

June 2023

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: May 8, 2023
 Council Present: Gruendemann, Wiese, Lund, Mumme and R. Kokesch
 Staff Present: Radermacher & K.Kokesch
 Guests: J. Mathwig, B. Ortloff, J. Deming, J. Kanne
 Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.
 Approved minutes of the regular meeting 5/8/23
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$35,637.41; 7 past due utility accounts; two zoning permit issued— A 24'x30' attached garage at 440 2nd Ave E and a 24'x14' concrete pad for a playground addition at 215 2nd Ave E.

- J. Deming asked council for a raise as the part time summer mower for the city. He gave statistics of what part time summer helpers get paid in cities around us. Council discussed adding this part time seasonal position to the pay scale that was previously implemented. Council approved \$15.78 for J. Deming.
- J. Kanne informed council about St. Luke's Churches intention to add gravel to their parking lot. In doing so this will create a slope that may cause water to run into the neighbors yards and could cause water issues in basements. Kanne asked council for permission to add gravel to the alley in hopes of directing the flow of water to the street. Council approved the request with noting that if snow removal and grading mess up the sloping of the gravel, the city is not responsible for fixing the gravel sloping.
- Dept heads: Deputy Mathwig spoke on behalf of Deputy Ortloff (Franklin's newest assigned deputy for contracted patrolling) who had to leave the council meeting for a vehicle accident. Mathwig went over the monthly report and spoke to council about the new contract terms that will be sent out before June 1st. Mathwig asked council for any comments or suggestions as to what they like about the current contract and what they would like to see change; council would like to see better blight and ordinance enforcement as well community involvement and friendliness with youth (Ortloff recently reported racing some Franklin kids in the street and lost— a great thing to see and hear about) Council conversed with Mathwig over certain ordinances that they would like to see better enforcement. K. Kokesch reported to council some blighted properties that need enforcement. Wiese reported the Fire Dept bylaw amendments will be looked over by a lawyer to ensure it is all done correctly. K. Kokesch reported his upcoming vacation to the council. The use of the ballpark was discussed as a little league group has expressed interest in using it. Council discussed needing to begin thinking about hiring a PT helper for K. Kokesch that can work on water and wastewater certifications and one day take over for him following retirement. K .Kokesch spoke with council about the ravine project, frost boils from the winter, a leak that began at a residents house. Also discussed were plans for the Lion's park equipment as to when the old equipment should be replaced, as the shelter has been rented for a graduation, the equipment will be removed after the rental, to allow use. The boxes of the new equipment will be moved out of the shelter as well for the rental. Radermacher reported the PPL for the 2nd Ave project was submitted. Radermacher showed the council signs that are free for use for the city to put up in attempts to slow traffic on CR 5 where many children cross, council approved the signs to be posted. Radermacher was mailed a new MN basic code and asked council for direction. Radermacher also reported that the post office box for the fire dept is not being checked and asked who is responsible for this; Wiese reported that nobody from the fire dept has a key and getting mail during open window times has proven challenging, Radermacher to check the mail and drop at the Fire Hall.
- Re-seeding at the ball park and old tennis courts was discussed. K .Kokesch is to over seed the tennis courts and Mumme will contact about the ball park.
- The Lion's put up donation buckets around town for the new park equipment. The buckets were collected and the money totaled \$103 in cash plus change. Thank you cards to be distributed.
- New bases for the ballpark discussed & prices to be looked into. Council approved Signs on ballpark fence for Catfish support
- The bills authorized for payment are as follows:



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Salaries	Net	\$7,951.69	Madison National	Insurance	\$21.20	Ren. County Assess	Fees	\$3,135.00
PERA	Retirement	\$652.81	Marco	Printer	\$167.46	Trista Radermacher	Mileage	\$28.82
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$373.20	Gopher State	Locates	\$16.20	Renv. County Hwy	Snow	\$342.50
IRS	Withholding	\$2,307.58	All-Phase Electric	Maint.	\$294.40	Robin Kokesch	Mileage	\$28.82
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,123.36	LMCIT	Insurance	\$3,953.00	Xcel	Electric	\$388.18
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$53.15	Standard-Gazette	Printing	\$38.00	Farmward	LP	\$31.06
SW Dust	Streets	\$2,968.75	Walton Law	Legal	\$290.00	Runnings	Supplies	\$161.95
Lori Bucholz	Insurance	\$100.00	West Central Com	Supplies	\$256.00	MVTL	Lab	\$318.84
Ryan Radermacher	Fuel	\$327.52	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$170.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$258.58
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,057.09	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$400.92

Community Calendar June 2023

June 1	Blood Drive– Comm Cntr 12-6 Legion Meeting– 7PM Com Cntr
June 12	Lions Club, 6 PM City Council, 7 PM, City Hall
June 15	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
June 18	Father’s Day
June 19	Juneteenth– City office closed

2023 Curbside Recycling:

June – 6 & 20



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.



***REMINDER— DO NOT** mow your grass clippings onto the street! The clippings plug the storm sewer. Blowing your clipping into the street is a violation of City Ordinance!!

City Wide Clean up Days

Tuesday– June 6th, 5–8PM

Wednesday– June 7th, 3–8PM

Thursday– June 8th, 5–8PM

Drop off Location: 3rd Street by the water plant.

* Items accepted include household items that can go to the landfill for free.

Large furniture items–\$25

Mattresses– \$45 each

Items must be **PREPAID** at City Hall for curbside pickup.

* No hazardous materials, garbage, appliances, batteries, bulbs or tires will be accepted.

Let’s Clean up Franklin!!

Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)

June 13 & 27; July 11 & 25; August 8 & 22; September 5



The City of Franklin’s 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will not be mailed or published, but is available upon request by calling or contacting Kevin Kokesch or Trista Radermacher at Franklin City Hall, 507-557-2259.

2023 Catfish Derby Days items are available for sale at City Hall 8AM-4PM Monday-Thursday.

Items available : Tshirts, Long sleeve shirts, hats, and pins. (Prices vary)



City of Franklin Ordinance Reminders

* Full details of Franklin City Ordinances available at franklinmn.us or available for viewing at City Hall

*Fences require a zoning permit– fences are subject to traffic visibility requirements. Every owner of an outdoor swimming pool or hot tub shall erect and maintain a fence or barrier of not less than 4 feet in height nor more than 8 feet around such swimming pool as to safeguard the area. (More details in zoning ordinance on city webpage or available at City Hall)

*Special Vehicle use– including but not limited to: all-terrain vehicles, utility task vehicles, golf carts and mini trucks. County permits are required. Proof of insurance required. **Every person operating such vehicles must be 16 years of age or older AND have successfully completed a state-approved drivers education course or a certifies all-terrain vehicle safety course.**

*Pets– Annual licenses shall be required for every dog and cat over the age of 6 months kept in the City of Franklin. The number of animals per premise shall be limited to 2 dogs or 3 cats in any combination not to exceed 4 animals or 2 dogs. Pet owners must furnish current rabies vaccine records along with proof of at least \$50,000 in homeowners, renters, or occupant liability insurance coverage. Owners of animals running at large (off their premise without restraint) may be guilty of a misdemeanor offense.