

# May 2024

## City Newsletter

**\*City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council\***

Meeting Date: April 8, 2024  
 Council Present: Gruendemann, Lund, Mumme, R. Kokesch and Schneider  
 Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch  
 Guests: D. Menk, R. Handy, S. Traulich, J. Vogel, B. Ortloff, S Groux, F. Krawczel  
 Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.  
 Approved minutes of the reg. meeting 3/11/24  
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$77,612.65; five past due utility accounts;  
 no zoning permits issued.

- J. Vogel talked to council about the 2nd Ave project and informed the council of his connections to contractors that may be a good fit to complete the project. He inquired about a few details on the project; Traulich helped clarify. Vogel reported purchases many trees for his property and asked about the process to vacated the platted street and alley on his land.
- S. Groux and F. Krawczel from AES energy addressed the council with detail on the solar project proposed just north of the city. Maps were presented and details were discussed. Many questions and a detailed discussion on the project was made. AES asked the council for feedback relating to aesthetics to make the southern most area near town more visually pleasing while the project is in construction. There would be woven fencing around the solar field and mid level cover vegetation. There are no plans to plant trees as to make maintenance easier with no stick pick up. The representatives from AES energy reported that there will be some tax benefits for the city .
- S. Traulich with Bolton and Menk reported on the various projects going on for Franklin. The Small Cities grant was submitted; finishing up on the PFA loan submission; there will be another public hearing needed coming up so a resolution will need to be passed to call for it. The Grant for the Ravine project will soon be submitted. The GIS program has been set up for the lead and copper inventory and plans have been coordinated with K. Koesch and Radermacher to complete the inventory in the first two full weeks in May. Renville County has reached out to Bolton and Menk to inform them of future plans to improve CSAH 5.
- Dept heads: Ortloff spoke to council about blight and plans to begin earlier than in past. Radermacher to be the point of contact with Sheriff's Dept for blighted properties. There will be an ATV training class held in Franklin May 7th. Council reminded Ortloff that Franklin requires ATVs and golf carts to be registered through the county to be driven in town and drivers must be 16 years of age or older. Children under 16 years old are not to be using golf carts and ATVs as a mode of transportation. Menk reported a recent grass fire. K. Kokesch reported the big tree at the Lion's park to have been removed for \$575. Hydrant Flushing will be done soon. He ask that council hep encourage city residents to bring their garbage and recycle bins back to house right after being dumped as bins left on street impede street cleaning. He reported a lift station pump that burned out requiring him to put in OT. Kokesch also reported receipt of an MPCA award for wastewater treatment. Radermacher will be attending the clerks institute May 6-10th and will be out of the office the whole week before the next council meeting. Radermacher updated the website but was informed that some of it is not showing up as updated.
- The Public Safety Aid was discussed for expense. Menk provided a list of things the Fire Dept needs or would like to have, K. Kokesch expressed that he has some requests for safety expenses, like cones or road blocks. Council approved Lion's park cameras, turn out gear for one fire fighter, and an O2 sensor for purchase.
- Park equipment set up was discussed to be set up in May so it can be used for graduations. Gruendemann to take the lead on this project but he is in need of many helpers.
- Spring park clean up was approved to be completed by McGowans. Council approved mower purchase and will begin process to hire a PT public works assistant. Mosquito spraying contract approved for 3 year time frame. Dust control service was approved and will be done by SW Transfer. Approved Liqour license renewals Approved porta potty at boat landing for the season. Approved painting at the community center.



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Salaries	Net	\$9,311.52	Ridgewater College	Trianing	\$2,895.00	Heiman	Supplies	\$90.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,678.70	Regional Fire Assoc	Training	\$100.00	MN Rural Water	Dues	\$400.00
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$440.53	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$170.00	MN Valley Tech	Maint	\$30.00
IRS	Withholding	\$2,670.24	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$50.00	VISA	Supplies	\$1,826.62
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,255.32	Standard Gazette	Printing	\$38.00	MVTL	Lab	\$433.49
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$53.15	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$994.91	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$309.33
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,192.02	Ren Co Auditor/Treas	Taxes	\$3,775.46	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$146.32
Madison National	Insurance	\$22.65	Xcel	Energy	\$745.31	Ren. Co Sheriffs Dept	Police	\$15,523.30
Marco	Printing	\$169.83	LMCIT	Insurance	\$28,069.00			
Gopher State	Locates	\$9.45						

# Community Calendar May 2024

May 2	Legion Meeting, 7 PM Com. Cntr
May 13	Lions Club, 6 PM City Council, 7 PM
May 16	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
May 27	Memorial Day
May 30	Blood Drive-Com Cntr- 11aAM—7PM

## 2024 Curbside Recycling:

May- 7 & 21

June- 4 & 18



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



## City Wide Clean Up Days

June 4, 5, & 6th 2024

Tuesday & Thursday 5-8 PM

Wednesday 3-8 PM

Drop off location: 3rd St. by water plant.

\*Items accepted include household items that can go to the landfill for free!

\* Cost to dispose of Mattress = \$45

\* Large items available for curbside pick up for \$20

Mattresses and curbside pick up items **MUST** be **PREPAID** at City Hall.

\* No hazardous materials, household garbage, appliances, batteries, bulbs, or tires accepted

## Garden Volunteers Needed!

Friends for the Future 501c3 is looking for garden volunteers to help care for our Franklin Community Garden! This is our second year for the garden, and to help make it a success, we need assistance from our green thumbs in the area!

Looking for volunteers to sign up to care for the garden as much as able! Tasks include watering, weeding, filling the bird feeder, and harvesting.

Reach out to Emily Hildreth at Franklin State Bank (507-557-2233) to share your time and help our garden grow!



## CATFISH DERBY DAYS



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

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.



**\*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!!

## Give Blood!

Blood Drive  
May 30th  
11AM—7 PM  
Franklin Community Center

