

November 2024 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: October 14, 2024

Council Present: Gruendemann, Mumme, Schneider, and R. Kokesch.

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch

Guests: S. Traulich, J. Harmoning, D Menk, S. Oberloh

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 9/9/24

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$155,469.63; eight past due utility accounts; two zoning permits issued; a 36'x24'x8' garage addition at 631 3rd Ave E; a 10'x12'10' Pergola at 250 5th St.

1. J. Harmoning, Franklin Industries, asked for council approval to fix up the infield of the baseball field. Franklin industries is willing to head the project and pay for expenses. No city funds requested. Council approved.
2. Traulich, Bolton and Menk, updated council on pending projects and grants. There has been no further communication on the Ravine project that was awarded a Storm Water Resilience Grant. Easements and agreements will need to be pursued. MN Dept of Health has sent out letters to cities that need to notify residence of the finding of the lead and copper inventory. The City of Franklin was awarded the small cities grant for the 2nd Ave West project; plans and specs have been approved; a resolution will be needed in a couple of months to advertise for bids. This project should begin in spring 2025.
3. Dept heads: Menk reported the grass rig to be completed and is to be picked up soon. The old one can be sold. Council asked for Menk to find an estimate of what the old 2007 grass rig is worth and then council will declare surplus property and list for sale. K. Kokesch reported to the council of some vandalism to the bathrooms at Lion's Park; the cameras were able to catch enough video for the sheriff's department to ID the individuals; the individuals were asked to clean up the mess in the bathrooms. The MPCA inspection went well. The Franklin Legion held a flag retirement ceremony and invited the elementary students, handed out donuts and apple juice. Parks will be winterized along with fire hydrants. Kokesch also reported meeting with the DOT about the living snow fence and they are planning to clean up the trees in that area. Radermacher received an application for the Fire Department.
4. Tabled Xcel right of entry agreement
5. Only one donation has been received for trees at the Lion's park. Will continue to accept donations and plant in the spring.
6. 2025 fee changes and salaries were reviewed. Menk requested a raise for fire dept officers; council asked how much is fair; will revisit next month.
7. Fire Department bylaws were presented to council; will be reviewed are revisited in November.
8. Radermacher is in contact with Cedar Mountain about painting the community center.
9. Council approved not waiving monetary tort limits for workers comp insurance.
10. Oberloh presented the 2023 city financial reports and audit.
11. Bills were paid as follows:



Salaries	Net	\$8,588.24	Ridgewater	Training	\$3,260.50	Gibbon Lumber	Supplies	\$2,545.58
PERA	Retirement	\$1,554.34	Central Square	Software	\$22.65	Fairfax Body shop	Maint.	\$42.57
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$429.74	Runnings	Supplies	\$169.83	Vessco	Maint,	\$387.95
IRS	Withholding	\$2,518.81	Franklin Amstar	Fuel	\$1,695.00	ltron	Maint.	\$4,650.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,255.32	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$148.89	Nautilus Solar	Solar	\$427.33
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	MN Dept of labor	Dues	\$37.45	MVTL	Lab	\$311.30
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,260.50	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$79.79	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$1,413.70
Madison National	Insurance	\$22.65	Central Square	Software	\$235.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,265.95
Marco	Printing	\$169.83	One office	Supplies	\$40.00	Winsted Solar, LLC	Solar	\$24,689.68
Keiman	Locates	\$51,404.25	VISA	Supplies	\$40.00	Farmward	Propane	\$64.00

Community Calendar November 2024

- November 3 Election Day. Vote!
- November 7 Legion Meeting
- November 11 Veteran's Day
Lions Club, 6 PM
- November 12 City Council, 7 PM
- November 21 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
- November 28 Happy Thanksgiving!



November Curbside Recycling Days- 5 & 19th



Franklin Legion would like to invite you for

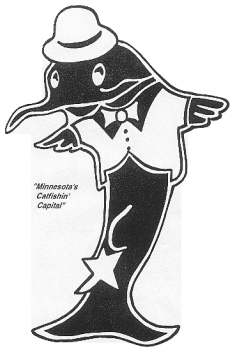
Turkey BINGO

November 23rd, 2024

7:00 PM

Franklin Community Center

Day Light Savings ends
November 3. Set your
clocks back one hour!



Ray Thompson is selling a variety of Catfish pins, patches, and buttons.

Call Ray at 507-557-2690

Did you know that you can set up autopayments to your city utility accounts?!

For more information contact City Hall
507-557-2259



Attention Franklin Residents!

Please be a kind neighbor and clean up after your pets!

Attention Franklin Residents

Fall street sweeping is still upon us. If you see the street sweeper in your area, please move vehicles off the street to allow the sweeper access curb to curb for cleaning!

Thank you in advance!!

Are you looking for a storage building to place your recreational equipment in? I may have what you are looking for!

If interested, call Ron 507-227-2739



City Park bathrooms and kitchens have been winterized for the season and will no longer be available for use until spring.