

March 2025 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: February 12, 2025

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, C. Minkel.

Guests: S. Traulich, J. Mathwig, J. Gustafson, P. Schmidt, T. Johnson, R. Kieker.

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 1/8/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$72691.70; thirteen past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

1. Council discussed drinking fountain details with P. Schmidt.
2. Deputy Mathwig shared updates with council on ongoing blighted properties and discussed vehicle parking on streets.
3. J. Gustafson discussed the City's power limits outside city hall for Catfish Derby Days. Improvements will be needed and estimates will need to be obtained.
4. Dept. Heads: C. Minkel reported progress on the MRU bylaws and plans to bring them to council for approval soon. K. Kokesch shared an update on the clean up of the living snow fence. Radermacher reported on discussion from the Rural Fire and Ambulance Association meeting, minutes will be presented next month. Radermacher presented information on Fire Department training that some FD members would like to participate in in late March.
5. Traulich updated council on the environmental assessment comment periods for the second avenue project. Bids will be advertised after the waiting period ends. Wetland delineation was discussed and is not needed to continue the project.
6. Tree removal proposals were submitted by McGowan Tree service. Estimates were discussed and will be revisited an a future meeting.
7. Radermacher reported an administrative public hearing for the Birch Cooley Solar project on March 11th at the Franklin Community Center.
8. Discussion on the exclusive garbage contract with Clobes was discussed. Two businesses in town are not in compliance with this contract and will be contacted.
9. The responsible beverage server training for liquor renewals was discussed. Mayor Gruendemann to attend school board meeting to discuss painting of the shared community center.
10. Closed session for client/attorney discussion on potential litigation.
11. Bills were paid as follows:



Wages	Net	\$10,557.67	NAPA	Supplies	\$657.73	VISA	Supplies	\$3,221.35
PERA	Retirement	\$892.68	DSC Communications	Supplies	\$119.00	Electric Motor	Maint	\$168.27
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$587.44	Ridgewater	Training	\$875.00	LMCIT	Insurance	\$27,163.00
IRS	Withholding	\$3,182.17	Heiman	Supplies	\$10,477.88	Postmaster	Rent	\$100.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Alex Air Apparatus	Supplies	\$1,384.89	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$416.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$195.00	Runnings	Supplies	\$41.97
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,180.17	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	Ren Co Public Works	Snow	\$580.00
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$1,002.24	MVTL	Lab	\$556.31
Marco	Printing	\$172.44	WEX Bank	Fuel	\$92.21	MN Valley Telep	Phone	\$311.73
Gopher State	Locates	\$54.05	Kennedy and Graven	Legal	\$1,104.30	Trista Radermacher	Supplies	\$106.30
			ESRI	Mapping	\$1,035.00			

Community Calendar March 2025

- March 6 Legion Meeting
- March 9 Daylight Savings time begins
- March 10 Lions Club, 6 PM
- March 11 Public Hearing for solar project
- March 12 City Council, 6 PM
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 Fire/MRU monthly meetings



**** Set your clocks ahead one hour on March 9th!**



Catfish Apparel is now available at City Hall!!



March Curbside Recycling Days— 11 & 25

Hector's Spring Craft & Gift Expo

Saturday March 22nd
9:00 AM— 2:00 PM
Hector High School

Food Concessions, Door Prizes, and Free Admission!
Bring your Friends!

Renville/Redwood County Electronics and Appliance Recycling!

The First Wednesday, every other month April— October
2:00—6:00 PM

Ren. Co Fair Grounds

May 7

July 2

September 3

Redwood County Museum

April 2

June 4

August 6

October 1

Cash or Check only

For a list of items accepted contact S.W. Recycling
www.swrecycling.com or 1-800-366-8665

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McGowan Tree Service

mcgowantreeservice@gmail.com

Tree trimming, removal, and stump grinding

Call or text Dennis

507-430-7092



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

Spread the word!

Come and Go Bridal Shower

Carly Anderson

Bride-to-be of *Kevin Sponsler*

April 5, 2025

10am-Noon

Franklin Community Center

*Parents of the couple are:

Owen & Lori Anderson

Sheri Weninger

Dan & Jan Sponsler

~Registered at Target & Amazon~

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\$41 Adult

\$25 Student (18yrs & younger)

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