

February 2024 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: January 8, 2024
 Council Present: Gruendemann, Lund, Mumme, and R. Kokesch
 Staff Present: Radermacher, K.Kokesch
 Guests: C. Minkel, D. Menk, P. Sullivan
 Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.
 Approved minutes of the regular meeting 12/11/23
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$113,640.30; twelve past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

1. Approved Resolution 2024-1: Approving Official designations and annual appointments. Approved Dan Menk as new Fire Chief.
2. Approved Resolution 2024-2: Approval of 2023 contributions.
3. Approved Resolution 2024-3: Re-establish polling place
4. Dept heads: D. menk reported 5 fire calls in December. The Fire Dept is in need of a new battery charger, approved. The Fire Hall needs a new printer, and paper shredder. A roof leak was recently fixed at the Fire Hall. Menk spoke with council about the purchase of a new grass rig and asks for approval to spend their gambling funds held with the city, approved. There are currently no grass rigs available, so they plan to work with a place to build one. The current cost estimate for the whole rig is between \$165-\$225 thousand dollars. Council discussed with Menk the idea of the Fire Dept absorbing the MRU department as an idea to fund the MRU long term. Details will need to be researched to figure out if this is a realistic possibility. K .Kokesch reported information on the reissuance of his wastewater permit and being moved up to a class C from a class D. No updates to the lead and copper inventory work orders. Kokesch reported delivery of the park equipment which required citizen help to unload and move into the park shelter. Council discussed ideas on who may be able to lead a team for building and installation of the equipment. Radermacher reported to the council the pros and cons of getting a loan for financial assistance with paying for the 2nd ave project. Radermacher is looking into ESST to see how it may affect any employees of the city.
5. Approved 2023 MRU report and fund transfer.
6. The 2023 Ambulance Association Balance statement was accepted as presented.
7. Approved 2023 Fire/Rural Fire report as presented.
8. There is an Emerald Ash bore public meeting on January 12th at the Franklin Community Center from 10am-12. This is an informational meeting to inform the public on diseased Ash trees.
9. Mayor Gruendemann relayed a request from the Lion's for Catfish Days to have 2-50 amp outlets on the outside of City Hall to allow more available power for the performing bands at the street dances.
10. Bills were paid as follow:



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Salaries	Net	\$18,687.82	Gopher State	Locates	\$4.05	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$449.00
PERA	Retirement	\$760.70	Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$2,976.50	Runnings	Supplies	\$64.36
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$357.30	City of Fairfax	Training	\$1,988.56	Farm Merchantile	Supplies	\$17.72
IRS	Withholding	\$4,003.39	St. Croix Rec	Playground	\$53,639.80	Alex Air 2	Supplies	\$2,870.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,123.36	Standard Gazette	Printing	\$37.73	One office	Supplies	\$64.97
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$53.15	Heiman	Supplies	\$115.52	Franklin Amstar	Fuel	\$12.87
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,059.82	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.59	VISA	Supplies	\$171.22
Madison National	Insurance	\$22.65	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$162.50	MVTL	Lab	\$417.53
Marco	Printing	\$22.37	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$50.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$255.24
Winsted Solar, LLC	Solar	\$2,151.24	Ren Co Sheriffs	Police	\$16,523.30	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$502.04



Community Calendar February 2024

February 1	Legion Meeting, 7 PM Com. Cntr
February 5	Rural Fire/Amb Assoc. mg- Com Cntr-7:30
February 12	Lions Club, 6 PM City Council, 7 PM
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
February 18	Presidents Day
February 27	Caucus- Com Cntr

Still have an old recycle bin or never received a new one?
Contact Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority
to make arrangements. 507-637-1800 or 320-523-8002

2023 Curbside Recycling:

February – 13 & 27
March – 12 & 26



Fundraising Event

Kiss the Catfish Candidate– Donnie Dehncke is hosting!

February 10th 5-7PM

Franklin Depot Caboose Room

Chili Feed

Regular or White Chicken Chili with bread sticks or Cornbread

\$13 per adult meal/\$11 for children 12 and under

Take Out Available

Drinks available for purchase at the Depot

The Franklin Community Center is open for walking Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:00-9:30 AM.

CPAC PRESENTS
THE 3RD ANNUAL
Cougar Pride Gala
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024

5-6PM REGISTRATION
6PM SOCIAL HOUR
7PM DINNER

All Proceeds Benefit Cedar Mountain Programs & Youth
St. Michael's Gymnasium
612 3rd Street
Morgan, Minnesota

TICKETS
\$50

Fun facts about leap year!

1. It takes the Earth about 365.242189 days — or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds– to circle around the sun. If we didn't add an extra day every 4 years, we would loose almost 6 hours every year.
2. People born on leap day are often called “leaplings” or “leapers”. These people will often celebrate their birthday on February 28th or March 1st instead of only celebrating every four years.
3. The first leap year was recognized more that 2,000 years ago.
4. Leap day was once the only acceptable day for a woman to propose to a man.
5. Some cultures don't like leap year. Greece, Spain, and Italy, for example, consider the whole year to be full of bad luck. Many couples would not schedule their weddings during these years.