

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, February 10, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Deming, Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: Kokesch and McCorquodale. Guests present: Rob Brandl, Brian Pederson, Myron Gehrke.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order. Roll called showed all council present, W. Pederson absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Mayor Sherman called for approval of the minutes of January 13, 2020; Gruendemann motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$29,772.63, cash receipts for January were \$45,959.67; there are 5 past due utility accounts approved for disconnection, a zoning permit was issued to M. Sandmann to build an 18' x 20' house addition at 161 Third Ave. W. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were addressed: Rob Brandl, Superintendent of Cedar Mt. Schools, requested the city allow a street light to be placed close to the main entrance of the school on Fourth Ave. near the parking lot. It is dark and not very safe. Xcel energy was contacted and would put a light on the existing pole at no cost, but the city would have to pay for the electricity, approximately \$11/month. The school owns the directional light on the corner pole (it was noted that this light hasn't been working). The Council recommended the school contact property owners. **Sherman motioned to go forward with the light on the premise that the directional light isn't sufficient and the new light would be installed facing the street, and be positioned with the least effect on the homeowners; second by Deming, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Resolution 2020-1, Approving Official Designations and Annual Appointments was discussed. The city health official may be changed in April or May. No changes were felt needed.

Department Heads reported. McCorquodale reported on an email from EMSRB regarding a missed call by the ambulance; McCorquodale made contact with the health official, council dept. head, and then the ambulance crew. McCorquodale reviewed the CentraCare contract and it was noted that it was essentially CentraCare's call and noted they also have mutual aid agreements with the Fairfax and Olivia ambulance departments. EMSRB closed the complaint but McCorquodale feels that the ambulance will be under scrutiny. A resignation was received and potentially there will be another one. A type of call schedule will need to be put into place; there are only 6 active members at this time; the ambulance needs more people and especially could use EMR's. McCorquodale feels the ambulance will be shut down within a year if things don't change; Franklin would become a MRU (First Responder) group that would not be allowed to transport. Several attempts have been made to recruit people, especially EMR's (40 hour course) so only one EMT would be needed per run. McCorquodale could teach the EMR class in Franklin; council recommended she clarify the EMR duties to the Fire Department, noting all they do is drive the rig, and create a new mailing plea for people to become EMR's. **Gruendemann motioned to accept Paula Mogard's resignation, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** W. Bucholz did not submit a resignation and McCorquodale will be the training officer for the ambulance. K. Kokesch reported that the counter for the new computer is ordered; we are working with FEMA to finish up past projects, we have a new FEMA representative that wants everything redone; mosquito spraying costs will increase 3% and 2020 is the last year of the contract, there was a citizen concerned about the spraying, K. Kokesch to discuss with it them; new computer to be installed next week; Dept. of Health water inspector took a tour of the school and nursing home, nursing home needs to install back-flow prevention; a couple of the Toolcat attachments are in; snow removal has gone well and is significantly faster than in the past. The council approved K. Kokesch and Pederson to attend LMCIT Loss Control training in Springfield.

The city received the recorded Conveyance of Forfeited Lands, for parcel 32-00665-00, so the city officially owns this property. Deming inspected the building and said it is full of junk. Sherman expressed interest in fixing up the building and putting it back on the tax rolls, noting he has maintained the property for the past several years, but wouldn't pay more than a \$1 for it. Rodney Schmidt also expressed interest in the building. The council would prefer it to become a taxable property vs. a parking lot and discussed other options for the building; the council tabled acting on the property.

John Jenniges was contacted about the Community Center furnace maintenance and said he will send a new maintenance contract (none received yet) and he will change the filters in the meantime.

Discussed the Sacred Heart Catholic Church closing as of July 1, 2020, and the potential demolition of the building.

Summer Recreation was tabled; the council didn't know what to act on; the city has provided funding in the past.

There were no councilor requests.

**At 8:21 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be March 9, 2020, at 7 PM, at City Hall.