

May 2023

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs: Meeting Date: April 10, 2023
 Council Present: Gruendemann, Wiese, Lund, Mumme and R. Kokesch
 Staff Present: Radermacher, K.Kokesch, & Wiese.
 Guests: C. Larson

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.
 Approved minutes of the regular meeting 3/13/2023
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$50,700.37; 8 past due utility accounts; no zoning permit issued (Radermacher questioned a zoning application that was submitted for a cement pat for a playground as these are not required to need a permit for. Council wishes to continue with issuing the permit.)

1. C. Larson talked to the council about a community garden that is planned to be placed at the vacant lot purchased by Franklin State Bank. A ship grant was awarded to promote an educational opportunity to promote ag in the classroom. There will be raised beds dedicated to the school and daycare with educational curriculum from ag in the classroom used. There will also be raised beds dedicated for residents at Cedar Heart Homes and Franklin Restorative Center. Morton will be donating a shed filled with gardening equipment that was once used for a community garden but is no longer in use. Larson asked for comment or questions from the council and if there would be any permits needed. Zoning requirements will need to be researched to see if the shed will need a permit. Council approved waiving a zoning permit fee for the shed if needed.
2. Dept heads: Wiese reported lockers to have been ordered, by-laws have not been retyped, and the south lock on the Fire Hall has not been buffed as of yet. C. Minkel has not yet received the MRU chief tablet from B. McCorquodale. An email will be sent requesting the tablet by April 21. K. Kokesch requested approval for loads of gravel to fix streets and alleys in town. Council discussed the current quality of gravel and approved the purchase of 10 loads. Council approved placing a porta-potty at the boat landing for the summer and spoke about adding a sign welcoming donations. Kokesch asked about the plan for the playground: a group of people will be needed to assemble the fire truck playground equipment that was purchased at the end of 2022; questions asked about placement and wood chips. K. Kokesch spoke about the Loss Control workshop he and Radermacher attended and what was learned. K. Kokesch requested permission to add "employees only" signs to city buildings, council approved. Kokesch asked for guidance on how to handle property owners that have yet to comply with removing dead elm trees, council suggested making contact before sending certified letters. Fuel was needed at the wastewater plant and large equipment was not able to get out there so Kokesch had to have someone local with a smaller truck to haul in fuel, council approved paying the fuel bill. K. Kokesch asked for clarity on the city's policy on funeral leave. Council approved new wording for clarity. Radermacher and Kokesch reported to council about an insurance claim made for water damage at the Longbranch from attempting to open up the City Hall's back fire exit. Radermacher reported that the open work comp claim has been settled but council needs to approve paying the individual \$100 for a signed employment release document, approved.
3. Council approved a new ACH agreement for Franklin State Bank.
4. Council approved liquor license renewals for the Longbranch and the Depot.
5. Council approved dust sealing for 1st street and 3rd Ave
6. Park dethatching was discussed and council decided not to dethatch the parks this season to allow more time for the seeding on the old tennis courts and the ball field to get established.
7. Council approved not to waived tort liability for the city's property/casualty insurance through LMCIT.
8. Lund requested council permission to work with the rail road to try to get a cross bar at the crossing on 1st street instead of the stop signs currently in place for added safety, council agreed. R. Kokesch asked about getting cold patch to patch some of the potholes in town and asked if it could be used to help the basketball court.



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Salaries	Net	\$7,464.02	McGowan	Snow	\$340.00	Xcel	\$1,453.46
PERA	Retirement	\$607.22	Walton Law	Legal	\$1,257.99	One Office	\$19.25
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$333.89	West Central Com	Supplies	\$43.00	MN Rural Water	\$425.00
IRS	Withholding	\$2,125.09	Kevin Kokesch	Mileage	\$83.19	Runnings	\$29.47
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,123.36	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$112.50	VISA	\$267.28
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$53.19	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$767.50	MVTL	\$417.49
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,042.51	MN Dept of Health	Dues	\$510.00	MN Valley Telephone	\$252.84
Madison National	Insurance	\$21.20	Trista Radermacher	Mileage	\$52.40	Wex Bank	\$729.23
Marco	Printer	\$187.46	Renv. County Hwy	Snow	\$3,973.00	Winsted Solar, LLC	\$4,960.05
RenCnty Sheriff	Police	\$13,738.14	Renv. Cnty Aud/Treas	Taxes	\$3,310.64		

Community Calendar May 2023

May 4	Legion Meeting– 7PM Com Cntr
May 8	Lions Club, 6 PM City Council, 7 PM, City Hall
May 9	Curbside Recycling
May 14	Happy Mother's Day
May 18	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
May 23	Curbside Recycling

2023 Curbside Recycling:

May – 9 & 23



The City of Franklin earned recognition from MN Pollution Control Agency for operational excellence! To receive this recognition, facilities must demonstrate consistent compliance with monitoring, operations, and maintenance requirements; submit accurate, on-time reports to the MPCA; and employ staff certified by the MPCA in wastewater operations. Minnesota has apx 1600 municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities with 248 qualifying for the outstanding operations recognition!

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.



thank you

Just to let everyone know, Cooper was found Saturday afternoon. We want to thank everyone for the support and efforts to help find him; it was overwhelming! There is no better place to be than in a small town when you need help.

Thank you!

The Bengtson's

Catfish Derby Days Sponsorship/Advertising opportunity

The Franklin Lion's Club is offering sponsorship and advertising opportunities in Franklin, MN for Catfish Derby Days. The offer is we will promote your business during our Catfish Derby Day's advertisements, promotional posters and Facebook as well as hang a 4' x 8' sign at Veteran's Memorial Field in Franklin for the year. The sign would be visible from Hwy 19, during Fireman's softball tournament, various activities/events throughout the year. The first year is \$500, to help pay for the sign and \$275 per year after for continued support. These funds will allow the Catfish Committee to open-up more opportunities and activities for residents and visitors to experience during Catfish Days and all while promoting local businesses.

To pledge your support or for any questions please contact:

Shawn Weber 507-430-8351

catfish.mn.softball@gmail.com



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.



***Any citizens interested in more information on the Community Garden coming to the area can contact Christie Larson at Franklin State Bank.*

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!!

