

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 10, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Community Center. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson and Wiese. Guests present were: S. Palmer, D. Wildt, B. Radermacher, T. Trotter, J. Clobes, R. Senkyr, B. Fox, T. Gruendemann, L. Hanson, J. Distad, D. Nosbush, D. Carbert, T. Robinson, S. Hable, J. Mathwig, M Gehrke, D. Guggesberg, and J. Lux.

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 of March 13, 2017 and April 3, 2017 which was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$43,057.61, cash receipts for March were \$42,909.92; there are three past due utility bills approved for disconnection. There were no new zoning permits; Pederson reported that the Zoning Books have been updated with the exception of the map, MMDC would update the maps for a fee of \$75/hour, capped at \$375; Pederson will research other options for map updates. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens requested to be addressed.

The city clean-up was discussed. Clobes suggested that residents prepay items accepted at the landfill but a fee is charged for (mattresses, couches, etc.). **It was decided to hold a curbside clean-up on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, large items will have to be prepaid at City Hall with a motion to approve by Heibel, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Sherman explained that the city council held a special meeting prior to this meeting and considered the Rural Fire Association request to deviate from the contract and have the city pay more toward the proposed fire truck. Sherman explained that the city council felt that the city had followed the direction given at the February Rural Fire Meeting in February where the costs of truck were given and the Fire Dept. was directed to get bids on a new truck with full knowledge of the 80/20 cost split and potential costs/section. Sherman also added that the contracts were in place and a 30 day written notice is required to deviate from the contract. The Rural members noted that the contract should be changed and that there are not as many farms per section as there used to be, with the city adding that there are not as many houses in the city as there used to be. The city council is willing to consider amending the agreement with the Rural, but much research and discussion will need to be done prior to drawing up new agreements which will take time.

At the request of the MN Association of Small Cities Scharfencamp motioned to approve Resolution 2017-5, A Resolution Supporting Local Decision-Making Authority, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Department Heads reported. Kokesch questioned the council on installing a portable toilet at the boatlanding. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve installing a portable toilet at the boatlanding, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Kokesch reported that he has had annual inspections with MN Dept. of Health, MN Pollution Control and LMCIT; and an ISO inspection was recently completed. R. Senkyr reported a sink hole in a field but it is believed that there is no city infrastructure in the area of the hole. The city is eligible to receive a free park bench from Monsanto; the council would like to accept a bench with a back on it. **Wiese received a request for a Leave of Absence from the Fire Department from Erich Koester (who enlisted in the US Marines), which was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, Second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Wiese also requested the council approve the needed position of a training officer for the ambulance department; this would be a paid position (\$300 per year); a detail of the position will be needed. **Gruendemann motioned to approve adding the position of Ambulance Training Officer to be paid \$300 per year, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No, with Heibel and Scharfencamp abstaining.** Pederson reported that Kay Hanson has offered to mount and display Catfish T-Shirts at no cost to the city, the council is happy to accept this offer; the council confirmed that Pederson will be paid wages for attendance to MN Small Cities Board functions and does not have to use vacation time as she is representing the city; LMCIT made several policy recommendations which Pederson will draft and present at the next meeting; the city's solar application for the water treatment plant was not selected for funding and was put on a wait list: the County Assessor and City Assessor held a Board of Review meeting and made two adjustments as requested; Pederson received approval for funeral leave and vacation leave in May.

The Mediacom franchise renewal was reviewed and by the city attorney with a few minor changes added. It was noted that this is a 10 year agreement, however it is not exclusive. The renewal would repeal and replace the prior Chapter 41 of the city's code of ordinances and Pederson also presented a summary of the ordinance for publication. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve Ordinance Chapter 41 and the summary of Ordinance Chapter 41 as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The personnel policy discussion was tabled for further review, Gruendemann will be sent a draft copy.

Park door replacement was discussed, noting the Community Impact grant application has been submitted and there are about \$9300 of budgeted funds remaining. Gruendemann will contact Pat Serbus and Tom Ochs for quotes on the door replacement, hopefully having them prior to the next meeting.

Sheriff Hable and the new Chief Deputy Jason Mathwig reported to the council on the police protection provided by the county and noted that the city and county both benefit from the contract; Franklin has averaged 21.27 hours of coverage per week in 2017 and the times of patrolling have been added to the printout detail. Hable added that statutorily, they cannot enforce ordinances without a contract and feels that the city not having a police presence would be a disservice to the citizens of Franklin. Hable asked that any complaints be reported immediately.

A proposal for dust sealing was received from SW Dust Treatment at a cost of \$84/100 linear feet, which streets are sealed has varied from year to year. **R. Kokesch motioned to apply dust sealant to First Avenue and Third St., a total cost of \$2625.00, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

K. Kokesch reported that there are trees that need removal located in the alley behind Valley View Apartments. This alley has not been used as an alley for a number of years and Kokesch recommended that it should be vacated, which will be looked into. Ryan Tree Service cost to remove these trees is \$1900. **Scharfencamp motioned to proceed with removal of the trees in the alley, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No, R. Kokesch abstained.**

Councilor requests included: Sherman reported that the Longbranch called to use the city's power for the band as there were no other options at the time; it was noted that they will pay something for the power used and this will not be a recurring request. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the Sacred Heart Church 2017 calendar raffle, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

At 9:08 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be May 8, 2017, at City Hall; there is a continuation meeting of the Rural Fire Association on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer