

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Deming, Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: Kokesch, Pederson, McCorquodale, Menk, Wiese, and Wortham. Guests present: Joe Gimpse, Brian Bollig, Tim Joehnick, Chris Wood, Myron Gehrke, Dan Batdorf.

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

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of March 11, 2019; R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$64,191.27, cash receipts for March were \$25,319.60; there are 8 past due utility accounts approved for disconnection after April 15th, a zoning permit was issued to L. Aasgaard for a 25' x 20' x 3' chain link fence. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens present requested to be addressed. Two letters were received from Paul and Elaine Woods. Woods requested "No Engine Breaking" signs to be placed on Hwy. 19 and on County Rd. 5; they will be referred to MNDOT and Renville County as they dictate the signage on state and county roads. In response to the Chapter 35, Rural Services District letter, Woods stated that they felt they should not be included in the Rural Service District; the draft amended ordinance has them removed from the Rural Service District.

The sealed bids for the surplus property were opened. Two sealed bids were received for the 1978 truck for \$565 and \$557; a bid through GovDeals.com was received in the amount of \$825. **R. Kokesch motioned to accept the bid from GovDeals.com; second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** There were no bids received for the Christmas decorations, discussed donating them. Chris Wood offered \$50. **R. Kokesch motioned to sell the decorations to Wood for \$50, second by Sherman, RCV-5 Yes, 0- No.**

Bollig Engineering presented information on their firm, their areas of expertise, and offered to assist the city with any future projects or concerns and noted their niche is finding funding sources.

The notices for the amendment to Ordinance Chapter 35.02, Rural Services District have been sent. Woods letter was discussed, there was no disagreement.

Department Heads reported. Wiese: two applicants, Hansen and Koerner, were interviewed and recommended for hire to the fire department; the council discussed at length hiring procedures, noting background checks and paperwork must be completed before potential employees are allowed to participate in training, drills, or access to the fire hall. **R. Kokesch motioned to conditionally hire Hansen and Koerner to the Fire Department pending completion of paperwork and passing background checks, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Wiese and Menk stated they are in need of hose to be ISO compliant, estimated cost about \$4000; they are looking into grants but requested using the city fire reserve funds to pay for the hose. **Gruendemann moved to approve using up to \$4000 of the fire reserves for hoses, second by Scharfencamp; discussion included whether there would also be enough reserves to cover the FEMA grant application and there should be enough for both, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Training requirements and the fire bylaws were discussed, Menk and Pederson will draft amended bylaws before the May meeting. Batdorf has not completed his FFI & FF2 training, he has been given 2 previous extensions to complete the training. **R. Kokesch motioned that all firemen must be complete FF1 and FF2 certification when it is held in-house and Batdorf must complete this by April 2020 or be dismissed; second by Deming, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** McCorquodale reported that Hailiy Okins would like to become an EMT and plans to take the training in Willmar. Distance and mileage costs were discussed, noting North no longer offers nearby classes. **Scharfencamp motioned to pay mileage for up to a 50 mile radius/100 miles round trip, second by Deming, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch reported that Osseo plans to work on the water tower in early August; there is a breaker issue with Well No. 5 and Well No. 4 has not had a full inspection done, discussed costs and options. **R. Kokesch motioned to do all well repairs, continue to contract for inspections and to replace the breaker, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Kokesch is concerned about the pending snow noting it will wreck the alleys and dump site; snow is to be piled on the northernmost section of 3rd St. and the street will temporarily be closed until the snow melts. Kokesch will research gravel needs and street patching costs. T. Miller will be hired again for seasonable work; MRWA is assisting with meter calibration; attended LMCIT Loss Control Training. **Kokesch vacation request was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson: council approved paying K. Valentin \$200 for sidewalk snow removal; fire officer salaries were researched; council approved cleaning fire hall and city hall carpets in June; Pederson will attend Complete Census Count meeting for Renville County.

Fire claims were discussed noting rescue calls are not paid by insurance. It was felt that it is not fair to assess some rescue calls when others cannot be assessed. **Scharfencamp motioned that the city will not bill or assess fire rescue calls, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

SW Dust Treatment proposal for dust sealing is the same price as last year, \$.84/foot, for a total cost of \$2625. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the same dust sealing application as last year, second by Deming, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Gruendemann motioned to accept McGowan Lawn and Snow bid of \$450 for spring clean-up, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Discussed noncompliant properties and four-wheelers. Wortham will be contacted to send notices to noncompliant properties and warn of illegal 4 wheeler use. Clobes will be contacted about city-wide clean up.

Councilor requests included: R. Kokesch plans to attend Blandin Leadership Conference; Gruendemann reported that agri-lime will be applied to the ball field to be paid for with reserved Community Funds.

At 9:10 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 13, 2019, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer