

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: R. Kokesch, Mumme, Scharfencamp, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, and Wiese. Guests present were: M. Anderson, T. Anderson, J. Robinson.

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

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the minutes of regular meeting on August 8, 2022. Scharfencamp motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Wiese, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$44,486.80, Cash receipts for August were \$33,085.12; there were 12 past due utility accounts; One new zoning permits issued at 225 7th St. S to build a 10' x 12' storage shed. **Wise motioned to approve the consent agenda, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

M & T Anderson addressed the council with a complaint of a foul-smelling rendering truck in the neighborhood and asked council for guidance on what can be done. Council advised them to contact the sheriff's department as they are paid to enforce the city ordinances or fill out a complaint form to be turned in to City Hall. J. Robinson introduced himself as a second district county commissioner candidate. He stated that he served 8 years on the Franklin City Council and 11 years on the Franklin fire department.

Department heads reported: Radermacher reported a planned power outage by Xcel early in the morning on September 19th. Radermacher presented two options for signs to be posted for the security systems at the parks. The safe route to school grant is designed for larger projects that the Franklin City Council intends. Radermacher asked if council had any issues that arose from the Farm Lease approval last month, or she would get proper signatures and move forward, council discussed and no objections made. Radermacher asked if anybody knew where the second post office box key is for the Ambulance/MRU dept, no. Radermacher asked if council would entertain the idea of switching to a lifetime dog license before an ordinance is written, council discussed, no definite decision made, Radermacher to write up a new ordinance to present to council. Wiese reported new gear was ordered for the new members and there will be 5 fire dept personnel taking the training course this fall/winter. Bylaws have not been fixed yet.

Council approved the Truth in Taxation meeting to take place during the regular City Council meeting on December 13, 2022 beginning at 7PM.

Wiese motioned to approve the health insurance renewal for 2023, Second by Scharfencamp, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.

2023 salaries and fees schedules were presented for discussion. Water and sewer rates were discussed; base rates will increase \$0.50 and user rates will increase \$0.75. Minimum wage is set to increase to \$10.59 for large employers, Franklin council approved this as minimum wage for city employees. The MRU department no longer needs an assistant chief and suggests changing the name of the "chief" to "director". The MRU director was approved to be paid \$400 annually. MRU member pay was discussed if EMRs and EMTs should be paid the same wage or differently to encourage EMRs to continue their education to become EMTs; It was discussed for EMTs to be paid \$15 for runs and EMRs to be paid minimum wage, \$10.59, for runs. Election judge wages were discussed, judges will be paid minimum wage, assistant head judge pay will increase to \$11.50 and head judge pay will increase to \$12.50. City Council pay will increase as follows: Mayor \$150/meeting, council members \$125/meeting, and special meeting pay will increase to \$125. The two full time staff members' salaries were discussed; a salary schedule was implemented in 2021 but with in dramatic inflationary increase was not planned; council approved moving both staff members from step 1 pay rate to step 3 to account for the inflation, approving \$19.88/hour for Radermacher and \$34.07/hour for K. Kokesch.

The preliminary budget was presented for discussion to set the preliminary levy for 2023. Council suggests that budget amounts for fuel and electricity should be increased to account for the large increases in cost. Council discussed putting \$34,000 into the capital outlay for streets to prepare for street improvement projects. After council discussed changes with the preliminary budget, the preliminary levy increases from 2022 is apx. 2.378% and is set at \$185,053.

Wiese motioned to approve Resolution 2022-14: Proposed 2023 Levy at \$185,053, Second by Mumme, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.

Miscellaneous council topics discussed: Council asked if there has been any progress on the pellet building insurance claim, with K. Kokesch's absence, Radermacher reported knowledge of a professional coming further assess the damages in mid-August and has no knowledge of a decision made whether the damages extensive enough to fix or not. R. Kokesch asked if any options have been looked at to get water services out to Harmoning's property on the east end of town, Radermacher will talk to K. Kokesch about this. Park grants were discussed on what ones will be sought after.

At 9:04 P.M., Wiese motioned for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer