

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 10, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, and Lund. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, and K. Kokesch. Guests present were: B. Ortloff, J. Clobes, and R. Lyon

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll called showed Wiese and Mumme absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on June 12, 2023. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes with the added information, Second by Lund, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$45,441.56-, Cash receipts for June were \$35537.34; there were 6 past due utility accounts; No new zoning permits issue. **Lund motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.**

J. Clobes spoke with council about the city wide clean up days this year and reported that it went well. He informed the council that he would like to change up the hours next year for clean up days, council agreed and thanked him. R. Lyon addressed the council about her options on her empty lot and is hoping to put a park mobile home on a cement pad on her lot. Since a park mobile is considered a temporary housing unit and Franklin's zoning ordinance prohibits living in a camper/temporary housing unit as well as references to how the house is to be secured. Council asked questions related to taxing with the park mobile home, lot size, building size, and informed discussed the possibility of changing. Council talked about revising the zoning ordinance but to move Lyon's request along the council advised for her to begin the variance process. Deputy Ortloff reported 33 blight letters were originally sent out in June; Seven are still in violation, most of which are unlicensed vehicles. Council discussed blighted the properties; Radermacher gave the council an estimate on how much it would cost the city to proceed in abating two non-compliant properties; a decision was tabled until the whole council could be present.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2023-4: Approving LRIP grant application, Second by Lund, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.

Department heads reported: Deputy Ortloff reported the Sheriff's Department's plan to have more deputy coverage in town for Catfish Derby Days. K. Kokesch reported that he is still looking for a bathroom cleaner for the Catfish weekend and suggested to the council a possible change in the future to close the bathrooms for the Catfish weekend and bring in more porta pottys to remove the ongoing problem of finding a bathroom cleaner. K. Kokesch will be out of town August 7th. There is a large fallen tree in the river just out from the boat landing; discussion held on what can be done and how to remove fallen trees and clean up the river. K. Kokesch reported to the council a change in the mosquito spraying schedule that was made to have more spraying before Catfish Days. Lund asked about trimming the tree at the Lion's park to make better clearance for the volleyball tournament which has not been done in the past to prevent any diseases from spreading to the tree. K. Kokesch reported another water main break on 2nd avenue west. Lund inquired about a webinar on the Public Safety Disability Law and asked Radermacher to assist with registration. Radermacher reported to the council that the LMCIT is sending some out to assess city owned buildings to ensure proper coverage; Renville County is considering moving to a "True Assessing" system-Radermacher to attend the meeting on this topic. Radermacher submitted a grant application to Apex Clean Energy/White Birch Wind project for funds to assist with new park equipment. R. Kokesch and Radermacher asked for council approval to submit other donation requests to other local businesses for more assistance with funding, remaining council members approved.

Past and recent park vandalism was discussed. A past vandal that didn't complete community service hours will be asked to complete hours for Catfish Days this year. Vandals that were caught this year will be asked to pay for damages.

Radermacher reported being contacted by

The Fire Department bylaw discussion was tabled.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve the new Sheriff's Department contract for 2024-2026, Second by Lund, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.

Radermacher asked the remaining council members if they would be interested in trying for a Local Road Improvement Grant (LRIP). This grant was attempted for in 2021 and was unsuccessful. This grant would assist in funds to pave 3rd street out to the cursing home as well as fix a portion of 4th Ave. Bolton and Menk will provide a resolution to pass at a later if there is interest in doing this project again. Remaining council members expressed interest.

R. Kokesch requested that details be looked into regarding a juvenile that was charged with park vandalism in 2021 and moved away before they could complete their punishment. This individual has since moved back to the area and council would like to follow through with a punishment as the others involved had to.

At 8:26 P.M., Mumme motioned for adjournment, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer