

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 9, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Heibel, R. Kokesch and Scharfencamp. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson, Wiese and Menk. Guests present were: Myron Gehrke, Joel Harmoning and Scott Nissen.

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

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the March 12, 2018 minutes. Heibel motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$43,383.57; cash receipts for February were \$38,911.13; there were five past-due utility accounts approved for disconnection, zoning permits were issued to: Curt and Jen Scharfencamp to install a 48.5' x 35' block basement and stick built addition at 511 3rd St. S. and to John Gustafson to install a 36' x 72' stick built building with steel siding at 367 2nd Ave. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens requested to be addressed.

Department Heads reported. Wiese and Menk reported that the state fire office recommended the hoses and ladders be tested for compliance and that OSHA is cracking down on fire departments; this could be contracted for a 3-year term at approximately \$1500 per year. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the three-year hose and ladder inspection contract, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Matt Olson was interviewed and recommended for hire to the Fire Department, which was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The officers appointed by the Fire Department (Chief-Wiese, Assistant Chief-Menk, Lieutenants-Joehnck and Gruendemann, Secretary-Kiecker) were motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The progress of Batdorf's training was discussed; he started Firefighter I, but has not completed it. The Chief and Assistant Chief will set up a meeting with him and get a schedule for training requirements to be met and will follow-up with the council. K. Kokesch reported on the poor condition of the alleys, especially with all of the current snow, R. Kokesch mentioned snow was piled in front of a residence and requested the plow slow down at that site. Alleys were further discussed noting they are secondary and some cities do not maintain them; Kokesch is getting pricing on redoing some alleys. Kokesch is also working on the chlorination project, prices increased a great deal so he is checking on a gas option. Pederson reported that Board of Review was held, there were only two sales for comparison and no citizens came; the Morlock parking issue was reviewed and it was noted that the two-stall requirement is for new construction or expansion; a letter from TCW Railroad requesting city support was received; there will be a Safe Routes to School meeting on April 24th; the LMC Annual Conference is in June; the county broadband meeting will be April 12; Claudia Kokesch is raising her cleaning rates. **Harmoning noted that the shelter at the boatlanding is not insured, it would cost about \$30/year to insure it for \$5000; Scharfencamp motioned to insure the shelter, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Bolton and Menk sent a timeline of the bidding process for the water tower project and questioned when the council wanted to bid, noting it could be rebid next year if needed; it was felt rebidding wouldn't be that expensive; Scharfencamp motioned to proceed with the water tower bidding process, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Scharfencamp motioned to accept Mandy Heibel's resignation from the Ambulance Department, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Gruendemann motioned to approve William Bucholz to the Ambulance Department, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

The community center was discussed, Swedebro and Jim Nelson will be looking at the floor. Harmoning provided the most of the missing operating manuals and Pederson intends to make copies of the manuals to have in dual locations. There was a rental cancellation due to the snow; as there is nothing listed on the rental agreement regarding cancellations, the rental money will be refunded despite the cost of cleaning; Pederson was directed to change to rental policy requiring a 24 hour cancellation notice to receive a refund.

The chlorination project is still being looked into and now Kokesch feels gas may be the best option as it would use the existing structures and be less expensive than liquids; he also noted that a Swede Building would not have worked.

SW Dust control costs are at \$.84/foot and previous years the city has applied it to 3125', which would cost \$2625.00; Gruendemann motioned to approve the dust control application as done previously, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Discussed clean-up notices; the council will send recommendations to Pederson who will then notify the sheriff's office of noncompliant properties.

Councilor requests included: mosquito control dates are to be adjusted to spray before Catfish Days; the sheriff's office noted that a new employee was being overzealous with patrolling and has been spoken to; it was also noted the council would like more patrolling before and after school hours.

At 8:05 p.m., Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for a motion to adjourn, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be May 14, 2018, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer