

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 14, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Mumme, Scharfencamp, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, and Wiese. Guests present were: J. Clobes, W. Lund, J. Koerner

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

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of regular meeting on November 14, 2022. Wiese motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$66,717.24, Cash receipts for November were \$104,707.16; there were 7 past due utility accounts; No new zoning permits issued. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann opened the Truth in Taxation public at 7:05 PM. J. Koerner questioned the increase in his 2023 proposed property taxes. Council deliberated with him over what parts of his taxes were increasing and by how much. It was suggested he contact the county assessor to inquire about the increase in the valuation of the home. **Scharfencamp motioned to close the public hearing, Second by Wiese, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

J. Clobes presented the council with a garbage rate increase proposal due to the dramatic increase in landfill fees. The proposal increases the garbage fees as follows: 35-gallon cart for \$14.58 per month plus tax, 65-gallon cart for \$18.54 per month plus tax, and the 95-gallon cart for \$21.27 per month plus tax. **Scharfencamp motioned to approve the garbage rate increases as presented, Second by Mumme, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

R. Kokesch motioned to approve the amendment to code of ordinances 30.11-fee schedule as presented, Second by Wiese, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.

Department heads reported: Wiese reported that the Fire dept. is ordering mesh lockers for the newer members. R. Kokesch asked if the Fire dept has worked on updating their by-laws as requested earlier this year and asks that they be completed by February 2023. It was also questioned that there was a Fire dept member that is on military leave status but responded to a fire call this year; the question is if they would still be covered under the city/fire dept insurance if something was to happen, this will be looked into. K. Kokesch reported the work completed on the payloaders as well as more work that needs to be completed. Snow removal is starting out well. Radermacher completed a work comp audit and was asked about the city website. The new website was hacked and fixed; Radermacher needs to update the information on the website. R. Kokesch requested that council persons personal addresses be removed from the website.

MRU bylaw edits were presented to council for review and feedback. Mayor Gruendemann suggested that the requirement to have a high school diploma or GED be removed from the requirements for Ambulance Chief.

Scharfencamp motioned to approve 2022 Fire and MRU payroll, Second by Mumme, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.

Some citizens have asked council members about where to bring leaves in the fall as the city burn site will only accept tree stumps and branches and there is no designated area to bring brush and leaves. The idea of adding a fall clean up day was discussed and how it would work. This topic will be revisited at a later date.

Wiese motioned to approve the 2023 council meeting schedule, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2022-17: 2023 Property Taxes, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No-Scharfencamp.

Wiese motioned to approve the 2023 Budget, Second by Mumme, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No- Scharfencamp.

R. Kokesch questioned the status of the community center meetings and the requested agreement term edits with Cedar Mountain school district as it has been well over a year since initially trying to negotiate new terms. The 2022 fourth quarter meeting was postponed and not completed; a formal in person meeting is requested after the new year and terms will be negotiated.

At 8:01 P.M., Scharfencamp motioned for adjournment, second by Wiese, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be January 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer