

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 14, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council members present were: Degner, Kokesch, Lyon, Scharfencamp, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: Degner, Kokesch, and Pederson. Guests present were: Scott Nissen, Katrina Swigart, Joel Harmoning, Brian Pederson, Andy Kehren.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Degner called the meeting to order with roll call showing all council present.

Oaths of office were recited by Degner, Kokesch, Scharfencamp, and Wiese.

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

Mayor Degner called for approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2012 Truth in Taxation Hearing and Regular Meeting. Lyon motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Citizens were addressed. Swigart requested an extension of payment for her utility bill until her emergency assistance comes through; the council allowed an extension until the end of the week. Al Selbrade submitted a written request for a payment plan, which was approved as written. Pederson will report on these accounts in February. Nissen, representing the Franklin State Bank, reported an issue with the sidewalk installed during the recent improvement project and noted that snow and ice from the street migrate onto the sidewalk creating ice and snow to accumulate there and it is actually less accessible than it had been before the new accessibility standards were put into place. Kehren noted that this corner is unique and under ADA rules the sidewalk elevation cannot be raised and the sidewalk meets ADA standards. Kehren will visit with the county engineer and attempt to install a catch basin or find a way to help resolve this issue.

Pederson presented the 2013 City Council Meeting Schedule noting that the second Monday of November is a legal holiday. The November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. **Wiese motioned to approve the 2013 City Council Meeting Schedule, second by Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Lyon motioned to approve Resolution 2013-1, Official Designations and Annual Appointments as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Wiese motioned to approve Resolution 2013-2, 2012 Contributions, second by Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

The 2012 Ambulance Report was presented with the total income of \$16,792.11, expenses of \$21,687.00; for a net loss of \$4,894.89, which will be transferred from the ambulance savings to general savings. It was noted that there were EMT refresher courses in 2012 and runs were down. **Lyon motioned to approve the 2012 Ambulance Report and transfer, second by Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson presented the 2012 Ambulance Association Financial Report, with total income of \$9,940.48. Pederson noted that all of the assessments were paid in full. **Kokesch motioned to approve the 2012 Franklin Ambulance Association Report, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Pederson presented the 2012 Fire Department/Rural Fire Association Report with the city/rural halves of \$12,153.56 each. **Wiese motioned to approve the 2012 Fire Department/Rural Fire Association Report, second by Lyon, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Partial Pay Estimate No. 1, to KHC Construction in the amount of \$56,617.15 was presented for approval. Kehren noted that the outside work is complete and they are ordering materials for the inside work. **Lyon motioned to approve PPE #1 to KHC in the amount of \$56,617.15, second by Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Pay Draw No. 8 in the amount of \$56,617.15 was presented for approval, which was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Pederson, Harmoning and Nissen, representing the Franklin Development Corporation, reviewed the activities of the past year, giving financial support to: the tennis court project, mosquito spraying, and business expansion assistance to Darris Dehncke and AJ's Longbranch Saloon. They have also requested Economic Levering Funds and matched the requests to help businesses in Franklin. Their current funds are low and the raffle sales do not provide enough funds to support the current needs. It was requested the council approve transferring the remaining funds in the 2012 budget to them. **Wiese motioned to approve payment of the 2012 funds in the amount of \$1,252.19 to the Franklin Dev. Corp., second by Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

The financial status of the city was reviewed. December receipts totaled \$264,477.80; current bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$234,280.47. **Wiese motioned for approval of the bills and financial report as presented, second by Scharfencamp, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department Heads were addressed. Kokesch reported that snow removal has been going well; 1st Avenue is very messy due to the construction and the recent cold weather, noting it may have to be shut down until it can be graded; the water is on in a foreclosed house and since this house is on the disconnect list and property notification has been given, the water will be shut off. Chief Degner received council approval to attend the Chiefs of Police Conference. Pederson reported on LMCIT coverage changes and that a dividend of \$3,764.00 was received; Beyond Yellow Ribbon requested a city representative attend in Feb., Mayor Degner will attend; Pederson received council approval to attend the MCFOA Clerk's conference in March; the Clean Energy Resource Team has requested Pederson speak with Dan Reek at their annual conference in St. Cloud on Feb. 21st, the council approved Pederson to attend.

There were no new zoning permit applications.

Sara Scharfencamp's resignation from the Franklin Ambulance was motioned for approval by Scharfencamp, second by Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Kokesch reported that the lawn mower is two years old and the city has been trading their mowers in after two years; the cost to trade this year with Kibble Equipment is \$3,500 (it was \$3,250 two years ago). **Kokesch motioned to approve trading the mower, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Councilor requests: Wiese requested the city discuss police coverage which will be put on the next agenda; Chief Degner stated he will retire with his last day being June 30, 2013. Kokesch questioned the snow truck and K. Kokesch said it is working now and is not used enough to substantiate the expense of a newer one. Mayor Degner attended the railroad meeting and reported they are attempting to obtain a bonding bill to expand the 25 mph railroad to Fairfax and would like city support at the capitol.

At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Degner called for adjournment, with Lyon motioning for adjournment, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The Ambulance Association/Rural Fire Association Meetings will be held on February 4, 2013, at 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. and the next regular city council meeting will be held Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Pederson, City Clerk/Treasurer