

# April 2023

## City Newsletter

**City Council Briefs:** Meeting Date: March 13, 2023

Council Present: Gruendemann, Wiese, Lund, Mumme and R. Kokesch

Staff Present: Radermacher & K.Kokesch

Guests: S. Traulich, J. Sullivan, C. Minkel, J. Mathwig, B. Deming, T. Johnson

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 2/13/23 & th Annual Rural Fire & Ambulance Association Meetings 2/6/23

1. Approved consent agenda: bills of \$39,305.34; 8 past due utility accounts; no zoning permit issued.
2. J. Sullivan discussed with council the community center shared agreement terms between the daycare and the city. Items changing include: each entity will handle their own snow removal, lawn upkeep, and general grounds maintenance. The city will pay for supplies for indoor maintenance for the community center and the daycare will provide the labor.
3. Council approved plans for the second avenue improvements. Bolton and Menk to get the project on the project priority list for funding.
4. Dept heads: Mathwig addressed the council with the sheriff's monthly report for February explaining that the average hours were higher than average. During the last snow event, Mathwig stationed in the Franklin area for two nights to assist in case of any emergency. Thank you to the Renville County Sheriff's Department for this. Radermacher spoke to council about the south door lock on the Fire Hall that is badly so badly scratched the numbers cannot be seen making it near impossible to get in with out a programmed fingerprint; fixes were discussed. Radermacher reported the USDA to be coming to Franklin in March for a compliance review ad will be visiting City Hall, the Fire Hall, as well as the water and wastewater facilities. K. Kokesch spoke to council about road posting signs to restrict weight limits on 1st avenue and 3rd street. Kokesch told council to plan for purchasing more gravel in the next couple months and he is happy to report that another one of the Dutch elm trees have been cut down and removed! Wiese reported new officers elected of the Fire Department and MRU. A question was asked if the Fire Hall is still being used for community organization meetings as it was discussed in the past to encourage the use of the community center as it is free for local service organization meetings.
5. Fire Department bylaw amendments were looked into. Past minutes were located to find the approval of the amendments but were never updated in city documents, this will get completed so a current and updated copy will be available at City Hall.
6. Council approved new MRU chief, Cynthia Minkel, and new Fire Dept officers as follows: Jake Olson-assistant chief, Dan Batdorf – 1st Lieutenant, Mat Olson-2nd lieutenant, Wes Lund-Secretary. Chief Wiese stays fire dept chief.
7. Personnel Policy amendments approved to include: adding Juneteenth as an observed holiday, City Hall office hours changed in the policy to match door sign.
8. Council discussed opening the community center for community members to utilize for walking. Approved opening doors in the mornings, 3 days a week on a trial basis from April– May to see if there is any community interest to continue for next winter. There will be a sign in sheet in the entry way to track the use and receive any comments or suggestions. No pets to be allowed.
9. R. Kokesch noted that outlet covers that have been in use in the community center for the daycare can be removed per current daycare licenser if a certified electrician will certify that all the outlets are tamper resistant. In the past, continued removal and replacement of these outlet covers have damaged the outlets to where they needed replacement.
10. The bills authorized for payment are as follows:

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Salaries	Net	\$8,068.91	Ren. County Ag Soc	Catfish	\$750.00	Hagen Ag Services	Maint	\$2,117.36
PERA	Retirement	\$676.80	Farmward	LP	\$1,623.11	Xcel	Electric	\$3,553.26
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$395.58	McGowan	Snow	\$573.75	Ridgewater	Training	\$720.00
IRS	Withholding	\$2,406.77	Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$564.00	MMUA	Dues	\$174.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,123.36	Walton Law	Legal	\$174.50	Election systems	Dues	\$152.25
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$52.90	MN Pollution Control	Dues	\$1,450.00	VISA	Supplies	\$476.97
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,042.51	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$127.50	Blue Fire Training	Training	\$1,500.00
Madison National	Insurance	\$21.20	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$481.95	MVTL	Lab	\$226.99
Marco	Printer	\$167.46	MN Dept of Health	Dues	\$510.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$266.07
All Phase electric	Maint	\$417.25	Alex Air Apparatus	Supplies	\$2,908.23	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$379.59
Winsted Solar, LLC	Solar	\$693.07						

# Community Calendar April 2023

April 6	Legion Meeting– 7PM Com Cntr
April 9	Happy Easter
April 10	Lions Club, 6 PM
	City Council, 7 PM, City Hall
April 11	Curbside Recycling
April 20	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
April 25	Curbside Recycling

## 2023 Curbside Recycling:

April – 11 & 25



Pet licenses expired April 30th. The license fee is \$10 per pet. You have until May 31st to license your pet; after May 31st there is an additional \$25 late fee. You must provide proof of current vaccinations for each pet and for dogs you must provide proof of at least \$50,000 liability insurance. These *documents must be brought in annually*. Each premise is limited to two dogs or three cats in any combination not to exceed four.



Hosted by



Franklin Lion's Club

April 8th, 1:00pm. outdoors

Franklin Restorative Care Center  
(Nursing Home)

4 age groups  
Ages Toddlers-4th Grade

Open burning is regulated from April-October. You must have a permit to burn. Burning is allowed between the hours of 6:00PM-9:00PM. It is your responsibility to adhere to burning bans. There is no permit required for recreational (camp) fires.



### RENNVILLE COUNTY

#### ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING!!

The first Wednesday every other month April - October:

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Located on the northeast end of the Renville County Fairgrounds

This collection is for Renville and Redwood County Residents ONLY

We reserve the right to refuse any load

May 3, 2023

July 5, 2023

September 6, 2023

For more information, contact S.W. Recycling at  
1-800-366-8665 or [www.swrecycling.com](http://www.swrecycling.com)

#### Electronics

#### Appliances

##### FREE

##### \*COST

CPUs/hard drives, computer mouse, cell phones, keyboards, speakers, iPods, cameras, GPS units, laptops, CD players, MP3 players, radios/boom boxes, etc.

**\$25.00:** TVs and computer monitors  
**\$10.00:** scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players and stereos

##### FREE

##### \*COST

Washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, water softeners, etc.  
**(Non-metal water heaters NOT accepted)**

**\$75.00:**  
RV Refrigerators

Any item with a cord is considered an appliance or electronic device. If you don't see an item listed in the "cost" columns, it is probably accepted for disposal, but is most likely free of charge.

Non appliance or electronic items accepted: charcoal/gas grills, furnaces, A/C units, exercise equipment, satellite dishes, and yard maintenance equipment.

The following will **NOT** be accepted at this collection: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), standard recyclable materials, fluorescent bulbs, batteries or tires.

\*Prices may be subject to change. **Cash or check only. No credit/debit cards accepted.**

Open to Renville & Redwood County Residents ONLY.

## Community Walking Space

The Franklin Community Center is opening its doors for folks to be able to move and walk around and stay out of the elements. This will be a trial run to see if there is interest in this in the future.

Doors will be open from **6:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**

**April—May**

Please sign in on the sheet in the entry way so we know how much interest there is. Feel free to leave any comments or suggestions!

Please do not bring pets

Clean up after yourselves

Happy Walking!!

