

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 8, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, October 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Mumme, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, Kokesch, and Wiese. Guests present were: D. Smith, K. Smith, B. Helget, S. Traulich, B. & B. McCorquodale, M. Weinzetl.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll called showed Scharfencamp absent but set to arrive late. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of regular meeting on September 12, 2022. Wiese motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$61,743.06, Cash receipts for September were \$38,987.44; there were 11 past due utility accounts; Radermacher presented a question on a zoning application recently received; the homeowner at 134 4th Street wants to build an additional garage that abuts to the current garage but the setback requirements to not satisfy the zoning ordinance for either structure and asked for council advice on issuance of the permit. Council advises to begin the variance process.

Wiese motioned to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to begin a variance for the zoning application presented, second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

S. Traulich from Bolton and Menk presented an updated estimate per request from the public hearing held at the August 8th council meeting to show cost and assessment difference between original project presented and the scaled down version being presented. Changes made include downsizing the proposed water line from an 8" water line to a 6", spot repair on curb and gutter, and keeping the westerly half graveled instead of paved. The cost estimate change goes from apx \$620,000 down to \$470,000 to scale down the proposed project. Homeowners present had mixed reactions to the estimates as the estimated assessments are still higher than they would like to see. There was discussion made on other changes that can be made and the project as a whole. **R. Kokesch motioned to close the public hearing on the 2nd Ave W project improvements, Second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department heads reported: Wiese reported having issues editing the 2022 fire dept spread sheet that tracks hours for fire dept personnel. K. Kokesch talked about a new mandatory lead and copper inventory being implemented by the state and plans to work of Franklin's inventory report this winter. He reported a citizen having concerns of semi traffic on 1st Ave and asking for weight restriction signs to be posted, council discussed and advised not to post signs at this point. Parks are being winterized and hydrants will be flushed for the season. Black dirt is coming to fix some yard damage from a water main break earlier in the year. K. Kokesch spoke to the council about generator maintenance for the lift stations and the water plant and showed council some contract options for the needed maintenance. McGowan submitted a quote for snow removal for the 2022-2023 season charging \$85/hour. **Wiese motioned to accept the contract with McGowan for snow removal for the 2022-2023 season, Second by Scharfencamp, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.** Mayor Gruendemann asked for an update on the ball park lights; new light pole has been installed and other lights were fixed up but one light has been reported still not working. Radermacher informed the council that the Clerk's Academy she attended went well. The new City Webpage is up and running but still needs updates. She reported submitting the county improvement grant and will be notified if awarded by the end of October; funds awarded must be expensed by the end of 2022. Radermacher informed council that in order to approve anything for the 2nd Ave improvement project, they would need to figure out the project plans to have a better estimate on costs as well as figure out how to fund the project. B. Helget from Bolton and Menk spoke to council about a couple options for funding opportunities including Public Facilities authority grant, MN Deed small cities grant or one other option presented is a clean drinking water grant that would require looping the dead-end water lines from second and third avenue but open up the grant options a bit more. Council deliberated and all agreed that looping the water lines would have more benefits for the community. Bolton and Menk will update the plans and estimate for this project to pave the whole street, replace the existing curb and gutter but not add any new, and loop the water lines from 2nd avenue to 3rd avenue.

The 2023 salary and fee changes were presented to council to review for errors or other changes. Council discussed the necessity of having a fee for loads for the MRU department; the fee for this will be removed from the fee schedule.

Changing the City of Franklin pet ordinance/license renewal to a conditional lifetime license was discussed and a decision was tabled.

Wiese motioned to approved not waiving tort liability, Second by Scharfencamp, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.

City ordinances on storage buildings/units was discussed. Council held a discussion on the ordinance terminology and talked about temporary storage pods not being included in city ordinances. City Council will like to revise the ordinance and would like to refer to the City Attorney for advice. **Mumme motioned to approve contacting the city attorney for review on city ordinances on storage pods, Second by Wiese, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

At 8:25 P.M., Scharfencamp motioned for adjournment, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be November 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer