

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 9, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Heibel, R. Kokesch, Scharfencamp and Sherman. Staff Department Heads present were: K. Kokesch and Pederson. Guests present were: Deputy Sam Olson and Matt Johnson.

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

Mayor Sherman called for approval of the June 11, 2018 minutes with R. Kokesch motioning to approve the minutes as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Sherman presented the consent agenda items. Bills were presented for approval in the amount of \$231,527.22, Pederson noted that the fire truck expense was included but has not yet been paid for; cash receipts for June were \$168,880.83. There were four past-due utility accounts approved for disconnection. Zoning permits were issued to: A. Kretzmann to install a 366' x 3.5' cedar/wood fence at 361 3rd St. S., and to R. Hempel to install a 113' x 6' wood panel fence at 245 4th St. S. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

No citizens were present. Pederson reported on a citizen complaint that was remediated.

M. Johnson of Mid-MN Regional Dev. reported on the proposed Safe Routes to School plan that was put together by a group of school and city persons in hopes of providing improved walking and biking paths for the school and community. Many of the items listed in the plan could potentially be paid for with grant funds. Noted in the plan: a one-way street during school drop off and pick up hours; "sharrows" (roads for cars and bikes); the need for sidewalks and reduced speeds. Johnson will submit the final plan to the state in August.

Resolution 2018-5: Resolution Proposing Vacation of Platted Alleys was reviewed and Pederson explained the process of vacating city alleys/streets, noting a 4/5's majority is necessary. A public hearing will be scheduled for Sept. 10, 2018. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve Resolution 2018-5 as written; second by Sherman, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads reported. Deputy Olson reported that the contracted hours are good, they've responded to a number of medical calls, are ready for Catfish Days and it was noted that there will be limited parking on 2nd Ave. Saturday/Sunday of Catfish Days. K. Kokesch reported: pot holes in the streets are deep and need tar, council directed him to patch them; as of now he does not have a bathroom cleaner for Catfish Days and he will sweep the streets on Saturday night; dirt has been placed by the park swing set, wood chips are to be added; the MPCA permit had been applied for back in July 2016 and is still under review; ground water issues are affecting a number of people and this is typically not a city issue; grass being mowed into the streets is a problem, enforcement was discussed. McCorquodale (via Pederson) reported that the Ridgewater EMT training for the EMT's will cost \$920 total per year; it was questioned what North's plans are, medical direction, and it was noted that McCorquodale is researching options. **Gruendemann motioned to move forward with the Ridgewater EMT Training, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes, 1-No, R. Kokesch.** Pederson reported: that CRC (former SCC) completed the summer fills and there were no discounts, K. Kokesch is to check on other LP options; the council denied the Central Community Transit funding request as it is not accessible or utilized in Franklin; the MN Dept. of Health was audited and Franklin's water met SDWA standards; Mike Norton has officially retired from Kennedy & Graven, Doug Shaftel will represent the city; the 2018 small cities road state aid is \$7,795; the county requested an estimate of the number of homes affected by flooding, beside ground water issues, no one was aware of any; Pederson is to order a rug for the community center and a bulletin board for city hall. **C. Scharfencamp's requested to be allowed to live in a camper during their home remodeling, which was motioned for approval by R. Kokesch, second by Heibel, RCV-4 Yes; 1-Abstained, Scharfencamp.**

Gruendemann spoke with SwedeBro about the community center floor bid and recommended going with the "Metallic" flooring bid of \$11,100; less the insurance claim, the net cost would be about \$3,500. **Gruendemann motioned to proceed with the floor bid but to try to negotiate a lesser cost by doing it in 2019, when they aren't as busy, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The ReneSola Power Holding agreement was reviewed by the city attorney with some minor revisions recommended. **R. Kokesch motioned to proceed with the ReneSola Agreement pending city attorney approval; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Discussed at length were the storm water issues with all of the recent heavy rainfall events. Ground water on private property is not really a city issue and if citizens want it remediated, they should petition the city to proceed with adding storm sewer to their property, which would require easements, engineering, and would be 100% assessed to the benefiting properties. The city has been very fortunate that there haven't been sewer back-ups reported, just ground water seepage. Kokesch noted that in all of June 2017, he pumped a total of 89,000 gallons and in June 2018, the least amount pumped was 89,000 gallons and as much as 494,000 gallons. It was recommended that neighbors work together to solve drainage issues and citizens should come to a meeting if they feel the city should get involved.

Gruendemann reported that a water source is needed for vendors for Catfish Days; the Lions Club approved paying \$500 toward a spigot to be installed on City Hall. It was questioned why now? Gruendemann stated the bars no longer will allow water use from their buildings. **Gruendemann motioned to install a spigot on City Hall, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson researched options for the farm land lease and noted that initially it was contracted out for lack of direction. It is felt that advertising and following the previous lease agreement could be done by the city. **R. Kokesch motioned to write up our own lease agreement to include listing crop rotation/fertilizers/herbicides used and to make the lease agreement for two years; second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The land rental will be advertised in the *Standard, Gazette & Messenger, Redwood Gazette*, and on the city's Facebook page. Sealed bids will be opened at the August 13th meeting.

Councilor requests: the Mayor will ride in the Catfish Days parade; the Lion's hired C. Meyers to work up the softball field; fishing licenses are no longer available for purchase in Franklin; R. Kokesch plans to take the Board of Appeals training. **At 9:06 p.m., Mayor Sherman called for a motion to adjourn, with R. Kokesch motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be August 13, 2018, at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer