

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 11, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: Pederson and Menk. Guests present were: S. Palmer, B. McCorquodale, and M. Gehrke.

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

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting, motion for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented in the amount of \$40,742.46, cash receipts for August were \$27,218.89. There are four past due utility bills approved for disconnection. There were two zoning permits issued: Cedar Mountain School to install a 35' x 39' x 5' coated, chain link fence and playground equipment at 215 2nd Ave. E.; and Brian Labaw to extend his wood soffit 2' to match his addition at 254 1st Ave. E. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Gruendemann motioned to table the proposed solar ordinance amendment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were addressed. **McCorquodale requested permission to allow campers on his property at 101 1st Street S. for 30 days; Gruendemann motioned to approve a temporary dwelling permit, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Ordinance violation citations were discussed. Second letters of violation were sent to Kennedy and Childs allowing them until September 15th to become compliant. The council discussed abatement by the city taking place after 3 citations have been issued within 12 months. The council will look at these properties after the 15th and further citations will be issued if noncompliant.

Department Heads reported. Pederson reported for K. Kokesch: curb painting has begun and the council felt it looked good; the storm caused numerous issues to be further discussed; the council approved having the payloaders fluids, etc. checked over; "No Smoking" signs will be installed at the parks and Community Center, one in the front and one in the back; LP has been contracted; approved carry over of Kokesch's storm comp. hours until hunting season. **Additional applications of mosquito spraying would cost \$345 per treatment, Gruendemann motioned to approve one more spraying, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. K. Kokesch requested vacation approval in November (it was noted that Pederson may also be gone one of the same days), which was motioned for approval by Gruendemann, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson reported that Wiese has not provided ambulance bylaw changes; the Fire Relief Association Board is to have one elected official and one elected or appointed official and the fire chief as members, Sherman and Gruendemann will be the city council representatives; MRWA will follow up on the ServLine program if any cities decide to participate in the program; the city received an insurance pool refund of \$13,206.82 from SWWC for 2016 health insurance premiums paid; the Legion would like to donate coat racks for the Community Center, costs and options will be researched by the October meeting.

The personnel policy discussion was tabled. Minor changes to the Application for Employment will be made.

Despite email sent and voicemails left, there has been no response from Novel Energy.

Sherman is working on fundraising for the tennis courts and has Sport Court coming out to measure and make surface preparation recommendations. The council agreed that there needs to be something for the kids, but questioned the need for tennis courts, it was noted that this could also be flooded with bumpers for winter use, and depending on court direction may also be used for a skate park.

K. Kokesch mapped out alleys within the city that could be vacated. The council will review these and discuss them further at the next meeting.

Gruendemann motioned to approve the SWWC/Blue Cross Blue Shield 2018 Health Insurance Contract renewal, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

The proposed 2018 fee schedule was reviewed: the monthly water base rate set at \$20.50 and usage rate at \$5.50/1000 and sewer base rate set at \$26.50 and usage rate at \$5.75/1000, with a motion to approve by R. Kokesch, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The Minnesota minimum wage for 2018 is \$9.65/hour and is included in the 2018 salary schedule, which was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The 2018 preliminary budget was reviewed, it was decided to budget for two years for the Fire Hall roof repairs and to add in street patching, with final adjustments leaving the levy at no increase. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the 2018 Preliminary Budget as revised, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2017-8, Notice of Property Taxes, with the 2018 levy in the amount of \$167,527, no increase over 2017; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. R. Kokesch motioned to set the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing date for December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor requests included the need to discuss with the county commissioners the notice that it is unlawful for city residents to use the recycle bins located at the county shop; a letter will be drafted to Commissioner Fox.

At 9:03 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be October 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer