

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 11, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson, McCorquodale, and Menk. Guests present were: Andy Kehren, Dan Batdorf.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order with roll call showing Gruendemann absent (ill). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the May 14, 2018 minutes with R. Kokesch motioning to approve the minutes as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman presented the consent agenda items. **Bills were presented for approval in the amount of \$49,719.73; cash receipts for May were \$50,755.46; R. Kokesch motioned to approve the bills as presented, second by Heibel, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.** There were four past-due utility accounts approved for disconnection. Zoning permits were issued to: T. Ochs to install a 48' x 6' wood privacy fence and a 20' x 16' wood deck at 341 4th St. S., and to C. Villegas to install a 50' x 50' chain link fence at 261 1st St. N. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the zoning report as presented, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens were present. Pederson reported on a citizen complaint that was acted upon and remediated. Kehren explained that the Koupal sump system is working as adequately as able for its size; J. Dale at MN Rural Water stated that the city's system was tested with no leaks detected and he feels they are dealing with ground water which is a common issue in the area; it was noted that it is exceptionally wet this spring.

Safe Routes to School was tabled until July due to M. Johnson being ill.

Heibel motioned to approve the amendment to Ordinance Chapter 91, providing limits on dogs and cats, as presented; second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 1-No, Scharfencamp. The council was provided with a current listing of licensed animals and it was noted that a dog was recovered today due to it being licensed.

Department Heads reported. McCorquodale reported that North has discontinued its education program and the EMT's prefer Rule 44 quarterly education instead; McCorquodale is certified to teach and is also researching other options. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve McCorquodale to research education options and to teach classes as allowable, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Menk reported there is no news on the fire truck, the insurance is set for their temporary liquor license, they have alcohol serving training scheduled; high school seniors washed the fire trucks. D. Batdorf explained that he was unable to complete FFI due to family issues and the class offered was too far away; he has completed parts 1-17 and plans to complete the program beginning in November; Menk noted that new hires will be taking the training then also. The council expressed concern for the lack of communication and follow up with the department as well as liability issues. **R. Kokesch motioned to accept Batdorf's plan to complete the FFI training by April 2019; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch noted that the project was successful in preventing sewage back-ups, but tightened the system so ground water is now an issue; the ditch by Anderson's is full of water and it is thought that their tile was installed privately by the builder; pumps have been ordered; **R. Kokesch motioned to approve K. Kokesch vacation request for Sept., second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson reported that there will be a regional clerk's meeting held at the community center on July 19th; the letters of support for TC&W were effective and another is being sent; the lease for the farm land will expire after this year, the council felt it should be advertised and a new lease written; junk day volume was almost double and \$400 was prepaid; Pederson is to research floor mat rental options for the community center; Plunkett's sprayed for ants at City Hall; the LMCIT worker's compensation renewal is to be done as previous; two Franklin properties are on the county forfeiture list.

Neither Gruendemann nor Nelson contacted SwedeBro about the community center floor bid.

Kehren reported on the bids received for the water tower improvements and recommended accepting the low bid from Osseo Construction Co. of \$220,200 for Schedule A. Schedule B included full painting of the inside which Kehren did not feel it was necessary at this time. **R. Kokesch motioned to award the Schedule A bid of \$220,200 to Osseo Construction Co., second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

K. Kokesch and Scharfencamp researched alleys for vacation noting there were several potential options; it was also noted that this is for the benefit of the city. The consensus of the council is to start with a few. **Scharfencamp motioned to proceed the vacation process for these alleys: the one behind Valley View Apartments; the one north of M. Sandmann's; and the one next to P. Serbus; second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson is to start the proceedings.

ReneSola Power Holdings, LLC, presented updated subscription data and a draft agreement that included the LMC attorney's recommendations. The council discussed whether or not to have the agreement reviewed by the city's attorney. **R. Kokesch motioned to send the agreement to the city attorney for review and if approved, to sign it; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-3 Yes, 1 No, Sherman.**

Catfish Days discussion included approval for \$200 to Lions for expenses; there is a lack of volunteers, Pederson will contact the school for kids needing volunteer hours. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the temporary liquor license application of the Fire Relief Association for July 27-29, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

As there were no Councilor requests, **at 8:25 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for a motion to adjourn, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be July 9, 2018, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer