

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 12, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch and Pederson. Guests present were: K. Friesen, K. Jacobson, R. Degner, R. Hall, M. Gehrke, and S. Palmer.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Gruendemann and Heibel absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting, which was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.

Consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented in the amount of \$48,256.05, cash receipts for May were \$25,622.06. There are seven past due utility bills approved for disconnection; approved L. Fierro request for extension to pay for one week. There were two zoning permits issued: M. Fierro to install a 4' x 4' wood deck at 254 First Ave. E.; C. Villegas to install a 14' 16' x 6' wood and chain link kennel at 261 First St. N. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.** Kevin Friesen, USDA Rural Development, presented the city with a Letter of Conditions for fire truck funding: total project costs of \$301,478 with township/city contributions of \$150,478, loan amount of \$101,000 and grant amount of \$50,000. The loan term will be 15 years and current interest rate is 3.375%; approved proceeding with formal contract for fire truck and will need to adopt Conflict of Interest policy. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions with USDA Rural Development for the fire truck loan/grant; second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were addressed. Katherine Coles has had issues with her address of 140 3rd Ave. W. and Robertson's address of 140 3rd Ave. E.; the council stated this had been discussed previously and Coles received approval to change her address. Robert Hall had a water leak at his adjacent lot where the water had been disconnected; the water line leak was in the yard and also under the curb; Hall was upset that the city is not responsible for the line maintenance; city staff notified Hall of the city's ordinance and that only the water main is the city's responsibility.

Mayor Sherman notified Sheriff Hable that the city would not be making a contract decision until the July meeting. Degner noted that he feels the deputies are driving dangerously fast in residential areas. Pederson is to inquire again about possibly contracting 15 hours per week. **Scharfencamp motioned to table the Sheriff's Office Contract renewal until July, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.**

Ordinance Violation Notices were sent in May allowing until July 1 for compliance. R. Degner stated his letter was sent to Roger and that he is in the business district and storage of brick is allowable; he recently had surgery and is unable to do much yet but will try to work on straightening up his property; the council said properties that received notices will be reviewed after July 1 and discussed at the July 10th meeting.

Department Heads reported. K. Kokesch reported that there have been a number of pump issues and lots of expense with them, there is a temporary chlorination pump at the ponds; he continues to work with the nursing home with regard to the lift station issues and so far everything is working. There was vandalism at the tennis court playground, he is looking for replacement parts. There has been a pick up and camper parked at the boatlanding beyond the 7 day limit, the sheriff will be notified. Campers parked on streets were discussed, especially visibility at intersections, the sheriff will be notified. R. Thompson's water meter is thought to be a potential liability as it was installed in a doorway. **R. Kokesch motioned to put steps into play to decrease the city's liability and move the meter to a different location at R. Thompson residence, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch presented Gruendemann's request for the city to install a water spigot on City Hall to be used for Catfish Days, the council questioned whether the need warranted the cost and how have they managed before? Wiese was absent and did not respond to Pederson's request for Ambulance Bylaw changes, training officer job description, and secretary position; appointments were not approved due to lack of information. Pederson presented the Lion's Club request for \$200 for Catfish Days expenses which the council approved; researched the use of peanut products in a public building, which is allowable noting thorough cleaning is essential; there are new state laws regarding notification when adopting or amending ordinances and with Sunday Liquor a city may be more restrictive than the state if they so choose; Pederson reported on the meetings with the federal legislation in Washington D.C. with the MN Assoc. of Small Cities.

The personnel policy discussion was tabled.

Park door replacement was discussed. Degner presented a quote for four (4) doors in the amount of \$3616 from Country Wide Lumber, Ltd., and noted they are the same quality of the original doors installed 35 plus years ago; also discussed was the direction the doors swing, which he plans to correct; the council authorized Degner to order the doors and the plan is to have them installed before December.

Alley discussion was included authorizing K. Kokesch to install dirt where the elm trees were recently removed from behind Valley View and for K. Kokesch to comprise a list of alleys the city could vacate; this will be discussed in September.

The Long-Term Disability Insurance policy renewal was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman questioned who is responsible for maintenance and improvements at the park; K. Kokesch noted that he keeps leaves blown out and the grass mowed; the fire department typically maintains the shrubs. It was felt that volunteers should maintain the monuments and flags which will be addressed in the city newsletter.

DEED approved the city's solar incentive program application for the sewer ponds and Novel Energy presented a purchase agreement to install the solar array which needs city attorney review. **Scharfencamp motioned to proceed with the purchase agreement with Novel Energy pending city attorney approval; second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes.**

Catfish Days was discussed, bathroom cleaner is lined up; volunteers are needed.

Councilor requests included: R. Kokesch had a neighbor question the amount of water in their basement wondering about the city's storm sewer; it was noted that there are wet basements all over and it is just a wet year.

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be July 10, 2017, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer