

April 2025 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: March 12, 2025

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

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

Guests: D & A McGowan, J. Clobes

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 2/12/25 and the annual Rural Fire and Ambulance Association meeting 2/3/25.

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$45,095.81; eight past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

1. City wide clean up was discussed. Clobes discussed a change with the council to have two clean up days in May and another 2 in September with the same fees, regulations, and drop off location; council approved.
2. Tree trimming was discussed with McGowans Tree Service. Council is willing to working within the budget to trim boulevard trees overhanging on the street that many property owners have not been maintaining. The trees on the avenues will be trimmed this year and the trees on the streets will wait for next year.
3. Dept. Heads: Menk reported using the new grass rig on a fire call; four fire department members will be attending fire training in Austin MN at the end of the month; the washer has been installed but not the dryer. K. Kokesch reported the maintenance of the living snow fence is going well; the street sweeper needs repair; and he asked council about future plans for the Lion's Park. Radermacher reported attendance at a loss control meeting in April and the request to release funds for the 2nd ave grant has been submitted.
4. The MRU bylaws were reviewed and discussion on amendments were made. Bylaws approved.
5. The City of Franklin recently purchased a storage shed from Renville County and the garage door will need to be fixed in order to use.
6. Gruendemann spoke with Cedar Mountain school board and will both obtain estimates to paint the community center.
7. A land use agreement was presented to council; upon review council approved agreement on the terms that the agreement can be renewable and that the Legion property on the location is not classified as City of Franklin property.
8. Outside power at City Hall was discussed for Catfish Derby days; the power box will be replaced with a new box and breakers. An outlet for the back of the building will be added if expense is high for the oxygen on the Catfish tank. The goad will be to keep City Hall locked up so no electrical cords will be strung into the building keeping doors open.
9. City Hall has been in need of gutters for some time. Council approved hiring this project out.
11. Bills were paid as follows:



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Wages	Net	\$10,147.08	Franklin Amstar	Fuel	\$59.30	Farmward	LP	\$889.07
PERA	Retirement	\$1,768.78	Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$15,012.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$311.27
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$519.92	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$150.26	Runnings	Supplies	\$28.57
IRS	Withholding	\$2,946.63	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$195.00	Scenic Byway	Dues	\$50.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	MVTL	Lab	\$253.48
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	WEX Bank	Fuel	\$90.79	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$319.01
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,180.17	Kenneday and Graven	Legal	\$2,465.10	Xcel	Energy	\$210.38
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	MN Dept of Heath	Dues	\$510.00			
Marco	Printing	\$172.44	VISA	Supplies	\$783.10			
Gopher State	Locates	\$1.35	Mike's Auto Parts	Supplies	\$575.21			

Community Calendar April 2025

- April 3 Legion Meeting
- April 9 City Council Mtg, 6PM
- April 14 Lions Club, 6 PM
- April 17 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 20 Easter



Franklin Lion's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 19th

1:00 PM

Franklin Restorative Care Center

(Nursing Home)

For ages through 4th grade

Bring your Easter Basket!



April Curbside Recycling Days- 8 & 22

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 cats in any combination not to exceed four.

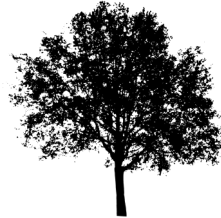
McGowan Tree Service

mcgowantreeservice@gmail.com

Tree trimming, removal, and stump grinding

Call or text Dennis

507-430-7092



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.

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

For more information contact City Hall

507-557-2259



Catfish pins and apparel are now available at City Hall!!

City Wide Clean up Days

May 6 & 7

(May 8th= rain make up day)

3:00-8:00 PM

Drop off location: 3rd St by water plant.

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

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~

*Mattresses (\$45) and some furniture (\$10-\$20) items will be accepted for a fee. Fees must be pre-paid at City Hall by May 1st.

* The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

- Hazardous materials
- Household garbage
- Appliances
- Batteries
- Bulbs
- Tires
- Etc.