

**MINUTES OF THE
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 10, 2012**

A Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council were held on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Degner, Gruendemann, Lyon, Schacher, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: Degner, Kokesch, and Pederson. Guests present were: Robin Kokesch, Curt Scharfencamp, and Andy Kehren.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Degner called the public hearing to order. No citizens were present for the hearing. Mayor Degner presented the proposed 2013 Budget and Levy. The council felt there were no budget or levy changes needed. As there were no comments, Mayor Degner closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Degner called the regular meeting to order with roll call showing all council present.

Mayor Degner called for approval of the agenda. **Schacher motioned to approve the agenda, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Degner called for approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting. Gruendemann motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

No citizens were present.

Kehren presented the summary of bids received for the Water and Wastewater Facilities Improvements, noting that the project had to be rebid and that there were four proposals received ranging from \$739,000 to \$867,059. Kehren also noted the low bid was \$110,100 less than the previously received bids. Kehren recommended the city award the contract to the low bidder, KHC Construction, and noted that KHC would like to begin digging in the raw water line as soon as possible. Rural Development approved the bids and will be approving the contracts after the city attorney approves them, but this will take until the end of December. The city attorney put together a Right of Way Agreement that removes any liability from the city, allowing KHC to work within the right of way prior to all documentation being executed. **Schacher motioned to award the contract to KHC Construction in the amount of \$739,000.00, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. Wiese motioned to approve the Right of Way Agreement, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.** Kehren will distribute the contracts for city attorney and Rural Development review and approval.

There was nothing on the CSAH 29 project to report.

Pay Draw No. 7, in the amount of \$45,069.01 was presented for approval, with Schacher motioning for approval, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

The financial status of the city was reviewed. November receipts totaled \$129,266.51; current bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$144,923.68. **Wiese motioned for approval of the bills and financial report as presented, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads were addressed. Kokesch reported that there were many cars on the streets making snow removal difficult and that he left the alleys and soft areas that are not frozen yet; the auger on the pellet system has been having problems and will be corrected over the summer months; the snow truck was repaired and it was noted that it is basically junk and he isn't sure if it will get through this snow season, the city will need to do something. Pederson reported that the settlement check has been received for the Gaub Warranty claim; the council approved the Xcel Energy Stipulation and Order for Dismissal for condemnation; reported that the potentially dangerous dog determination stood; and that Mike Uhlenkamp is selling his practice but will still be doing the city audit. Birkemeyer requested council approval to purchase a pulse oximeter for the ambulance at the cost of \$2,691.35. **Wiese motioned approval of the purchase a pulse oximeter as requested, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

There were no new zoning permits.

Pederson discussed the North Ambulance Contract renewal with Dan DeSmet; as the ambulance staffing has not changed, it was decided to add the verbiage that the contract will not have a six month time limit and will keep the option to discontinue with at least a 30 day notice. DeSmet will be sending a new contract. **Schacher motioned to approve Pederson to sign the contract with North as discussed, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Gruendemann motioned to approve the Amendments to Ordinance 03-2003, fee changes for 2013, second by Schacher, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Pederson presented the 2012 Fire/Ambulance Wage report, and noted the two new fire persons have not turned in their paperwork. **Gruendemann motioned to approve the 2012 Fire/Ambulance Wages, pending payment until the paperwork is submitted, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The 2013 Budget includes: General Fund income \$137,110, expenses \$390,978, transfers in \$68,100; Water Fund income \$81,900, expenses \$51,000, transfers out \$30,900; Sewer Fund income \$95,600, expenses \$58,400, transfers out \$37,200; Debt expenses \$116,747; Government Aid \$132,996; net 2012 levy \$169,519, an increase of 3.180% over 2012. Pederson also presented the Budget Summary for Publication. **Schacher motioned to approve the 2013 Budget and Budget Summary as written, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Wiese motioned to approve Resolution 2012-13, 2013 Property Tax Levy, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

The 2013 Annual Appointment list was discussed and will be formally approved in January.

Councilor requests included Mayor Degner having received complaints about dumpsters, noting they have been on the street for some time and impede in snow removal; Chief Degner will contact Clobes Sanitation. The council recognized outgoing council members, Schacher and Gruendemann, and thanked them for their service.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Degner called for adjournment, with Wiese motioning for adjournment, second by Gruendemann, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular city council meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer