october 2025 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

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

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

Guests: S. Traulich, T. Sullivan, P.Sullivan, S. Oberloh, M. Wagner, G. &

G, Scharfencamp

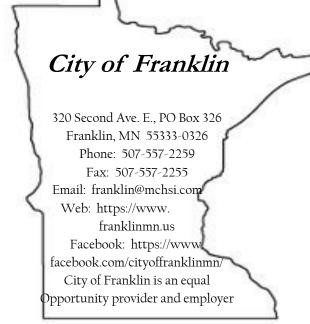
Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 8/13/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$49,397.57; twelve past due utility accounts—approved payment plan for a past due account; one zoning permits issued-a 28'x30' shed/garage at 351 half street.

- 1. Council revoked the permit to allow D. Munssel's camper guest to live in a camper for more than 5 days.
- 2. Council approved an amendment to ordinance 92.02 for amendments to the tree ordinance.
- 3. No schedule for 2nd ave project yet. Updates will be sent out when available. Curb and gutter will be extended past all driveways on the south half of the project area for better drainage. No news from the Army Corps of engineers for the Storm Sewer project on their determination of a tributary versus a stream at the southern part of the project area.
- 4. Council accepted the 2024 audit and financial statements presented by S. Oberloh.
- 5. 2024 Fire Relief financials were presented and a request to increase pension amounts was presented and approved.
- 6. Dept. Heads: Menk reported on recent Fire Department calls. Discussion was made on Fire Department equipment being used for personal reasons. Minkel reported recent MRU calls; MRU recertifications will begin this fall; a donation is expected to be received for the MRU department.
- 7. Tabled discussion on tree removal program
- 8. Discussion was held between citizens present and council about 1st ave dust issues and road signs. No decision made.
- 9. Tabled decision on expensing Kiss the Catfish funds.
- 10. Truth in Taxation public hearing will be held during the December regular meeting.
- 11. Approved 2026 health insurance renewal.
- 12. 2026 Salaries and fee schedule presented.
- 13. Discussion and changes made to the 2026 preliminary budget and Resolution 2025-5: proposed 2026 levy was approved for \$196,282
- 14. Bills were paid as follows:

Wages	Net	\$10,018.50	MN Dept of Health	Dues	\$510.00	VISA	Suplies	\$405.78
PERA	Retirement	\$1,789.21	Heiman	Maint	\$1,597.50	Weltsch Equip	Maint	\$8,045.57
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$526.50	Kerkhoff Plumbing	Maint	\$2,970.00	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$3,740.48
IRS	Withholding	\$2,947.06	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.12	Bolton and Menk	Engineer	\$1,880.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$195.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$480.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$50.00	MVTL	Lab	\$284.04
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.34	Runnings	Supplies	\$694.81	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$286.11
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	AIM Electronics	Supplies	\$50.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$856.91
Marco	Printing	\$175.44	Kenneday and Graven Legal		\$3,825.60	Electric Motor	Supplies	\$340.00
Gopher State	Locates	\$2.70						





Community Calendar October 2025

October 2 Legion Meeting, 7PM
October 8 City Council Mtg, 6PM
October 13 Lions Club, 6 PM

October 16 Fire/MRU monthly meetings



October Curbside Recycling Days- 7 & 21

*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!!



Hallowler



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.

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

Are you looking for a storage facility that can store your recreational vehicles (campers, boats, pontoons, icehouse, etc) If so, give Ron a call to reserve your space at 507-227-2739

<u>Halloween Trick or Treat Stop</u>

October 31st
Starting at 5PM

Franklin Community Center

Stop in and grab a treat bag!

Sponsored by the Franklin Women's Civic Club

See you there!



Saturday October 18 Hector High School 9:00am-2:00pm

Concessions available

Bring your Friends!







Attention Franklin Residents

Fall street sweeping is still upon us. If you see the street sweeper in your area, please move vehicles off the street to allow the sweeper access curb to curb for cleaning!

Thank you in advance!!

Did you know that you can set up autopayments to your city utility account?! For more information contact City Hall 507-557-2259