

March 2023

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs: Meeting Date: February 13, 2023

Council Present: Lund, Mumme and R. Kokesch

Staff Present: K.Kokesch

Guests: S. Traulich, H. Hatlewick

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 1/9/23

1. Approved consent agenda: bills of \$63,543.96; 8 past due utility accounts; no zoning permit issued.
2. Second avenue project was discussed. Benefits of looping water main was talked about. A decision was tabled until a whole council is present, a decision must be made by May 2023.
3. H. Hatlewick spoke with the council about the ravine project and informed them about not being awarded grant funds. Council held a discussion. A group meeting will be put together in the up coming month to revisit the project details and discuss any funding options available.
4. Dept heads: K. Kokesch reports receipt of Franklin's sanitary survey that will be available for citizens to view at City Hall upon request. K. Kokesch and Radermacher to attend the LMC Loss Control workshop in Mankato on April 5, 2023. K Kokesch to attend the Department of Health's drinking water workshop April 12, 2023. K .Kokesch plans to top sed and aerate the new grass at the Lion's park. Mumme to get in contact with the seeder for another seeding at the ball field. Discussion was held on residents removing their vehicles from the streets for snow removal.
5. Personnel Policy amendments were tabled until next month. Council previously discussed adding Juneteenth as a recognized Holiday for full time employees and it was mentioned that the State of MN is in the process of adopting this holiday as well.
6. Opening the community center for citizens to get in their steps out of the elements was tabled for discussion until next month.
7. The bills authorized for payment are as follows:

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Salaries	Net	\$7,528.28	McGowan	Snow	\$722.50	Ridgewater	Trainig	\$720.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,350.97	Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$384.00	Runnings	Supplies	\$19.90
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$352.69	Walton Law	Legal	\$378.00	Ren Cnty Public Works	Snow	\$2,073.50
IRS	Withholding	\$2,224.93	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$130.94	VISA	Supplies	\$2,773.23
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,123.36	Claudia Kokesch	Cleanging	\$112.50	MVTL	Lab test	\$182.10
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$38.54	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$272.11
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,042.51	US Postal service	Box rent	\$94.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$386.46
Madison National	Insurance	\$21.20	Alex Air Apparatus	Supplies	\$1,670.72	Winsted Solar, LLC	Energy	\$6,539.95
Marco	Printer	\$354.92	LMCIT	Insurance	\$26,320.00			
Gopher State	Locates	\$50.00	Xcel	Energy	\$1,656.65			

ANNUAL FRANKLIN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION & RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Monday February 6, 2023– 7:30 PM

Franklin Community Center

Ambulance Association: Call to order showing Chief McCorqudale absent. The continued 2022 meeting was continued and motioned to close by Nosbush and Second by Distad, closed. R. Kokesch opened 2023 annual meeting and recited the pledge of allegiance. Agenda was approved. February 2022 minutes were approved. Financials were presented, showing the Ambulance Association CD to hold \$110,943.82 and the savings to have \$415.37. An update on the transition to Medical Response Unit was given and it was discussed to allow funds held by the Franklin Ambulance Association to assist in funding the MRU as there is no longer any income. It was noted that a special taxing district might be able to be created to help with supporting the unit in the future and details will be looked into. Discussion was held about how the funds would be able to be used as the CD is only renewed annually. Distad motioned to move the CD funds into the savings account for ease of use, Second by Nosbush, passed. Board members were voted to stay the same, members include: Nosbush, Distad, R. Kokesch, M. Mumme, and the MRU Chief. Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Rural Fire Association: Agenda approved. 2022 minutes approved. Fire calls were presented, one missing– to be corrected. Treasurers report accepted with the addition of one missing call billing. Financials were presented by the City of Franklin and purchases were discussed; the FEMA grant and purchase of new turn out gear was included in the financials for partial reimbursement to the City of Franklin. Other purchases not included, to be paid for from the Fire Dept. gambling funds, included the Jaws of Life and the cascade system. Another FEMA grant has been submitted for washer/dryer. Assessments to increase to \$250 per sections. Fire call rates to stay the same. It was noted that the Grass Rig will need to be replaced in the near future, prices are high. Approved reimbursement to the City of Franklin for \$21,810.05. Next regular meeting February 5, 2024.

Community Calendar March 2023

March 2	Legion Meeting– 7PM Com Cntr
March 6	Rural Fire/Amb Assoc meeting– Com Cntr
March 12	Day light savings– Set clocks ahead 1 hour
March 13	Lions Club, 6 PM City Council, 7 PM, City Hall
March 14	Curbside Recycling
March 16	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
March 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 28	Curbside Recycling

2023 Curbside Recycling:

March– 14 & 28



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.

Sign up for...



CoderED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents within Renville County that will notify you of emergency information through phone calls, text messages, emails and social media. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety. As a local resident, Renville County encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business. A link to sign up can be found on the Renville County Sheriff's web page.

Kiss the Catfish Fundraiser for candidate Trista Radermacher.

Franklin's burning water tower memorabilia can coolers.

Contact Trista Radermacher for sales! \$5 each (Yellow, orange or red)

Available for purchase at Franklin City Hall and soon to be available at Franklin Amstar!



Ever heard of a burning water tower?! Franklin MN is one of the few places that has seen it happen. Franklin had one of the last 6 wooden water towers in the state of MN until one night in February 1985. The mayor, at the time, along with the police chief (father and son) were burning a fire to thaw out the main water pipe as they often did that was known to freeze up during the winters when a spark floated up and caught the tower on fire! What a crazy local history story! RIGHT?! A more in depth story can be found in the Franklin MN history book if you still have one, or stop in to Franklin City Hall to read about it while you pick yourself up a couple of these can coolers. They are sure to be a conversation starter!

thank you!

I am blessed to live in a wonderful community! Thanks to the Lion's Clun, Franklin Fire Relief, Renville County Pork Producers, Phil and Sandy, Wes, Tammy, Tasha, Gus, Ron, Dave, and all the wonderful people that came to the benefit and for your support. I am truly grateful!!

Rhoda Lyon

