

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 8, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin Community Center to allow for social distancing. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Scharfencamp, R. Kokesch, Mumme and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch, Radermacher, Wiese and McCorquodale. Guests present were: Katie Joehnck and Colleen Freitag (virtual).

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

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of January 11, 2021. Wiese motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendeman called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$37,204.81, cash receipts for January were \$41,216.60; there are 5 past due utility accounts, 1 having the Cold Weather rule; one zoning permit was issued to T. Nelson to build a 24x34 attached garage at 440 2nd Ave East. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens were addressed.

Department heads reported. McCorquodale: Requested council approval for 3 new ambulance pagers for the new EMRs. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the ambulance request for 3 new pagers, second by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** McCorquodale asked for council approval of the newly appointed assistant ambulance chief, Katie Joehnck. Joehnck agreed to take on the position, being as involved as possible and to make sure all ambulance runs are entered in and submitted online to the EMSRB website. **Wiese motioned to approve the new assistant ambulance chief, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** McCorquodale reported there are currently 11 total ambulance personnel with the addition of the 6 new EMRs. The ambulance service went from having few people responding to calls to having more than needed respond, a good problem to have. One of the new EMRs has expressed interest in the possibility of continuing on to become an EMT. Wiese reported that the Fire Department has turned in their FEMA grant application. There are three fire personnel currently taking a fire training course. Radermacher is to contact the League of MN about the best way to address the issue of a personnel in non-compliance with the direct deposit policy that was implemented in the fall of 2020. Fire and Ambulance chiefs are to begin keeping time sheet records for each training/run on a google shared document that can be accessed and edited by the heads of their departments and the City Clerk. K. Kokesch spoke about snow removal, referencing the snow movers from the county having to plow the around the vehicles, leaving snow behind surrounding the vehicles that has to be taken care of at a later time and sometimes these cars do not move for days which causes issues. Mayor Gruendemann to call Sheriff Hable to discuss having the patrol officer coming through town to enforce the City's snow removal ordinance. Radermacher to continue adding reminders on social media to remind the public about moving cars off the streets for snow removal. K. Kokesch discussed the silt problem at the boat landing, stating that the city's storm sewer is washing out a large portion of land in the wooded area on the hill between the city and the MN River. R. Kokesch has visited with the DNR about this in the past and agreed to look at this again with K. Kokesch to address the problem. Other city matters discussed was the issue with the softball field fence that is being pushed apart by the ground frost and the condition of the tennis courts. The softball field fencing will be addressed when the ground thaws. Quotes to dig out and remove the tennis courts will be looked into. Radermacher reported of being notified that this year's Board of Appeal meeting will be held in Olivia at the court house on April 7 from 12-6pm. Radermacher emailed the council a draft of the LRIP Grant application that is ready to be submitted.

The R/S Fiber request for the city to allow them to install a whip on the water tower to provide point to point internet access was addressed. Radermacher looked into current city contracts and found nothing to prevent the city from allowing another company to provide their services in town. Wiese was for this as he would like to see another option for service in town. R. Kokesch feels that supporting the local businesses would be better. **Wiese motioned to approve R/S Fibers request, second by Gruendemann, RCV-2 Yes (Wiese & Gruendemann), 2-No (R. Kokesch & Mumme), 1-abstained (Scharfencamp); passed.**

The quit claim deed for D. Menks property was brought to council with the revisions previously requested. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the quit claim deed as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0-No.**

J. Hansen has expressed interest in the old pump house, wanting to be turned into a salon for. This was brought up but not discussed.

At 8:03 p.m., Scharfencamp motioned for adjournment, second by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be March 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer