

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

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Deming, Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch and Pederson. Guests present were: Dan Batdorf and Taylor Batdorf.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order with roll call showing Gruendemann late. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the September 9, 2019 minutes with R. Kokesch motioning to approve the minutes as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

The consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented for approval in the amount of \$149,524.00; cash receipts for September were \$42,116.13. There were three past-due utility accounts approved for disconnection. Metering Technologies sent the antenna and cellular meter reading results, two antennas would be needed and cellular service was mediocre at best; for now radio read is probably the best solution. No new zoning permits were issued; D. Menk and MN Valley Telephone property issues will be resolved before the end of the year. No one has offered to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as and to proceed with the radio read quote from Metering Technologies, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens were present. Bert Doll sent a newspaper article for the council and requested it be included in the city newsletter, though interesting, the council felt it wasn't specific to Franklin.

Resolution 2019-8, Annual Ambulance Association Assessment was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. Also presented and discussed were Redwood's animal ordinance that includes lifetime dog licenses, they do not license cats, this will be further reviewed; sample ordinances regulating parking on the streets and in front yards and a sidewalk fee option were also presented with no action taken.

Department Heads reported. McCorquodale: sent a notice that the ambulance has taken iGel and Narcon training; Narcon is provided free of charge through the state; five EMT's are up for renewal in March. C. Gruendemann requested medical leave from the fire department through December 31, 2019 at which time his condition will be reevaluated. **Sherman motioned to approve Gruendemann's fire medical leave until Dec. 31, 2019, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, Gruendemann abstained.** Pederson: applied for the Community Impact Grant through Renville County HRA/EDA for the boatlanding repairs, Sheriff Hable is also looking at options for repairs as it is a safety issue; Renville Co. HRA/EDA is proceeding with the housing study and will redo city logos for interested cities; D. Turbes, UFC, did not sound promising about bringing natural gas to Franklin; MN Small Cities priorities are transportation funding, LGA, and water quality. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve Pederson's vacation request, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** A public hearing will be held in New Ulm on Nov. 26th regarding the Hale/Peterson bridge. K. Kokesch: shared an article on storm water issues, noting storm water issues are all over and it will cost tax dollars for remediation; there are a number of sump pumps still running and the city will need to decide what to do with them when it freezes; the parks have been winterized except the ballpark bathrooms due to the workers camping there; M & R Paving will pave street patches soon; the east storm sewer is washing out the ground and large trees are collapsing, something needs to be done with this.

The tiling project along Third St. S. has gone well and more tile was installed than planned; the tiling costs will be submitted to FEMA as a mitigation effort.

The water tower rehabilitation is behind schedule but is progressing, technically they have run out of time which was noted. A hole was found in the riser/fill pipe, to replace the pipe the cost was estimated at \$25,000 and would further delay the project, it was felt the hole was an isolated issue and was spot repaired. The zinc coating is complete and the intermediate coat has begun; the canopy is too damaged to be effective so they are rolling the paint on the top. **Gruendemann motioned to approve Partial Pay Estimate No. 1 to Osseo Construction in the amount of \$68,808.50, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Well No. 6 is all dug in and just needs the VFD (variable frequency drive) installed. A conduit needed to be rerouted because it would have settlement issues. The well is 173' deep with better quality water. The area that was dug up will be seeded in the spring.

The county is aware that the city wishes to obtain tax forfeited Parcel 32-00665-00; the county commissioners should set the price in November.

Pederson proposed an interfund loan to pay off the community center noting a cost savings of \$113,573 over seven years; the city is responsible for building repairs that are not under warranty. **Sherman motioned to proceed with paying off the community center as indicated, second Deming, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The personnel policy will be reviewed in 2020.

USDA has announced a Community Facilities Grant of up to \$50,000 for areas affected by the 2019 disasters, with emphasis on equipment. Pederson contacted USDA and the city meets application requirements. A quote for a Bobcat 5600 for \$72,470.42 (the state bid price) was received and will be submitted with the application. **R. Kokesch motioned to proceed with the grant application, second by Deming, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson received options to buy-out the current copier lease which has two years remaining; Marco will upgrade the copier to a new Sharp model that also does color copies, for \$156.75/month for 60 months and will pay the city a \$1200 check if the city upgrades. **Deming motioned to proceed with the lease buy-out and the new copier, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Councilor requests: Gruendemann said to take the No U-Turn sign down.

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for a motion to adjourn, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer