

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, January 14, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Pederson, Wiese and Menk. Guests present were: Jerry Deming, Ronald Degner, and Myron Gehrke.

At 7:00 p.m., acting Mayor R. Kokesch called the meeting to order. Oaths of Office were recited by Sherman and Scharfencamp. Roll called showed all council present (except the vacant position.) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$70,507.01, cash receipts for December were \$181,716.27; a correction to the 2019 Budget Summary was noted (capital outlay is \$44,500, not \$144,500 as previously presented); the 2018 Community Center report was presented; there are 3 past due utility accounts, 2 are on payment plans, and 1 has the Cold Weather Rule; there were no new zoning permits. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens present requested to be addressed.

The council vacancy and how to proceed with the appointment was discussed. All four candidates were invited to the meeting and the three candidates present explained why they wanted to be on the council. The council each submitted their preferred choice: 3 chose Deming, 1 chose Wiese. **R. Kokesch motioned to approved Jerry Deming to the City Council as well as Resolution 2019-4, Resolution Filling a Franklin City Council Vacancy, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** Deming accepted the appointment and recited and signed the Oath of Office.

Resolution 2019-1, Official Designations and Annual Appointments was discussed, all council kept their current positions and Deming filled the open positions. **Gruendemann motioned to approve Resolution 2019-1, Official Designations and Annual Appointments, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Resolution 2019-2, Approval of 2018 Contributions, was presented with contributions totaling \$24,720. **R. Kokesch noted the generosity and motioned to approve Resolution 2019-2, 2018 Contributions, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

**Resolution 2019-3, Re-establishing the Polling Precinct for 2020 was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Gruendeman, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. Pederson: Christmas decoration donations totaled \$2375, the Community Food Stand will pay for the electrical (\$2250) and the Lions will pay for the shipping costs (estimated \$300), Pederson will place the order for 6 decorations and some extra bulbs (\$2322 plus freight); R. Kokesch will attend the Renville County Public Health Community Health Conversation; presented LMC training opportunities, Deming considering newly elected officials training; Pederson received approval to attend the clerk's conference in March; Board of Review is scheduled for April 2 at 1 p.m. (Pederson will not be there); fire call billings are problematic due to the distinction of a medical call vs. a rescue call, Pederson will look into Expert T doing the billings and research how other departments bill calls. K. Kokesch had received a mower bid prior to budget time in August and found that now the cost has increased \$1800, he will wait on ordering a mower; Christmas decorations will be placed on six poles; Dennis McGowan submitted a bid (good for all of 2019) for snow removal of \$50/hour (includes a man and truck) and \$250/time for truck rental during spring-fall needs. As the city snow truck in need of repair and finding a person to drive the truck being difficult the consensus is to give McGowan a try. **Gruendemann motioned to approve hiring McGowan's for snow removal, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Chief Wiese reported that there are two new applicants for the fire department, currently there are 19 members with 2 on military leave; Wiese requested the council consider changing the bylaws to allow for 25 members; discussed were potential retirees, costs, and how necessary it would be to raise the numbers. **Mayor Sherman motioned to allow the bylaws to be amended and allowing 25 members on the fire department, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The 2018 Ambulance Department Report was presented for approval, with income of \$17,579.67, and total expenses of \$24,973.64, a net loss of \$8,662.54, and total cash (after expense transfer) of \$7,685.74 as of 12/31/18. R. Kokesch questioned how many calls were missed and if this could be logged? **Deming motioned to approve the 2018 Ambulance Report and expenses transfer as presented, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The Franklin Ambulance Association 2018 Financial Report was presented for approval, with the total income of \$9,663.01, no expenses, total cash of \$84,564.81. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the 2018 Franklin Ambulance Association Financial Report as presented, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The 2018 Fire Department/Rural Fire Association Report was presented, 2018 revenue of \$10,533.60, expenses of \$41,395.40 the net city and rural portions of the expenses being \$15,610.70 city and \$14,950.10 rural (difference due to the sale of the 1982 fire truck). **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the 2018 Fire Department/Rural Fire Association Report, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Pederson reported that Birch Cooley Township paid their portion of the fire truck expenses off and the loan with USDA will need to be adjusted accordingly, Birch Cooley should be charged their portion of the interest costs on the loan.

**Scharfencamp motioned to dismiss the draft amendment to Ordinance 71.08, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Amendments to Ordinance 35.02, Rural Services District were reviewed and discussed. Pederson is to research how to keep the ag portion of a parcel but remove the residential part; the other recommended parcels will be removed. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the amendments to Ordinance 35.02 and to talk to the assessor about splitting M. Radermacher's parcel, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

New business included Pederson recommending the council consider paying off the community center; this will be looked in to after the water tower project is completed.

Councilor requests included: R. Kokesch questioned EMT training, fire department members becoming EMT's/First Responders, and the lack of a contract with North; the consensus is to leave things as is with North and there will be no mandating EMT/First Responder training.

**At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The Franklin Ambulance Association and Rural Fire Association meetings will be held on February 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall; the next regular meeting will be February 11, 2019, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer