

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

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was to be held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, W. Lund, R. Kokesch, and Wiese. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, and Wiese. Guests present were: S. Traulich.

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

**Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on November 21, 2023. Wiese motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$50,144.51, Cash receipts for November were \$63,261.04; there were 8 past due utility accounts; no new zoning permit issued. **Wiese motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Lund, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann opened the truth in taxation public hearing. No guests were present; No comments or questions were made; **Wiese motioned to close the truth in taxation public hearing, Second by Lund, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

S. Traulich with Bolton and Menk informed the council that the City's request to get on the PFA list was approved. He went over some of the financial details again with the council and explained that some added financing will be needed. Interim financing with Rural water will be looked into for some of the up-front cost for engineering and design that will need to be done by March. Traulich asked the council for the go ahead to begin survey of the project area while winter has yet to set in, approved. Traulich and council discussed more details and moved on. Traulich reported the LRIP grant has been submitted and work order have not been given by the state yet to begin lead and copper inventory.

Clobes Sanitation submitted a rate increase proposal for garbage services in 2024; the rates were presented as follows: 35-gallon cart from \$14.58 to \$14.90; 65- gallon cart from \$18.69 to \$19.27; 95-gallon cart from \$21.46 to \$22.32. The increase was requested due to an increase in cost of disposing of the materials for Clobes Sanitation. Council approved.

**R. Kokesch motioned to approve the amendment to code of ordinance 30.11, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department heads reported: Wiese had nothing new to report and asked about locks at the fire hall. Council has previously approved the purchase of new locks and would like to see this completed by end of the 2023 fiscal year, if possible. K. Kokesch reported a 3-5% increase in fees with MVTL for lab testing; K. Kokesch has been cleaning catch basins; had to shut off water services to three residences to allow one of those residences to repair a leak, he stated that this neighborhood will need to be given individual shut offs to prevent this from happening again in the future. K. Kokesch reported that Xcel had been using the pickle station as a staging area to replace power poles in the county but are cleaning up and leaving soon. Radermacher reported an update on the recycle bin exchange that will take place toward the end of January. Radermacher informed council that the City received 4 cots and quilts to keep at the community center for emergency use. Radermacher also discussed upcoming trainings that she would like to attend.

**R. Kokesch motioned to approve the 2023 Fire and MRU payroll, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

**R. Kokesch motioned not to waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability for the LMC property insurance renewal, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

**R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2023-10: Approving joint powers agreement and the joint powers agreement document for the new city criminal legal attorney, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

**Wiese motioned to approve the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

**Wiese motioned to approve the 2024 Council meeting schedule as presented, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

**R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2023-11: approving 2024 levy along with the 2024 budget, Second by Wiese, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

R. Kokesch began discussion on ideas on how to keep the MRU dept funded; ideas discussed included the fire department absorbing the MRU. The signs hung on the ball field fencing was discussed; council would like to have them removed; it was noted that at a Franklin Lion's meeting it was stated that the signs were the property of the individual businesses that donated for them and not the organizer whom originally took responsibility for them.

**At 8:17 P.M., Wiese motioned for adjournment, Second by Lund, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer