

February 2025 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: January 8, 2025

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk

Guests: B. Poppoff, G. Scharfencamp, L. Menk, M. Gehrke

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 12/10/24

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$84,684.94; twelve past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

1. Poppoff & Scharfencamp, Franklin Legion, presented a plan to add a concreted area by the memorial flags to be able to sit or have a picnic. Council liked the idea and suggested they check the set back requirements for from the county road, highway and the rail road.
2. L. Menk requested a donation to the Cedar Mt/Wabasso Dance team. Council discussed not having a budget for donations and approved taking \$250 from the budget for Summer Rec.
3. Council approved amendment to code of ordinance 30.01 to change the regular council meeting dates to the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.
4. Approved Resolution 2025-1: Approving Official Designations and Annual Appointments.
5. Approved Resolution 2025-2: Approval of 2024 Contributions.
6. Dept. Heads: Menk shared an update on Fire Department calls and informed council that he new hire will be getting fit for gear. Menk discussed the purchase of a washer/drying and asked if the money from the sale of the old grass rig could be used for purchase and installation of them, approved. K. Kokesch asked about the estimate for the drinking fountain at the park to be purchased with the fund from 2024 Kiss the Catfish proceeds. Where should the fountain be put? What type of fountain should be added? P. Schmidt will be asked to attend the regular February meeting to clarify what her funds raised are to be used for. Radermacher reported a letter that was shared with the city about an incident at the Depot on New Years Eve where alcohol was present after closing time. Council agreed to enforce the City ordinance requiring liquor establishments to present proof of staff completion of responsible bartending training before council will approve liquor license renewals. Painting at the community center was discussed. Mayor Gruendemann will attend a school board meeting to move this along.
7. Approved 2025 meeting schedule.
8. 2024 Ambulance/MRU report was presented. After the 2024 MRU expenses, the MRU savings account would be cleared and fund held with the Ambulance Association are needed to keep the MRU department going. Council instructed Radermacher to leave the MRU funds in the saving account to slowly earn interest and keep the account open.
9. The 2024 Ambulance Association finance statement was presented.
10. The 2024 Fire Department financials were presented and approved.
11. Bills were paid as follows:



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Salaries	Net	\$17,765.09	LMC	Dues	\$808.00	Oberloh	Admin	\$300.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,532.97	VISA	Supplies	\$51.02	Ameriforms	Bill cards	\$125.00
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$420.04	Ren Co Sheriff's	Police	\$16,988.96	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$328.00
IRS	Withholding	\$4,015.83	Heiman	Supplies	\$456.39	Runnings	Supplies	\$27.46
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	MMUA	Dues	\$189.00	All-Phase electric	Mainten	\$340.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$74.88	MVTL	Lab	\$122.82
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,180.17	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$60.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$315.93
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$1,650.68	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$247.83
Marco	Printing	\$192.44	Bolton and Menk	Engineer	\$10,517.00	McGowan	Snow	\$170.00
Gopher State	Locates	\$4.05	Mid MN Ag	Round Up	\$286.74	MMA	Dues	\$30.00
			Electric Pump	Maint	\$20,029.54	Trista Radermacher	Mileage	\$18.20

Community Calendar February 2025

February 3 Rural Fire/Amb Assoc Mtg @7:30
February 6 Legion Meeting
February 10 Lions Club, 6 PM
February 12 City Council, 6 PM- (New date & time)
February 14 Valentines Day
February 20 Fire/MRU monthly meetings



BINGO

Legion Bingo

Saturday February 22

Franklin Community Center



February Curbside Recycling Days- 11 & 25

The Franklin Elementary gym is open from 6:00 AM- 7:30 AM
Monday- Friday for walking!!

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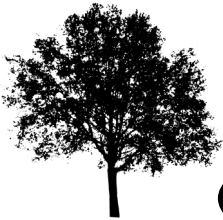
McGowan Tree Service

mcgowantreeservice@gmail.com

Tree trimming, removal, and stump grinding

Call or text Dennis

507-430-7092



Franklin Council meetings will now be held on the second
Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM.

Shay All Runner's

Kiss the Catfish Spring Photo Mini Sessions

Saturday March 1

Franklin Community Center

7am-noon

20 minute sessions/\$80

Call/Text Shay for appointment

507-430-0929

*Special thanks for Beth Theresa Photography for pairing up the this community fundraiser!

Come and Go Bridal Shower

Carly Anderson

Bride-to-be of Kevin Sponsler

April 5, 2025

10am-Noon

Franklin Community Center

Parent of the couple are:

Own & Lori Anderson

Sheri Weninger

Dan & Jan Sponsler

Registered at Target & Amazon

FRANKLIN Wellness



**MONTHLY
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\$41 Adult

\$25 Student (18yrs & younger)

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