

February 2023 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs: Meeting Date: January 9, 2023

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

Staff Present: Radermacher , K.Kokesch

Guests: S. Traulich

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call. Oath of Office recited by Gruendemann, Mumme, and Lund.

1. Approved minutes of the regular meeting 12/13/22
2. Approved consent agenda: bills of \$654,020.84; cash receipts of \$27,672.60; 11 past due utility accounts; no zoning permit issued.
3. S. Traulich from Bolton and Menk presented the scope of work for the second avenue project for approval to get on the project priority list. Scope of work includes looping the water main from 2nd ave to 3rd ave, new curb and gutter to replace existing, and pavement for all of 2nd ave. Council questioned the amount of debt that can be taken on in consideration of future project plans. K. Kokesch to begin lead on copper inventory for the city in attempts to open up more funding opportunities for this project if any part of it need replacement of any water lines that need be.
4. Approved Resolution 2023-1: Approving official designation and annual appointments
5. Approved Resolution 2023-2: Approving 2022 contributions
6. Approved Resolution 2023-3: Re-establishing polling place
7. Dept heads: K. Kokesch reports that the snow removal budget will most likely go way over. R. Kokesch thanks K. Kokesch, MCGowans, and the sheriffs department for all their great work with all the snow removal and keeping cars off the streets. K. Kokesch reported plans to remove the old playground equipment in early spring to ready the area for the new equipment. Radermacher has not completed website updates. Kokesch and Radermacher's request to replace two florescent lights in City Hall with Led is approved. Radermacher also reported there are no liability issues with fire department member that are on military leave to report to calls when in town as they are in the area.
8. 2022 ambulance report approved and transfer approved.
9. 2022 ambulance association financials presented.
10. 2022 fire/rural fire report approved
11. Personnel policy amendments discussed. City hall hours to be amended to match hours posted on City Hall door in multiple places in the policy. Holiday hours during summer hours to be clarified. Questioned if MN law requires city hall to be open M-F or if summer hours for city hall will need to change, Radermacher to contact LMC. R. Kokesch suggested adding Juneteenth as a holiday. Amendments to be made and presented for final approval in February.
12. R. Kokesch would like to apply for grants for the park through the DMR portal, council agreed.
13. The bills authorized for payment are as follows:



Salaries	Net	\$17,379.13	McGowan	Snow	\$871.25	Raven All-Runner	Refund	\$75.00
PERA	Retirement	\$699.34	Ren. Co Sheriff's Dept	Police	\$14,738.14	Runnings	Supplies	\$40.53
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$331.76	Walton Law	Legal	\$301.50	Ren Cnty Public Works	Snow	\$155.00
IRS	Withholding	\$3,958.11	Standard-Gazette	Printing	\$33.23	Scenic Byway	Dues	\$150.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$3,927.00	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$235.00	City of Fairfax	Safety	\$1,420.40
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$52.90	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	MVTL	Lab	\$401.30
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$2,827.52	Hillyard	Supplies	\$136.86	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$267.97
Madison National	Insurance	\$21.20	Kennedy and Graven	Legal	\$360.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$688.40
Marco	Printer	\$167.46	LMC	Council	\$350.00	Winsted Solar, LLC	Solar	\$4,008.00
Gopher State	Locates	\$1.35	Xcel	Energy	\$402.49			

The City of Franklin is currently in the process of completing a State Mandated lead and copper line inventory of every water line within the city. City staff will need to enter every residence and business (even if vacant). The area where the water lines come into the building will need to be cleared in order for city staff to be able to access the piping. Call City Hall to make an appointment that works with your schedule. 507-557-2259.

Community Calendar February 2023

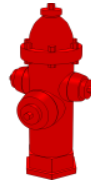
- February 2 Legion Meeting- 7PM Com Cntr
- February 6 Rural Fire/Amb Assoc meeting- Com Cntr
- February 13 Lions Club, 6 PM
City Council, 7 PM, City Hall
- February 14 Happy Valentine's Day
Curbside Recycling
- February 16 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
- February 18 Legion Bingo-Community Center 7PM
- February 28 Curbside Recycling

Reminder on parking for snow removal!!

Per the City of Franklin code: Vehicles shall not be parked on city streets or public ways after accumulation of any measurable snowfall until the street or public way is plowed from curb to curb.

Please clear your sidewalks after snow events.

Thank you!



Fire Hydrants are there for your safety. Please clear the snow from the hydrants on your property for easy access during an emergency.

THANK YOU!



2023 Curbside Recycling:

February- 14 & 28

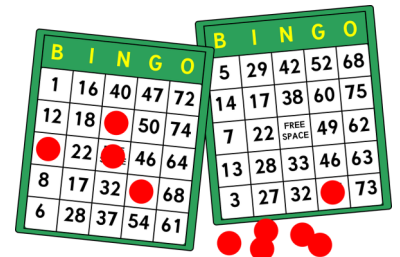


Franklin Legion Post #308

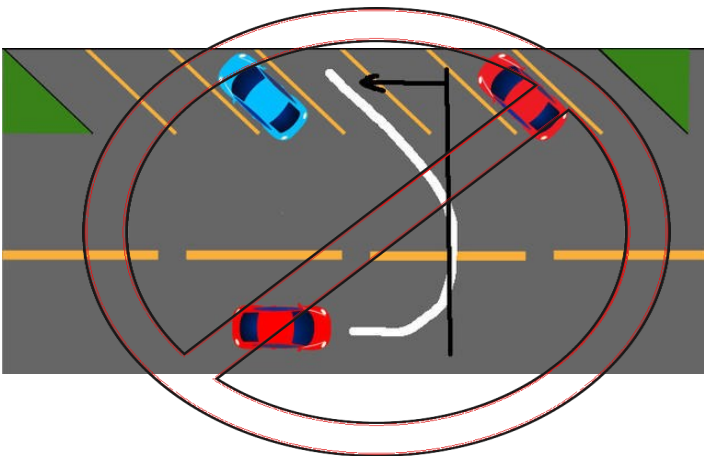
Mid-Winter **BINGO** party

Saturday February 18, 2023- 7:00 PM

Franklin Community Center



Snacks available for purchase by Birch Coulee 4H



thank you!

It is with deep thanksgiving that our family recognizes the love and care that has been poured out on us in these months following Blair's unexpected death. God has used you to bless us and speak into our grief.

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Louise Anderson

Justin & Kristina Anderson

Marnie & Brent Kopischke Family

Do NOT cross the opposite lanes of traffic to park! Please park on the side of road you are driving. Driving courses are available for those that who need a refresher on driving and parking.