their city. All legal publications are published in the *Standard-Gazette & Messenger*. Switching to plain paper utility bills and mailing the newsletter with the utility bills would save about \$500, but then all residents and no one rural would receive the newsletter. It was noted that the newsletter is available via email and on the city's web site. R. Kokesch recommended the city also start a Facebook page, Heibel will assist with this.

The BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension) recommended the city renew the Joint Powers Agreement and Court Amendment for police have access to their system on behalf of Franklin. **Wiese motioned to approve Resolution 2016-3 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement and Court Data Services Subscriber Agreement; second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

There were no councilor requests.

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Degner called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be March 14, 2016, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer