

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, March 11, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Deming, Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, and Scharfencamp. Staff Department Heads present were: Pederson, Menk and Wiese. Guest present: Myron Gehrke.

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

**Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the minutes of February 11, 2019 and February 26, 2019. Scharfencamp motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$75,177.29, cash receipts for February were \$38,577.19; there are 7 past due utility accounts approved for disconnection, Pederson reported that there are 7 residences following frozen water line policy and protocol; there were no new zoning permits. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens present requested to be addressed.

Resolution 2019-5, Resolution for Franklin Ambulance Association Assessment was presented with the changes approved at the Franklin Ambulance Association meeting, which included raising the assessment to \$30/household/year and allowing for the assessments to provide financial support for ambulance expenses. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve Resolution 2019-5, Franklin Ambulance Association Assessment, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. Wiese: requested increasing Fire Department officer salaries, noting their wages are below area wages (Fairfax and Morgan) and the responsibilities have increased. **Following discussion of rosters, call volume, etc., Deming motioned to research wages which will be discussed before budget time, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Interviews need to be scheduled and it is difficult to get all involved together at the same time; another attempt will be made to schedule them. Fire claims were discussed at length, noting that insurance will not pay for rescue calls; the rural sends them to collection but have not had success with that. It was noted that the city has the authority to assess for calls, but that doesn't cover the calls involving people that do not live within the city. R. Kokesch motioned to follow the Rural Fire guidelines and send bills to collection and write-off after 24 months; motion failed for lack of a second. Menk noted that with motor vehicle accidents, it is difficult to gather all of the billing information and often there are two vehicles involved. **Scharfencamp motioned to table fire claim discussion until more information could be obtained; second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 1 No, Gruendemann.** Menk requested flags for marking fire hydrants, 13 are needed at the cost of \$20-\$30 each. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve purchasing hydrant flags, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The council recommended painting the hydrants this spring and if possible removing or tagging the out-of-service hydrant on 4<sup>th</sup> St. by the cottonwood tree. It will again be requested for citizens to keep the hydrants clear of snow. Pederson: the snow truck and Christmas decorations have been advertised, GovDeals approached the city and would also advertise these items, if their bid is accepted, the fee is 7.5%, there is no charge if their bid is not accepted, the council approved pursuing this option; McGowan submitted a proposal for spring lawn clean up, this will be discussed in April; Board of Review is April 2<sup>nd</sup>; MPCA presentation is March 26<sup>th</sup>; HRA Advisory Meeting and Census meeting are on March 15<sup>th</sup>; Pederson testified at the Transportation Hearing in Mankato; the Wellhead Protection Grant Application has been submitted; the Community Center floor is done; the April packets and agenda will be compiled at the end of March.

A draft amended Ordinance 35.02 was presented; it was noted that the city attorney recommended leaving the ratio as is. Pederson included a timeline that follows the state law, notifications will be sent to the affected property owners, and a public hearing will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Deming motioned to approve the amended ordinance 35.02 as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

New business included a request from Sacred Heart Church for their annual calendar raffle approval. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the Sacred Heart Church raffle permit, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Councilor requests included: R. Kokesch questioned the ambulance lack of funds and if there would be ways to raise funds to cover their expenses; it was noted reducing intercepts and covering more runs will help, first responders are needed.

**At 8:12 p.m., Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The Board of Review will be on April 2, 2019, and the next regular meeting will be April 8, 2019, both at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer