

May 2025

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: April 9, 2025

Council Present: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch & Schneider.

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk.

Guests: Traulich, J. & L. Harmoning

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 3/12/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$50,743.90; ten past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued.

1. One citizen requested to be on agenda to discuss boulevard trees but did not make it to the meeting.
2. Council approved Resolution 2025-3: Approving plans and specs and ordering advertisement for bids on the 2nd avenue project.
3. Dept. Heads: Menk reported the resignation/retirement of Joel Harmoning who served for 30 years and 1 day on the Franklin Fire Department; council accepted the resignation/retirement and thanks Harmoning for his service. Menk reported 3 recent calls, one of which was a cancelled call and none of which are billable. There is an issue with the old pumper truck and will need to be fixed. Radermacher reported upcoming blighted property ride along with Franklin's contract deputy; the phantom pooper owner has been identified and spoken to; Radermacher asked permission for the Sheriff's Dept to use the Fire Hall for ATV training class on May 13th as the community center is already in use for the special election for the proposed bond for Cedar Mountain; council approved. Radermacher spoke to council about possible zoning amendments for cannabis regulation. Funds were received for the drinking fountain at the park. There is a "Sound the Alarm" event coming up on May 3 that would assist homeowners in installing up to 3 new smoke alarms or maintenance for their existing- Renville county requested a couple Franklin Fire Dept members to participate with the Red Cross for this event. Radermacher reported her upcoming absence for the 2nd year of Municipal clerk school May 5-9, City Hall will be closed. Kokesch reported; season changed and different water sample requirements; M & R to come look at city streets and give estimate for repairs; some complaints were received on the recent tree trimming along city avenues; agri-lime was delivered for the ball field; Kokesch received dust control estimate from the previous company we used; a plan is needed for the Lion's park for tree planting; approval requested for a porta potty at the boat landing, approved.
4. Approved Rail road land use agreement
5. Approved liquor license renewal process to begin; responsible beverage server training needs to be completed or lined up before being sent in.
6. Harmoning utility request was presented. Council approved Harmoning to hook up to city water and sewer. Harmoning requested the city pay for this project; discussion was held on this stating that the tax payers did not pay to hook up other properties on the outskirts of city limits and discussed if they should now. Council tabled a decision on paying for this request until next month when city ordinances can be reviewed.
7. Tree ordinance review and dust control discussions were tabled.

Bills were paid as follows:

Wages	Net	\$8,959.33	RSS Group	Supplies	\$64.13	MRWA	Dues	\$425.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,910.46	Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$930.00	LMCIT	Insurance	\$6,003.00
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$444.96	Riverland College	Training	\$920.00	Standard Gazette	Subscript	\$38.00
IRS	Withholding	\$2,561.67	Ren Co Aud/Treas	Taxes	\$4,778.96	Runnings	Supplies	\$1,260.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Alex Air Apparatus	Maint	\$4,294.98	One office	Supplies	\$19.99
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	MVTL	Lab	\$265.68
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,180.17	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$4,673.87	MN Valley Telep.	Phone	\$315.54
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	MillerSellner	Supplies	\$21.60	Xcel	Energy	\$832.07
Marco	Printing	\$192.44	Kenneday and Graven	Legal	\$2,234.55	Gibbon lunber	Supplies	\$32.50
Gopher State	Locates	\$8.10	Ridgewater College	Training	\$1,750.00	McGowans	Maint	\$170.00



Community Calendar May 2025

- May 3 Legion Meeting
- May 12 Lions Club, 6 PM
- May 13 Cedar Mt. Special Bonding election
- May 14 City Council Mtg, 6PM
- May 15 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
- May 26 Memorial Day



May Curbside Recycling Days– 6 & 20



Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)
May 27, June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22,
August 5 & 19, September 2

The last morning the Franklin Elementary gym is open for walking will be May 12th for the season. The gym is open by the bell doors from 6:00 AM– 7:30 AM Monday– Friday
Spread the word!

Thank you Cedar Mountain!

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.



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.

Do you have something you would like to post in the City Newsletter?! Deadline for additions is the 25th of each month. Fees may apply depending on the advertisement. Contact 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!

*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.

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

The City of Franklin’s 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will not be mailed or published, but is available for viewing upon request at calling City Hall.



Give Blood!

Thursday June 5
Franklin Community Center
1 PM– 7PM

Call 1-800-733-2767 for appointments or book online!