

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, February 13, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: R. Kokesch, Lund, and Mumme. Staff Department Head present was: K. Kokesch. Guests present were H. Hatlewick and S. Traulich.

At 7:02 p.m. Acting Mayor Kokesch called the meeting to order. Roll call showed 3 council present with Gruendemann and Wiese absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2023 minutes; Mumme motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Lund, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.**

Acting Mayor R. Kokesch called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$63,543.96; there are 8 past due utility accounts, no new zoning permits were issued. **Mumme motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented, second by Lund, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.**

No public hearings.

No citizens requested to be addressed.

S. Traulich gave an update on the Second Ave and Loop project. Lund questioned the reason for the loop to be added to the scope of the project. S. Traulich explained that it would improve water quality as the water may become stagnant when the lines just end. Flushing of the system would benefit from the proposed looping. It would increase the number of shut-off valves which would lessen the number of possible residents affected from a water shut off event. S. Traulich also explained that funding is based off points and including the loop in the scope would place the project higher on the Project Priority List. The City needs to decide if they want to continue onto the next step by May 2023. Mumme asked for further clarification and explanation was given. As requested S. Traulich spoke with Renville County regarding CSAH 5 and the possibility of doing a combined project to replace the City's aging utilities under the road, however there are no plans for improvements in the next 5-10 years. We will need to address issues as they arise. It was decided the decision should be made by the whole council and will be tabled until next month. H. Hatlewick gave an update on the Heibel, Larson, Kokesch, and City Storm Water Project. We did not win the grant. This project is very large and requires a lot of funding. It was suggested that there wasn't enough local buy-in to this project. We are at the point of where do we go now? Do we need to get back together and come up with a new plan? Would it be possible to do the project in phases? It was discussed that it could be done in phases but where would you start and what would happen if there was a major storm event that caused more damage. Discussion was had about the size of the ponds but there is limited space available for construction. R. Kokesch asked if there would be other sources for funding possible contamination that goes directly from the storm sewer to the Minnesota River; H. Hatlewick stated they are in the process of choosing sites for such monitoring and she will bring it up but that it would take years to get the data. It was stated that this damage was a direct result of the installation of the City's storm sewer and the project needs to continue. Easements were also questioned, Mumme stated that he researched and there are easements for the construction of the storm sewer with Deming's and Lieske's. It was questioned if we should do anything legally with the landowners who are affected by the storm sewer such as easements for the runoff; it was stated that water laws are tricky and at this time nothing needed to be done. A meeting is to be set up the end of February or beginning of March to discuss the next actions; Birch Cooley Township, M. Mumme (for the City), J. Robinson (Renville County Commissioner), S. Hable (Renville County Sheriff), The Army Corps of Engineers, DNR, Renville County Highway Engineer, Landowners, H. Hatlewick (Soil and Water), Bolton and Menk, and possibly Redwood County. We will get more information after the meeting.

No ordinances or resolutions.

Department Head K. Kokesch reported. Sanitary survey is in and we once again all was good, he has a copy for review if interested. R. Kokesch questioned posting on the website, K. Kokesch stated he didn't know about where to post. April 5, 2023 K. Kokesch and T. Radermacher will be attending the Loss of Control Workshop for their respective areas. April 12, 2023 K. Kokesch will be attending the Department of Health's drinking water workshop. He plans to top seed and aerate the new grass at the Lions Park. Last fall the Softball Field was to be over-seeded, Mumme will get in contact of the company and set up for spring. K. Kokesch states that there has been some issues with ice on the streets where cars weren't moved during snow removal, you can see exactly where the plow had to go around parked vehicles. Lund questioned if anything else could be done to ensure the streets were free for plowing. K. Kokesch stated that the sheriff had put placards on some vehicles, people could be diligent when the plow is out and move their vehicle when the plow goes by and re-park once the street is cleared, or check with neighbors about parking in empty lots during snow events, we are lucky to contract with the county and they do a great job with keeping the streets clean for us. R. Kokesch reported for Radermacher that the State made Juneteenth a holiday and they are working on getting a resolution to cities. Updated Fire Department bylaws were not presented as Weise was ill. **Mumme motioned to accept the resignation of MRU chief effective 3/1/23, second by Lund, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.**

Personnel Policy was discussed and tabled until next month to have full council involvement.

Walking at the Community Center was discussed and tabled until next month for further discussion and full council input.

No councilor requests.

**Mumme motioned to adjourn, second by Lund, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.**



Respectfully Submitted by  
Robin Kokesch, Acting Mayor

