

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 10, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, M. Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson, and Wiese. Guests present were: S. Hable, B. Greenslit, S. Palmer, M. Kerkhoff, J. Harmoning, P. Sullivan, and B. Fox.

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

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting, motion for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented in the amount of \$49,854.89, cash receipts for June were \$155,876.74. There is one past due utility bill approved for disconnection. There were two zoning permits issued: M. Dummer to build a 30' x 14' porch and 40' x 6' wood fence at 401 Fifth Ave. E.; J. Lund to build a 14' x 12' wood deck at 460 Third Ave. E. Following a zoning inquiry, the council recommended the Planning Commission review sample zoning ordinances regarding solar systems. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens were present to be addressed.

Sheriff Hable highlighted the terms of the proposed law enforcement contract with Renville County for police protection, noting it is a 3 year contract for a .5 FTE, has no increase for 2018, 2.5% increase for 2019 and 2.5% increase for 2020. Mayor Sherman requested a written ballot vote on the contract, stating the ballots would be public following the vote. Gruendemann stated it is an open meeting and motioned for an open vote, motion failed for lack of a second. The council voted on paper ballots, resulting in 4 yes votes and 1 no vote. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the three year contract with the Renville County Sheriff's Office, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

M. Kerkhoff requested council approval to have a band play on their patio in late September, from 9:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. , which was motioned for approval by Gruendemann, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

The Franklin Fire Relief Association submitted an application for a temporary on-sale liquor license for July 21-23, 2017. Pederson noted that the city does not have a fee for temporary liquor licenses, just for malt liquor licenses. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the Franklin Fire Relief temporary on-sale liquor license application at no charge, second by Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

USDA provided a Loan Resolution Security Agreement stating the terms of the \$101,000 loan at 3.375% and the requirement for an accumulated \$8692.80 for the fire truck. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the USDA Loan Resolution Security Agreement, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The farmer's market request was rescinded. The council will consider a location for possible future requests.

B. Greenslit farms land on the corner of 7th Street and 3rd Ave. and noted the intake is not working and hooks to the city's storm sewer. Kokesch noted that it is not recorded on the city's storm sewer plat. It was questioned how the property is platted and zoned and Pederson confirmed that it is agricultural and in the Rural Service District. Kokesch will check with the city of Morgan and see if they can assist in jetting the line which will be expensed to Greenslit and the city will research further dealing with tiles.

Ordinance Violation Notices were sent in May allowing until July 1 for compliance. The council reviewed the list of notices and will have the sheriff's office issue citations to three properties.

Gruendemann motioned to approve Resolution 2017-7, Approving Donations (cash donations totaling \$13,010.00), second by R Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Department Heads reported. Wiese presented draft job descriptions for ambulance positions, he and Pederson will work on amending the Ambulance Bylaws for approval. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the ambulance positions of: Wiese as Chief, Kiecker at Assistant Chief, and Mogard as Training Officer, second by Scharfencamp, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.** Wiese noted that D. Batdorf has not taken his firefighter training yet, the council requested Batdorf to be at the August meeting; L. Bucholz has not turned in her employment paperwork and will be contacted. Discussed radios and pager needs and the options available. **Scharfencamp motioned to purchase 4 pagers (approximate cost of \$600 each) and to add 4 additional pagers to the 2018 budget, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch: received inquiries about thistle on Hwy. 19, noting it is not city property, the railroad did some spraying and the MN-DOT does not feel pressed to take care of it, the council doesn't feel it is a city issue; Catfish Days preparations have been made and noted help is needed on Monday morning; Kokesch was asked if the city would care to purchase millings for \$3,500 and would need to be used or moved by the end of July, the council declined; the sidewalk survey has been completed, noting the new sidewalk by the day care was damaged and had been reported to the general contractor, it will be reported to Franklin Industries; M & R Paving will do patching when they are in the area; All-Phase has removed a nonworking electrical box at the park; Kokesch is working on cameras to be installed at the park; further discussed tile lines and the burden of proof is property owner. Pederson: Walton Law Group fees will be \$135/hour beginning in 2018; discussed NSF fees, which will be established in 2018; discussed election legislation; Pederson will attend an informational meeting on water line insurance; approved moving the August council meeting to 8:00 p.m. due to an auction in town; approved vacation request in October. **An estimate from Degner Masonry for replacement of 4 park doors was received totaling \$5,116.09 and was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The 2018 Preliminary Budget should include: pagers, water tower painting and cleaning, and approximately \$16,000 for Fire Hall roof repairs.

The personnel policy discussion was tabled.

The purchase agreement with Novel Energy is being reviewed and discussed with the city attorney and Novel Energy.

Discussed the tennis courts and options. Mayor Sherman feels they should be overlaid and made operational. The major concerns are the costs involved, that no one knows what is underneath them, and it was questioned how much tennis courts are used. The basketball court is used and that area was dug down before surfacing. Sherman will research options and possible funding, noting we need to invest in things for the kids.

Harvestland contacted the city about LP, the city contracts with both South Central and Harvestland and both companies are in transition. Tabled any contracting until further research on community center/day care use and cost sharing.

Councilor requests included: concern of bushes encroaching the sidewalks and will request property owners to trim them. Mayor Sherman will be in the Catfish Days parade representing the city council.

At 9:05 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 August 14, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer