

April 2024

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: March 11, 2024
 Council Present: Gruendemann, Lund, Mumme, and Schneider
 Staff Present: Radermacher
 Guests: D. Menk, J. Olson, R. Handy, S. Traulich
 Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.
 Approved minutes of the reg. meeting 2/12/24
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$35,224.37; sixteen past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

1. D. Schneider was appointed to fill the vacant council seat at a special meeting held just before the regular March meeting. Schneider recited the oath of office and the regular meeting was called to order.
2. A public hearing was opened for the purposes of approving to submit an application for a Small Cities Development Program Application to assist in funding the 2nd ave project. No citizens were present. Traulich provided a summary of the project to fill in the new council member and answer any questions about the details of the project.
3. Traulich reported finally receiving the work order to begin the mandated Lead and Copper inventory and shared the plan to complete it as efficiently as possible. He informed the council of the next steps in the grant process for the the 2nd ave project as well as shared news of an upcoming grant for the ravine project that he is hopeful for good results
4. Approved Resolution 2024-7: Approving Small Cities Grant Application
5. Approved Resolutions 2024-8 & 9: Approving PFA loans
6. Dept heads: Menk reported the Chasey for the new grass rig has been ordered and is expected to be delivered soon. Radermacher reported for K. Kokesch that a lawn mower quote has been received and the council should decide on contracting the service out or buying new lawn mower and hiring a part time summer helper.
7. The public safety aid received in December was discussed on how to allocate. Radermacher reported some cities have used the funds for policing contracts. Menk has asked to utilize the funds for Fire Department needs. Mumme asked that the Fire Department make a list of things they want and council will discuss options for use of the funds in April
8. Council tables decisions on the McGowan estimates.
9. Misc. item brought up included a loose sink in the men’s bathroom at the community center that should be fixed before the problem worsens.
10. Bills were paid as follow:



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Salaries	Net	\$9,902.73	MPCA	WW Dues	\$1,450.00	All Phase Electric	Maint	\$617.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,750.87	McGowan	Snow	\$170.00	VISA	Supplies	\$173.25
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$496.63	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.60	MN. Dept of Health	Dues	\$510.00
IRS	Withholding	\$2,845.60	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$105.00	MVTL	Lab	\$245.64
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,255.32	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$50.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$259.81
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$53.15	Standard Gazette	Printing	\$50.85	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$133.98
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,187.65	esri	Software	\$1,247.00	Farmward	Propane	\$171.80
Madison National	Insurance	\$22.65	Hagen Ag Service	Supplies	\$2,097.83	Becky Deming	Election	\$86.80
Marco	Printing	\$169.83	LMCIT	Insuracne	\$3,927.00	Judy Norby	Eleciton	\$86.80
Gopher State	Locates	\$55.40	Oberloh& Oberloh	Services	\$85.00	Wendy Swindt	Election	\$86.80
Wesley Lund	Election	\$107.96	Vosika	Parks	\$483.32	Robin Kokesch	Election	\$86.80
Natasha Shultz	Election	\$110.80	Trista Radermacher	Election	\$65.50			



Community Calendar April 2024

- April 2 Solar project Open House- Com Cntr 5:30
- April 4 Legion Meeting, 7 PM Com. Cntr
- April 8 Lions Club, 6 PM
City Council, 7 PM
- April 18 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
- April 25 Women's Civic Club Meeting-
- March 27 Caucus- Com Cntr

ATTENTION FRANKLIN RESIDENTS

The City of Franklin will be completing a mandatory lead and copper inventory over a two week period beginning May 6th. There is an insert sheet included with your utility bill envelope with more information. Please call (507-557-2259) or stop in to City Hall (320 2nd Ave) to make your appointment before May 2nd.

2023 Curbside Recycling:

April- 9 & 23
May- 7 & 21



Pet licenses expire 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 eat pet and for dogs you must provide proof of a minimum of \$50,000 liability insurance. These documents must be brought in annually. Each premise is limited to two dogs or three



Birch Coulee solar project Open House

Tuesday April 2nd
Franklin Community Center
5:30 pm—7:30 pm

AES Energy is hosting an open house to inform the community of their solar project just north of the City of Franklin on a proposed 1,000 acres of privately owned land. AES energy is there to answer any questions and provide information on the project.

Light food and drinks will be provided

CATFISH DERBY DAYS



2024 Catfish Days Clothing and pins are now available at City Hall!

RENVILLE COUNTY
ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING!!
The first Wednesday every other month April - October:
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Located on the northeast end of the Renville County Fairgrounds
This collection is for Renville and Redwood County Residents ONLY
We reserve the right to refuse any load

May 1, 2024

July 3, 2024

September 4, 2024

For more information, contact S.W. Recycling at
1-800-366-8665 or www.swrecycling.com

Electronics		Appliances	
FREE	*COST	FREE	*COST
CPUs/hard drives, computer mouse, cell phones, keyboards, speakers, iPods, cameras, GPS units, laptops, CD players, MP3 players, radios/boom boxes, etc.	\$25.00: TVs and computer monitors \$10.00: scanners, printers, coolers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players and stereos	Washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, water softeners, etc. (Non-metal water heaters NOT accepted)	\$75.00: RV Refrigerators

Any item with a covid is considered an appliance or electronic device. If you don't see an item listed in the "Cost" column, it is probably accepted for disposal, but is most likely free of charge.
Non-appliance or electronic items accepted: Christmas lights, fans, A/C units, exercise equipment, satellite dishes, and yard maintenance equipment.

The following will **NOT** be accepted at this collection: -household Hazardous Waste (HHW), standard recyclable materials, fluorescent bulbs, batteries or tires.

*Prices may be subject to change. **Cash or check only. No credit/debit cards accepted.**

Open to Renville & Redwood County Residents ONLY.

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.



Open House Bridal Shower

Honoring Kate Lorang

April 6, 2024

Franklin Community Center

10:00 am—2:00 pm