

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Deming, Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, and Scharfencamp. Staff present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson and Joehnck. Guest present: M. 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. Scharfencamp motioned to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and Regular Meeting 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 \$77,089.51, cash receipts for December were \$141,623.35; the 2019 Community Center report was presented; there are 6 past due utility accounts, 1 has the Cold Weather Rule; there were no new zoning permits. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens present requested to be addressed.

Resolution 2020-1, Official Designations and Annual Appointments was discussed. Gruendemann would like to be on the public safety commission, R. Kokesch wants to leave it as is; Scharfencamp felt they should wait until Sherman is present. Pederson noted that positions must be appointed and could later be amended. All council current positions remained as is and will be revisited. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2020-1, Official Designations and Annual Appointments, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-3 Yes, 1 No, Gruendemann.**

Resolution 2020-2, Approval of 2019 Contributions, was presented with contributions totaling \$28,168.35. J. Harmoning provided a microwave for the Community Center, which was confirmed by D. Distad that it does not have to be NSF rated. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve Resolution 2020-2, 2019 Contributions, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Resolution 2020-3, Re-establishing the Polling Precinct for 2021 was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Department Heads reported. Pederson presented the 2019 Ambulance Report, noting the ambulance cash flowed with net revenue of \$768.88 to be transferred to the ambulance savings. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the transfer of \$768.88 to the ambulance fund, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson presented the 2019 Ambulance Association report with total cash as of Dec. 31, 2019 of \$94,710.27 and the 2019 Rural Fire Association report, with the Rural and city's halves of the expenses at \$15,462.76 each. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve all the 2019 reports as presented, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Corey Gruendemann submitted his resignation/retirement from the Fire Department effective Jan. 13, 2020, which was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Joehnck reported that the Fire Dept. is waiting on the FEMA grant and they responded to a house fire in Morton last night. The ambulance dept. has two radios that need repairs. Pederson reported: an annual payroll is allowable for the fire and ambulance departments, and if the council wishes to change this it should be done with the personnel policy; there is an HRA/EDA meeting regarding the LOIS system; the council approved Pederson to attend the MCFOA conference in March and to go to Washington DC with MAOSC in February; the community center needs some shelving, city staff can purchase and install; council approved putting Census 2020 fliers in the March utility bills; Board of Review is scheduled for April 7 at 1 p.m. K. Kokesch reported: one residence is impacted by grader snow piling in front of their only access door, council consensus is rerouting the grader would cost more than the city scooping out the door with the payload; the curb K. Kokesch repaired earlier has again been damaged from snow removal; council approved K. Kokesch to attend the MRWA Technical Conference in March; a cost estimate to install a fire hydrant and improvements to 2nd Ave. W. (per Mc Corquodale's request) is around \$257,873, and a request from J. Harmoning for costs to bring water and sewer to his parcel were estimated at \$100,122, Pederson will research assessment costs and procedures.

Unfinished business included discussion on the tax forfeited parcel. The city hasn't received the deed yet, council members are to tour the property before any decisions will be made. USDA has obligated \$50,000 for a utility work machine and the city's obligation is \$22,470; the bid submitted was missing the grapple bucket amounting \$2,336. The city has \$27,000 budgeted for street equipment. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the bid from United Farmer's Cooperative for a Bobcat 5600 plus attachments, totaling \$72,470.72 and the city will purchase the grapple bucket on its own; second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

New business was presented. **The Clobes Sanitation contract for garbage hauling for years 2020-2023 with was motioned for approval by Gruendemann, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The SCADA computer system that automates the water and wastewater systems was repaired and needs replacement, cost estimated at \$32,821; there is one other potential vendor but that would require starting all over. **Scharfencamp motioned to proceed with replacement of the SCADA system using reserved funds; second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** MJ Mechanical has been servicing the daycare and community center furnaces and boilers, estimated maintenance contract cost for the city is \$700/year; the warranty information and a current estimate will be acquired.

Councilor requests included: Scharfencamp would like deputies to enforce stopping at stop sign intersections.

At 8:45 p.m., Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The Franklin Ambulance Association and Rural Fire Association meetings will be held on February 3, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall; the next regular meeting will be February 10, 2020, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer