

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

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Heibel, R. Kokesch (arriving late), Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson and Menk. Guests present were: Katie Joehnck, Hailey Morlock, Ron Deming, Steve Palmer, Myron Gehrke.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order. Roll call showed R. Kokesch late. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the February 12, 2018 minutes. Scharfencamp motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$33,196.91; cash receipts for February were \$31,217.40; there is one past due utility account approved for disconnection. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Four people expressed interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission: Ronald Degner, Myron Gehrke, Joel Harmoning, and Wayne Lyon; the council voted by paper ballot, Degner received 3 votes and Lyon 2. **R. Kokesch motioned to appoint Ronald Degner to the Planning Commission, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were to be addressed. Hailey Morlock, resident at Valley View, stated her guest received a parking fine for parking in the street during snow removal and questioned if there is any public parking during snow removal; she also questioned requirements to provide two parking spaces; it was recommended she work with her landlord on a solution. **Sherman motioned to waive the parking fine as it was a first offense; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 1-No, R. Kokesch.** Ron Deming raised concern over people crossing the center of the street to park on the opposite side of the road; the council has addressed this with the county and there are plans to have stripes painted on the road and enforce illegal parking.

Department Heads reported. Menk met with LMCIT regarding some minor changes needed at the Fire Hall and recommended the city adopt a policy for responses to emergencies in personal vehicles. K. Kokesch reported: potential alleys to be vacated will be reviewed; council approved having the mower inspected as it is in its third year; summer help is lined up; changing stations have been installed at the Community Center; with the snow and thawing alleys were not cleared to avoid damage. Pederson: Xcel fire call discussed, updated emergency contact numbers; Xcel sent notification that City Hall exceeded small business usage; the Legion responded that all of the military branches are represented at the Veteran's Park with flags, the statues are strictly memorials; audit appears to have gone well. **Approved the rehire of Katie Joehnck, EMT, to the Ambulance Department with a motion by Gruendemann, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The community center was discussed. No operating manuals were received from either RBC or Franklin Industries. The council feels this is unacceptable and questioned the lease agreement; letters will be sent to all members of Franklin Industries requesting this be resolved. LMCIT paid \$7,656.85 on the floor claim. Gruendemann stated that none of the people he contacted would work on the floor for fear of damaging it further. R. Kokesch will make some more inquiries on options.

Maguire Iron expressed interest in contracting for the water tower rehabilitation, stating they would do it cheaper and bypass the engineering; there would be no inspections done this way. **R. Kokesch motioned to hire Bolton and Menk for the water tower project, second by Sherman; discussion included that KLM and Bolton and Menk were comparably priced, MRWA felt either would do well. RCV-4 Yes, 1- No, Scharfencamp.**

K. Kokesch received pricing on fiberglass structures for chlorination at the ponds, the sizes were similar but the prices varied from \$8,000 to \$18,000; Swede's buildings will also be researched. A cement slab will need to be poured. Kokesch is to proceed with getting this done as soon as possible.

John Clobes will do the city clean up and recommended it be done the same as last year with people paying in advance for items charged a fee at the landfill and he set the date as June 6, 2018; the council consensus was to do it the same as last year.

Mosquito control was discussed; it is more cost effective to contract for three years. It was questioned whether or not eight treatments per year are enough. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the mosquito control contract for 8 applications per year and to contract for three years, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Councilor requests included: Heibel reported that several citizens have complained that they are being unnecessarily stopped by a deputy; the sheriff's office will be notified.

At 8:17 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for a motion to adjourn, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be April 9, 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