

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, November 14, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, November 14, 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, K. Kokesch, and Wiese. Guests present were: D. Smith, S. Traulich, J. Luez, A. Feliciano, N. Rendon

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

**Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of regular meeting on October 10, 2022. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Wiese, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$94,893.32, Cash receipts for October were \$28,179.08; there were 8 past due utility accounts; Two zoning permits issued; fencing around playground equipment at 380 2<sup>nd</sup> st, and a 60' x 60' building addition at 333 St Hwy 19. **Wiese motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann opened the public hearing for a variance request made by D. Smith for an addition to a garage at 134 4<sup>th</sup> St that does not meet set back requirements from the alley. The planning and zoning committee met previously for discussion on any impacts the garage addition may have; discussion included issues with line of sight for drivers coming out of the alley, difficulty with snow removal, as well as any possible damage snow removal may cause to the building from snow being pushed against the metal siding. It was noted that snow removal can be challenging anywhere and the garage addition will not make snow removal any more challenging in the alley but snow will build up against the building. No comments or questions from any guest present. Mayor Gruendemann closed the public hearing.

S. Traulich from Bolton and Menk presented the council with an updated estimate and plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue improvement project. The new project estimate for \$760,000 included looping the dead-end water main on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue to the water main on 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue. Looping the water main gets this project on a project priority list and increases the points awarded to the project when applying for funding. S. Traulich informed the council that the next steps to move forward with this project is to decide on the project details. Once details for the project are determined, funding options can be explored and the assessment policy may be looked at. Council asked questions regarding supply chain issues, the quality of the supplies being produced, and possible changes with the cost of the supplies. Council will revisit the project details and making final project decisions at the January 2023 council meeting.

**Wiese motioned to approve Resolution 2022-15: Approving the Variance request for garage addition at 134 4<sup>th</sup> st, noting that the city not be liable for any damage to the addition that may be caused by snow removal, Second by Mumme, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department heads reported: K. Kokesch reported on the street sweeper repairs and finishing street sweeping for the season. Kokesch believes that the street sweeper, with regular maintenance, can be used for a few more years without needing replacement. K. Kokesch will be going on vacation this week and has Ed Faye on call for snow removal if necessary. The estimate on the repairs to the pellet building should be coming. Radermacher reported an increase to the cost of cleaning to the Fire Hall and City Hall to increase to \$30/hr in 2023. Radermacher presented new examples to city banners to the council for feedback; Council unanimously agreed on one banner that had the most-friendly looking catfish and font.

A quit claim deed and resolution to transfer ownership of 242 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue from the City or N. Rendon. The City Attorney drafted these documents and wanted the council to be informed that keeping ownership of the building is warranted due to lack of follow through to agreements made. Council discussed and felt that N. Rendon has put the work and money needed to warrant ownership of the building. **Wiese motioned to approve the Quit Claim Deed and Resolution 2022-16: Approving the conveyance of certain real property to N. Rendon, Second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

The canvass of the 2022 election included: Mayor Corey Gruendemann, City Council Members: Matthew Mumme and Wes Lund. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the 2022 election canvass, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

R. Kokesch presented the council with a new option for a main piece of park equipment with a lower price than the equipment previously approved. Council agreed the new option presented was a better option. Radermacher informed the council of being awarded \$1000 in fund through Renville County Impact Funds for the park equipment. Funds must be spent by end of the year and receipts must be submitted by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Council discussed options with the funds available and agreed to purchase a piece of park equipment in order to close out the insurance claim on the currently damaged equipment as well as use the awarded county grant. **Wiese motioned to approve the purchase of the fire truck park equipment using the Renville County grant money, insurance claim money and the fire department donation, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

R. Kokesch reported the Lions club has agreed to assist with fundraising for park equipment and the Legion has agreed to donate funds from the turkey bingo profits to assist with equipment as well. The Renville County Community Impact fund agreement was passed.

R. Kokesch commented on continued issues with the new website as well as questions that arose with Holiday hours; R. Kokesch suggested that the policy be amended for clarity.

**At 8:05 P.M., Wiese motioned for adjournment, second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer