

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, April 11, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, April 11, 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 and Pederson. Guests present were: Jeremy Schultz, Matt Radermacher, Corey Gruendemann, Cameron Maurer, Bill McCorquodale, and Myron Gehrke.

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 noting councilor requests needed to be added. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of councilor requests, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

**Mayor Degner called for approval of the minutes of March 14, 2016 and March 28, 2016. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were addressed. Maurer is planning to build a house south of Franklin (out of city limits) and received a quote of \$14,000 to run a water line from south First Street to his property and requested the city pay 80% and he pay 20%, noting the years of water revenue the city would receive. Historically, all outside water lines were paid for and maintained by the owners. Maurer is having issues with obtaining easements and is researching digging a well. The city's consideration is the possibility of bringing water to the boatlanding; further research on costs will be needed. McCorquodale was approached by Duininck's to put their millings from the Hwy. 19 project on his property at 211 First Ave., noting there will be traffic and dust; the council's main concerns were: maintenance of First Ave., dust control, requiring a silt fence, and to be certain they will not be working during the week prior to Catfish Days; McCorquodale is to keep the council informed. Matt Radermacher who resides at 531 Third Ave. W. requested the council consideration of allowing chickens and possibly other livestock at his residence, noting his home and acreage are seemingly rural but within the city limits; Pederson had received another request to consider allowing chickens; sample ordinances will be researched.

The financial status of the city was reviewed. March receipts totaled \$58,027.38; current bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$53,502.00. **Wiese motioned for approval of the bills and financial report as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads were addressed. Kokesch reported: the culvert on Third St. S. was hit with the grader and damaged, there is no grade or ditch on the west side of the road, he is looking into repair options; parks will be opened up next week; Bolton and Menk is still working on water tower maintenance plans; the Army Corps of Engineers is still working on permitting requirements for the boatlanding, questioned who is liable for it; the lift stations were inspected, the main lift will need new impellers next year; tree trimming went well; gravel (rock) is needed on the roads, First Ave. will be skipped as Duininck will have to maintain it, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. is done with an agreement with Birch Cooley Township; the flower pots are shot, Y. Degner has purchased new ones; the pellet building was hit and needs to be repaired, discussed putting posts in by the corners to prevent future damages. Wiese was questioned about ambulance recruitment, the letter is being drafted and will be sent as a separate mailing; the Lion's club is planning an appreciation/recruitment event in June which the ambulance could do in conjunction with them; T. Sather's SCBA will not fit Morgan's airpaks. Pederson reported that Board of Review was held, no one came; the Clerk's Conference and LMCIT Conference were good, more security is needed at City Hall; the city received environmental assessments on all of its parcels, 2 are in question and awaiting a response; there has been no word from SWCD regarding the possibility of putting city land into the RIM program; MAOSC is working on permanent transportation funding; questioned swimming lessons, Joy Wiese is new Morgan pool manager; after several revisions, the LMC attorney has approved the Geronimo liability portion of the contract so now it will be sent to the city attorney; waste management is pleased with the recycling bin program and its increased use.

Dust sealing was discussed. **Wiese motioned to approve all of the usual dust sealing if they don't do the stock piling on First Ave., but to only do Third St. for now; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The current copier lease expires in September and a lease for a new and better machine costs less than the current one. The council consensus is that leasing works well. **Wiese motioned to approve leasing a copier with Marco, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Utility bill cards were mailed with added notices, disconnections will take place in May.

There were no new Zoning Permits issued.

**Wiese motioned to approve Resolution 2016-4, Granting a Conditional Use Permit For a Day Care Facility to Franklin Industries; second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** No CUP is required for the community center, but a Zoning Permit will be needed.

Policing was discussed at length. Wiggin is now working in Sioux Falls, the city of Morgan is paying for the shorted hours of the contract during Thompson's illness as well as restitution for breach of contract totaling \$7275.55. Fairfax and Morton were contacted, Morton is not interested and pleased with the county contract; Fairfax tried but failed to figure out a way to effectively cover both towns. Pederson recently emailed the county about what they could potentially provide on a contract, but did not receive a response. Consensus is that part-time policing is needed. With the department disbanding, it would be difficult to start again and without it being full-time it is likely it would not keep an applicant here long. Contracting with the Renville County Sheriff's office seems the only option for now, but this raised concerns of longer response times and lack of personal service. Schultz is concerned that without policing things will worsen again, as they were prior to contracting with Morgan, and suggested the school look into grants to help fund some of an officer's time. R. Kokesch motioned to contract with Renville County for up to 20 hours per week or whatever they are able to provide until 2017; this motion failed for lack of a second. **Wiese motioned to table a policing decision until next month; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

**Wiese motioned to approve the liquor license renewals of Franklin Depot-On and Off Sale; Aj's Longbranch Saloon-On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday; and Tej, LLC-3.2 Off Sale; second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The county wide clean-up is scheduled for June 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> and the city would like to do the city clean-up in conjunction with this. **Scharfencamp motioned to hold the city clean-up when it works for John Clobes (either June 7 or 8), second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

There were no new updates with the community facility; Franklin Industries had the lots surveyed, is obtaining titles, soil borings have been completed; and it is expected to be bid by May.

Councilor requests included R. Kokesch requesting for council meetings to be televised again; Pederson will check on costs and options with Dave Munsell. Degner contacted the county recycling program regarding further education and was told the publications sent were all they would do; Degner also received approval to attend the League of MN Cities Annual Conference in June.

**At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Degner called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be May 9, 2016, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer