

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 8, 2018**

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, M. Heibel, R. Kokesch, C. Scharfencamp, and T. Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: Kokesch, Pederson, McCorquodale and Wiese. Guests present were: B. Anderson, N. Rendon.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order. Roll call showed all council present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, motion for approval by Scharfencamp, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Consent agenda items were presented. Bills were presented in the amount of \$70,619.02, cash receipts for September were \$23,297.40. There is one past due utility bill that will be set up on a payment plan, this is a renter being billed as a courtesy. **R. Kokesch motioned to discontinue billing this renter and that only the owner will be billed; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** A zoning permit was issued to C. Eisenbarth to install an 8' x 10' shed at 170 Second Ave. W. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The public hearing on the proposed special assessments was opened. Rendon explained that they have been trying to get their fire call charge paid by insurance, but it has been a difficult process; Rendon added that they will pay the bill if insurance will not and asked the city to resubmit the claim. **R. Kokesch motioned to remove the Rendon assessment and to resubmit the claim to insurance, if it remains unpaid, it will be assessed in 2019; second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. As there were no others present nor comments presented, Scharfencamp motioned to close the public hearing, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens requested to be addressed.

Two bids were submitted for the 1982 Luverne Fire Truck: \$500, Chad Kerber and \$601, Russell Boyum. **Sherman motioned to accept the \$601 bid for the fire truck, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 1-No, Scharfencamp.**

The meeting was closed to discuss employee allegations. Brent Anderson (who had been suspended for violation of the city's personnel policy) was later invited into the closed session (which remained closed per his request) to discuss the allegations. The meeting was opened following the closed session discussion. **R. Kokesch motioned that under the guidance of the Fire and Ambulance Chiefs and the discussion with fellow council members, that Brent Anderson no longer be an employee of either the Fire Dept. or the Ambulance Dept., second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Resolution 2018-7: Resolution Vacating Platted Alleyways was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by M. Heibel, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Resolution 2018-8: Annual Ambulance Association Assessment in the amount of \$4525.00, was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Resolution 2018-9: Resolution for Assessment of Services, in the amount of \$1200.00 was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Resolution 2018-10: Resolution Adopting a Special Assessment in the amount of \$1368.87 was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Department Heads reported. K. Kokesch: the city burn permit has been reissued; the wastewater permit application is still under review; the parks are being winterized; street sweeping has begun. Pederson: MN Dept. of Health Drinking Water Report found no deficiencies; provided a sample paper utility bill, envelopes will be ordered and there will be no need of the bulk mail permit; the "No U-Turn" sign was discussed, the council feels that ticketing will help; the Civic Club has some money set aside for new Christmas lights, Xcel Energy no longer allows lights on their distribution polls and the electrical for lights needs upgrading, costs to upgrade will be researched; United Natural Gas of Winthrop would like to discuss the possibility of bringing natural gas to Franklin, a meeting will be arranged; in Pederson's absence, October utility bill late fees will be extended to October 31st; the window of City Hall is leaking. Wiese reported that the Fire Hall was leaking during the heavy rains, Gruendemann will get someone to look into it, there is money in the budget for the Fire Hall building. McCorquodale reported that ambulance training is scheduled via Ridgewater and is hoping for more people to become EMR's. The Fire Hall codes were discussed, the overhead door code will be changed and only Fire Department Heads will have access; the ambulance will get their own overhead door opener and code.

New Business included the Renville County Maintenance (Snow Removal) Agreement. **The agreement is for Sept. 2018-May 2020 with a base rate of \$400/month for Nov.-March plus grader costs of \$125/hour and diesel truck costs of \$120/hour, which was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

There were no Councilor Requests.

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Gruendemann motioning for adjournment, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer