

August 2025

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: July 9, 2025

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch

Guests: M. Wagner

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 6/11/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$82,127.06; eleven past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued; Sent zoning permit application to HRA apartments and received back with missing information, will follow up on missing information before issuing. .

1. Deputy Wagner presented the council with the blighted property list and discussion was made on the next steps to correct the blighted properties; 4 citations will be issued. Discussion held on dangerous dogs in town and what can be done about them.
2. Dept. Heads: K. Kokesch found a bathroom cleaner for Catfish Days; asked about placement of volleyball courts for Catfish Days to ensure new trees being planted will not be in the way; jetting was completed under Smith's driveway and by the post office, more cleaning may need to be done; Kokesch called in the locates to get trees planted; drinking fountain was installed at the Lion's Park and the fountain for the Veteran's park is in stock and will be installed before Catfish; the bench that was donated from the Civic Club will be installed before Catfish. Radermacher reported updates from attorney on the emergency shelter agreement with Cedar Heart Homes and the tree ordinance update requests; updates were presented on the individual given permission to live in their camper at a property along the highway. The garbage dumpster at the boat landing has been removed due to misuse. The emails regarding zoning requests for a property on the south end of town has been resolved. A compliment was received by a family on how clean Franklin looks compared to neighboring towns.
3. Council held discussion on creating a tree removal program for ash trees. No updates from attorney on tree ordinance updates but council discussed not allowing new trees to be planted on the boulevard.
4. No updates from Cedar Mountain on painting at community center
5. Catfish Days details were discussed.
6. A bid was presented to have the old county shop/new city shed doors looked at for repair.
7. Discussion was held on 1st Avenue. Complaint was received on road grading; discussion on maintenance expectations was made. Council discussed closing 1st Ave to trucks to reduce high traffic. More research will be done and more discussion will be held.
8. Bills were paid as follows:



Wages	Net	\$9,203.24	M.R. Paving	Streets	\$30,000.00	Kerkhoff Plumbing	Maint	\$3,305.25
PERA	Retirement	\$1,622.83	Franklin Amstar	Fuel	\$54.31	L & S construction	Maint	\$159.03
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$454.92	MN Hardwoods	Parks	\$1,900.00	VISA	Supplies	\$50.00
IRS	Withholding	\$1,381.85	Ren County Sheriffs	Policing	\$15,988.96	Gibbon Lumber	Supplies	\$1,432.30
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Alex Air Apparatus	Supplies	\$397.40	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$3,911.10
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Chad Eisenbarth	Maint	\$500.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$1,152.00
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.34	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$125.00	MVTL	Lab	\$479.85
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$50.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$292.13
Marco	Printing	\$175.44	Mn Asso of sm cities	Dues	\$376.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$365.59
Gopher State	Locates	\$2.70	Clarke Mosquito	Streets	\$1,095.92			

Community Calendar August 2025

August 11 Lions Club, 6 PM
August 13 City Council Mtg, 6PM
August 16 Franklin All School reunion
August 19 Wanda State Bank PicNic
August 21 Fire/MRU monthly meetings



August Curbside Recycling Days– 12 & 26

Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)

August 5 & 19, September 2



Donations are being accepted for the Franklin Cemetery.

Please Contact Jerry Deming or drop off a donation at City Hall or Wanda State Bank (Franklin location).

Jerry Deming-507-430-7930

***REMINDER— DO NOT** mow your grass clippings onto the street! The clippings plug the storm sewer. Blowing your clipping into the street is a violation of City Ordinance!!



Save the Date
**FRANKLIN
ALL
SCHOOL
REUNION**
Saturday, August 16, 2025

 The meal and program will be at Jackpot Junction and the Franklin school will be open for tours that afternoon

For more information, email us at
franklintigersreunion@gmail.com

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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.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who helped make Catfish Days 2025 a success!! Thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers; without you the weekend would not have been possible. Thank you to all those who participated in events and supported the local businesses.

See you all next year!

** Catfish apparel is still available at City Hall*

Fall City Wide Clean up Days

September 9 & 10

(September 11th= rain make up day)

Drop off between 3:00-8:00 PM only

Drop off location: 3rd St South. Between 1st and 2nd Ave.

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

*Mattresses (\$45) and some furniture (\$10-\$20) items will be accepted for a fee. * The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

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

Renville/Redwood County Electronics and Appliance Recycling!

The First Wednesday, every other month April– October

2:00—6:00 PM

Ren. Co Fair Grounds

September 3

Redwood County Museum

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

Open to Renville & Redwood County Residents ONLY