

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, July 12, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Scharfencamp, R. Kokesch, and Mumme. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, McCorquodale, K. Kokesch arriving late, and noting Wiese absent. Guests present were: Andrew Hussman.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll called showed Wiese absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of June 14, 2021. Scharfencamp motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$62,388.95, cash receipts for June were \$165,568.83; there were 7 past due utility accounts; No zoning permits issued. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

A peddler request form was submitted by Derek Thompson to go try to get residents to sign up for a solar garden. As he was not able to make the council meeting to address the council for approval, the request was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Department heads reported. Radermacher reported for Wiese, the Fire Department needs to get their air tanks inspected as per OSHA requirements; the Fire Department meeting has been rescheduled from July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> to prepare for Catfish Derby Days. McCorquodale shared good reports for the ambulance service and all runs are being entered. K. Kokesch reported a leak in the community center roof above the women's bathroom, a new vent boot and sealant should fix the problem; K. Kokesch asked about doing a smoke test in the pipes north of the highway on M. Anderson's property instead of using a camera to see where pipes lead, R. Kokesch gave the okay; K. Kokesch reported not being able to find a bathroom cleaner for Catfish Days and asks council for advice, ideas for next year were discussed but not resolving for this year. Gruendemann will reach out and try to assist in the search; the new grass was mowed at the tennis courts; the horse shoe game is in rough shape and needs replacement; lawn mower currently broken, time to start looking into a replacement as it has been almost 3 years with the current one, quotes will be looked into; a sidewalk on second street has over grown bushes/vegetation and needs to be trimmed, K. Kokesch will ask the property owners to trim or will trim it before Catfish Derby Days; uneven sidewalks were discussed, council will look at and reassess the sidewalks at a later time; Gruendemann asked K. Kokesch about street sweeping the Saturday night of Catfish Days. Radermacher reports three of the five juveniles have agreed to the proposed community service hours during Catfish Days to regain their park privileges; Radermacher asked about zoning for solar systems and if a zoning permit was required, the ordinance wording was reviewed and since there are set back requirements, the council agreed that a zoning permit would be required; clarity on the role of Radermacher for the Rural Fire & Ambulance Association meeting was made and the meetings are set for August 2, 2021 to start at 7:30 PM in the Fire Hall.

The blight structure letters and photos were looked at and discussed. Three structures on three separate premises were identified to be in poor condition, needing to be significantly repaired or taken down. One of the property owners has begun to make the necessary repairs already and will receive a friendly letter encouraging the improvements to continue; the owners of the other two structures will receive a letter stating they must make the necessary repairs or remove the structure. Other blighted properties in violation of city ordinances were discussed and will be revisited at the next regular meeting after their given time to complete the necessary requirements has expired. One property with on going issues was discussed to need a new approach to correcting the nuisance. Targeted enforcement of individual issues will be done.

Radermacher reached out to the superintendent of Cedar Mountain Schools regarding the community center agreement. An in-person meeting will work best for all parties to get accomplished; a date and time for this will need to be negotiated.

Cedar Heart Homes tax abatement has been set aside for now and will be looked at again after the project gets further along.

No updates on the storm sewer wash out were made.

Catfish Derby Days was discussed. The Fire Relief seeks council approval for a temporary liquor license for their beer garden, council approved but noted that a document still needs to be filled out and submitted to the state to gain the permit. Lumber for the benches have not been located yet, hoping to get a few made for Sunday at the park at the very minimum. Law enforcement was discussed between Hussman and the council on the needs and placement of the enforcement throughout the weekend, extra focus will be made at and throughout the street dances. Hussman to watch for kids driving around in golf carts or ATVs to ensure rules are still being followed. A bathroom cleaner still needs to be found. Gruendemann asked about getting a key to City Hall to lock and unlock as needed to get the brooms needed to clean up after the street dance. The request was approved, Radermacher to get him the key. Storage of the volleyball gear and the bean bag games were discussed as they are needed a new home. Options for new housing included the basement at City Hall or possibly a new storage shed on city property. No decisions were made.

Prepaying for propane for the city buildings was brought to the council. Last year 2000 gallons was prepaid and was almost perfect for the winter. Farmward quoted the City of Franklin a price of 1.55 per gallon. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve prepaying for 2000 gallons of propane at 1.55 per gallon, Second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Camera system proposals were looked at. Two separate proposals on cameras were looked at along with internet options to pair with the system. Since the ARPA funding has not come in yet, a decision on this was tabled. Radermacher to continue research on cameras and internet options.

**At 9:15 PM, Scharfencamp motioned for adjournment, second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer