

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present: Deming, Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, and Scharfencamp. Staff Department Heads present: Kokesch, Pederson, Menk, McCorquodale. Guests present: none.

At 7:00 p.m., Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called the meeting to order. Roll called showed Sherman absent (ill). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the minutes of May 13, 2019; Scharfencamp motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$46,507.73, cash receipts for May were \$50,141.64; there is one utility approved for disconnection; there were no new zoning permits. It was noted that the Lions just donated \$4000 and would like the city to purchase a used Torro Turf Pro for \$700 for the ball field, which was approved. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Deming, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Citizens were addressed. McCorquodale requested approval for Duinick Construction people to camp at their property on First St. while working on Hwy. 4; per city policy, they are to be registered with the city prior to camping on private property.

Pederson reviewed the 2018 financial statements and found no issues. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the 2018 Audit and Financial Statements, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

A final draft of the amendments to Ordinance 35.02 Rural Services District was presented for approval. Radermacher's have been in contact with their attorney who said they needed a survey completed to separate their parcel(s); they are waiting on the survey. Pederson contacted the Renville County Auditor who stated they just needed a correct legal description of the parcels, he provided the parcel number for their rural parcel which has been included in the amended ordinance. As there were no other appeals or requests, the amended ordinance will be published on June 19th. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the Amended Ordinance 35.02 Rural Services District, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. McCorquodale stated the ambulance has 4 members with radios, the rest have pagers; Trotter will need a radio when she moves out of town. Menk reported that the fire department has 7 members with radios, 5 are in the trucks and fire hall and 3 have pagers; the council directed the ambulance to get another radio and look for the best deal on what is available. Laptops were purchased for both the fire and ambulance via D. Munsell who donated a portion of the cost. Pederson reported that Koerner has not turned in any of his paperwork; the UFC natural gas surveys went out in the utility bills; the council approved the renewal of the long-term disability insurance at the same rates; only 50 pets have been licensed; a presentation of meter reading options will be scheduled in July; council supports "Pathways to Wellbeing" grant application. A water tower preconstruction meeting was held, contractor is behind schedule on his other contracts, council is open to entertaining a monetary offer if delayed until spring, otherwise contract deadlines will be enforced; tower will be painted a darker shade of blue and white; construction people will be allowed to stay in town during the project; the land survey is to be completed next week. K. Kokesch reported: 3rd St. S. is improved, but frost heaves are not gone, it needs gravel, etc. as well as 1st Ave. and 2nd Ave. W, FEMA may cover the frost damage expenses, council directed Kokesch to get prices on tiling and/or fixing frost boils and next year weight and speed limits on these roads will be considered; mosquito spraying has begun; changing bulbs in the community center is difficult; the well-sealing has not been done yet; the ballpark bathroom park water heater will be replaced rather than repaired; MRWA helped fix two hydrants, there are two that need to be replaced in the near future, this will be a 2020 budget item; weed spraying appears to be effective; MPCA still has not issued a permit. Wortham questioned blighted properties, second notices to be sent with citations to follow. Discussed two properties on the tax forfeiture list; one will remain on the list to be further considered.

The road repairs and improvements were already discussed.

Deming motioned to approve the Temporary Liquor License application of Franklin Fire Relief Association for July 26-28, 2019; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

A Catfish Days meeting will be held on June 12th; Monday clean-up help is needed; bathroom cleaner is arranged; sweeping will be done on Saturday night; discussed road closed signs, consider purchasing our own.

Councilor requests: thank you to Roger Boettger for the use of his sprayer.

At 9:00 p.m., Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for adjournment, with Scharfencamp motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be July 8, 2019, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer