

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 13, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, D. Schneider, M. Mumme, R. Kokesch (Virtual from North Mankato). Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch and D. Menk. Guests present were: R. Handy, J. Lund.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll called showed Lund absent and R. Kokesch attending virtually from North Mankato. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on April 8, 2024. A correction was noted on the location of the April meeting. Mumme motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Schneider, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$67,203.61, Cash receipts for April were \$50,094.19; there were 11 past due utility accounts; one zoning permit issued at 225 3rd Ave W for a 44'x28' attached garage. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Department heads reported: Menk reported that the fire trucks are being rotated in and out for maintenance. There will be a natural disaster training on May 16th that council and city staff is invited to attend. Discussion was held on events being held at the Fire Hall; events are to be hosted at the community center instead of the Fire Hall, however an old note is still posted in the Fire Hall stating that Fire Dept members are allowed to. Radermacher to look into details on when the policy changed and report next month. Fire Department bylaws have not yet been updated. Radermacher informed the council that they can implement policies for the Fire Department to follow instead of waiting on their draft of updates to the bylaws, council will consider this route if bylaw changes are not handed in. K. Kokesch reminded council of his upcoming vacation in June; he reported one upset homeowner when going door to door making appointments for lead and copper inventory. K. Kokesch talked about the benefits of completing sump pump inspections at the same time as the lead and copper inventory. The previously reported broken E-1 pump was successfully turned in to insurance. K. Kokesch informed the council of a failing sewer line in town; the line has broken three times and has become a nuisance; this situation will need to be looked at and discussed for a possible solution. K. Kokesch expressed the need for summer mowing help; he has been approached by local residents that are willing to fill the need, one that would like to donate his time to help. Kokesch also reminded the council that the city's insurance does cover volunteers of the city that may get injured while offering their services. K. Kokesch was asked about the tree on the corner of the fire hall; the tree has become over-grown and could pose issues with roots affecting the fire hydrant it is next to; a quote for removal will be brought to council in June. Radermacher reported; an invoice was presented from a storm sewer/tiling line fix on private property. The city's storm sewer is connected to the tiling line; the invoice was presented for approval of a split payment; council discussed an equal split in half of the total invoice of \$3,175.05 in addition to asking for an easement/drainage agreement. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve \$1587.53 payment for the bill and pursue an easement/drainage agreement with the property owner, Second by Schneider, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.** Radermacher presented the 2024 mosquito spraying schedule along with the 2024 clean up days schedule. Radermacher reported the installation of the park cameras to be complete. The \$575 fee for removing the tree at the old tennis court shelter paid to "Got Dirt" was donated directly back to the Fire and MRU departments. Radermacher reported a leak in the wall of City Hall during rain events, gutters were approved to be replaced. Radermacher reported citizens having some issues with their addresses for various utility companies or delivery services; Radermacher researched the issue and found that the City has address authority within city limits. Radermacher would like to draft a letter on City Letterhead to aid these citizens in correcting address issues. The Morgan Rookie baseball teams have set weekly practices to be held at the Franklin Ball Field every Tuesday through the beginning of July.

The Public Safety Aid expenses discussion was tabled.

A park diagram was presented. Installation was discussed. Council approved looking for installation quotes for installation instead of gathering local volunteers to complete in project as soon as possible.

The public works assistant job description was presented with the addition of a minimum age requirement of 18. Council discussed tabling the decision to hire a public works assistant and allow K. Kokesch to hire his own summer mowing help.

An email request for funding assistance for the Summer Rec program from Cedar Mountain was shared. Cedar Mountain is requesting \$500 from Franklin and Morgan to help with their summer rec program. Council discussed donating more but agreed that an equal funding request from both cities were made so an equal donation should be approved. If more is needed, more can be requested. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve \$500 donation to the Cedar Mountain Summer Rec program, Second by Mumme, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

The Mediacom Franchise agreement renewal was tabled. The agreement will be reviewed before presented again.

A mini house has been brought into town and parked. No permits were issued. Council discussed looking into changing or adding an ordinance to allow tiny houses. This idea will need to be researched. Also discussed was possibly allowing property owners to rent out space to campers when the solar project north of town becomes a reality; more discussion to come.

At 8:12 P.M., R. Kokesch motioned for adjournment, Second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be July 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer