

August 2023 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: July 10, 2023
 Council Present: Gruendemann, Lund, and R. Kokesch
 Staff Present: Radermacher, K.Kokesch
 Guests: J. Clobes, R. Lyon, B. Ortloff
 Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.
 Approved minutes of the regular meeting 6/12/23
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$45,441.56; six past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

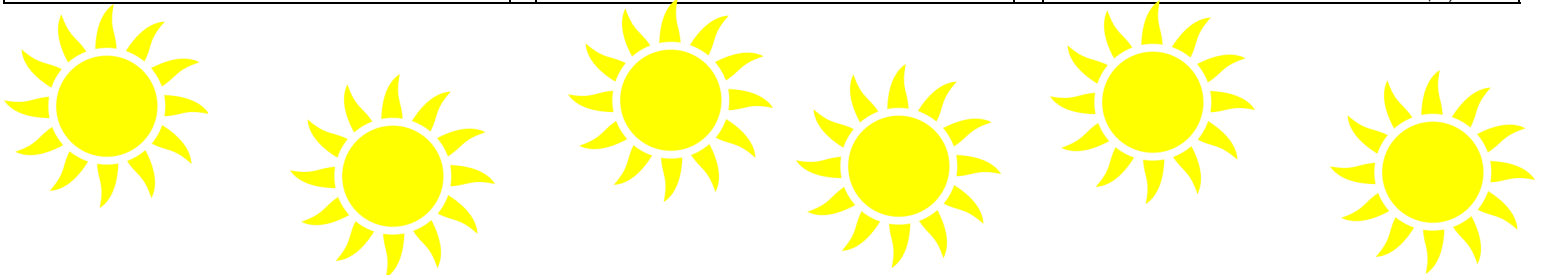
- J. Clobes talked with council about Franklin's clean up days and expressed interest in changing up the hours for next year; council thanked Clobes for his work and supports any changes in the future.
- R. Lyon spoke with council about putting a park mobile home on her empty lot. Franklin's zoning ordinance has wording against permanently living in a "temporary/camper" type home, a variance would need to be approved. Council also suggested that looking into changing the ordinance may be of benefit for the future.
- Approved Resolution 2023-4: Approving LRIP Grant Application for improvements to parts 3rd street and 4th avenue.
- Dept heads: Deputy Ortloff spoke with council about blight; of the 33 letters that went out there are only 7 properties still in violation (most of which are unlicensed vehicles). Ortloff told council the sheriff's department will have extra coverage over Catfish Days. Council informed Ortloff of the streets that are closed down during Catfish weekend and spoke about general information for over the weekend. K .Kokesch is still looking for a bathroom cleaner for Catfish Days and asks council for assistance in finding someone. K. Kokesch informed council about a weekend he will be on vacation in August; he informed council of a large tree in the river by the boat access; he informed council about switching some dates of mosquito spraying so that there is a spraying through town just before Catfish Days. Lund inquired about trimming some tree branches at the Lion's park before Catfish Days. K .Kokesch spoke to council about a water main break on 2nd ave west. Radermacher was asked about to enroll Lund in a webinar through LMC about the public safety disability law. Radermacher reported having issues with editing certain parts of the city website; R. Kokesch has experience working with word press sites and volunteered to assist to get things up an working. Radermacher submitted a donation request to APEX clean energy/White Birch Wind Project to assist in funding new park equipment. Radermacher asked council about their park equipment plans and when the old equipment is planned to be removed. Council approved the equipment to be removed anytime after Catfish Days. Council approved submitting donation requests for assistance in funding new park equipment.
- Council discussed with Deputy Ortloff about the recent park vandals that were caught on video.
- Mayor Gruendemann requests permission to purchase new bases and pitching rubber for the ball field to be used at Catfish Days, council agreed.
- Clarity was made on "Ordinance Reminders" that were recently viewed in the local Franklin City Newsletter. Radermacher added some of these ordinance reminders due to some complains from citizens about other citizens not complying with some of the said ordinances.
- The bills authorized for payment are as follows:



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Salaries	Net	\$9,382.83	Marco	Printing	\$167.46	Renville Co Sheriff's	Police	\$13,738.14
PERA	Retirement	\$1,484.74	Gopher State	Locates	\$17.55	Runnings	Supplies	\$258.87
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$457.59	Kennedy & Graven	Legal	\$300.80	Meadowland	Chemicals	\$375.80
IRS	Withholding	\$2,736.70	Kirvida Fire	Supplies	\$1,075.59	Clarke		\$1,004.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,123.36	Walton Law	Legal	\$605.00	VISA		\$80.98
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$53.15	IRS	PCORI	\$18.00	MVTL		\$445.40
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$4,151.72	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$170.00	MN Valley Tele		\$263.18
Madison National	Insurance	\$21.20	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$40.00	Wex Bank		\$520.91
						Winsted Solar		\$3,948.59



CATFISH COUNTRY

FRANKLIN MN



CATFISH DERBY DAYS
4TH WEEKEND IN JULY

Thank you!!

Thank you to all those who helped make Catfish Derby Days 2023 a success!! Thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers, without you the weekend would not have been possible. Thank you to all those who participated in events and supported the local businesses. See you all next year!

**Catfish pins are still available at City Hall.

**If you were not able to purchase apparel over the Catfish weekend, you still have a chance! Franklin Lion's Club is placing one more order! The online order document can be found on the Franklin Lion's Facebook page. Orders must be submitted by August 12th!!

Community Calendar August 2023

- August 14 Lions Club, 6 PM
 City Council, 7 PM
- August 15 Franklin State Bank Picnic
- August 17 Fire/MRU monthly meetings

The Franklin Planning and Zoning Committee is looking for a new member from the community to volunteer to help with zoning questions, variances and conditional use permits. Please submit your interest in writing to Franklin City Hall. Stop in with any questions.

Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)

August 8 & 22



Franklin State Bank is hosting their annual Franklin Community State Fair trip on August 25th! Bus tickets are only \$15. Tickets can be purchased at Franklin State Bank. Ticket price does not include admission into the fair. Stop in soon, space is limited. Contact Franklin State Bank for more details.

2023 Curbside Recycling:

August – 1, 15, & 29



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.



Did you know that you can set up autopayments to your city utility accounts?!

For more information contact City Hall
507-557-2257

***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!!



Franklin State Bank's customer appreciation picnic

August 15 — 4:30-6:30 — Veteran's Park

It's time to party!

Join us to celebrate Renville County Walk in the Park Against Cancer's 25th Birthday

Friday, August 4, 2023
4:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Nester Park
Olivia, MN

Community Supper
Survivor Recognition
Inflatables, Games, Raffle and Treats

Live Music throughout the event by
Custom Made Band