

September 2025

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: August 13, 2025

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk

Guests: Traulich, Gehrke, Vogel (via phone call)

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 7/9/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$42,497.50; thirteen past due utility accounts-council discussed a past due account that is not fulfilling a payment plan and is to be shut off if past due payments are not paid; two zoning permits issued-an 8'x16' shed at 161 2nd Ave E and a fence up next to a house to hide AC equipment at 730 3rd St S.

1. J. Vogel spoke to council via phone call to express his opinion on a fire call invoice; council listened to his concerns; Vogel agreed to pay the invoice but with reluctance.
2. Traulich discussed updates on the Storm Sewer Ravine project; property owners have been spoken to about easements and Traulich is working with property owners and the City attorney for the agreements. Traulich discussed easement prices. The Army Corps of engineers looked at the project area to determine if the stream of water down the ravine is considered a stream or a tributary; determination still to come. The second avenue project start has been delayed but substantial completion date is still November 17th. The pre-construction meeting was held at the end of July; items to note include-weekly meetings will be held every week on Thursday morning once the project begins, as well as on garbage and recycling collection was discussed; when the project reaches the point to where the street is closed and collection trucks are unable to access properties; the contractors will wheel the carts out to CR 5 if the property owners have their garbage/recycling ready to go before the end of their work days on Monday afternoons.
3. Dept. Heads: Menk discussed a fire call in city limits for a gas leak due to a cut propane line; invoice to be sent. Menk reported AC issues at the fire hall; council approved repairs. K. Kokesch reported a complaint about dust control on city gravel streets; council discussed- dust control will be paid for once per year by the city and any property owners along city gravel streets can pay to have more dust control completed if they like other times of year. The city payload is in for repairs from getting hit by a branch during tree clean up; while it is in the fluids will be changed and the wheel seals are in need of replacement; council approved repairs. The controller for the ballfield scoreboard doesn't work well anymore and is in need of replacement. K. Kokesch reported an upcoming vacation. Radermacher reported she is collecting potential lots in town for either a co-op housing lot or a potential business. Radermacher reported the community center is being painted this week; one issue included the sound boards being glued to the wall and will not be removed for painting. Radermacher received complaints from some in town about the lack of Catfish Derby advertising in the Fairfax newspaper and consequently not having the photos of the winners posted after the festival. There are 3 fire department applications that have not been addressed and one of the applicants is searching for an update. Radermacher has created an email list for the folks that will be affected by the 2nd Ave project.
4. Community Center agreement to be presented to Cedar Heart Homes for approval before council approval.
5. Tree ordinance revisions presented and will be posted for formal approval in September.
6. Road signs to close 1st Ave to truck traffic will be researched.
7. Bills were paid as follows:

Wages	Net	\$10,187.21	One Office	Supplies	\$20.97	City of Morgan	Maint	\$203.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,824.07	Franklin Amstar	Fuel	\$62.58	Kenneday and Graven	Legal	\$535.60
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$543.61	AI Phase Electric	Maint	\$1,560.50	MN UI	Fees	\$58.31
IRS	Withholding	\$3,013.11	Hillyard	Supplies	\$361.38	VISA	Supplies	\$0.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Kerkhoff Plumbing	Maint	\$170.00	Gibbon Lumber	Supplies	\$376.41
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Ren. Co Ag Society	Catfish	\$1,000.00	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$3,228.68
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.34	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.12	MN PCA	Dues	\$1,450.00
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$265.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$178.00
Marco	Printing	\$175.44	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$832.76	Redwood Falls Nursery	Trees	\$645.00
Gopher State	Locates	\$9.45	Runnings	Supplies	\$669.62	Schweiss Bifold doors	Consult	\$418.18
MVTL	Lab	\$284.04	Clarke Mosquito	Maint	\$1,095.92	DSC Communications	Supplies	\$241.00
MN Valley Telep	Phone	\$292.13	MacQueen	Supplies	\$792.79	Ren. Co Recorder	Recording	\$20.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$283.81	IRS	Taxes	\$20.82	Vincent Ewers	Catfish	\$250.00
Farm Merchantile	Supplies	\$59.95	Summit Fire	Maint	\$517.80	SW Transfer	Dust	\$3,124.00

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Community Calendar September 2025

September	Labor Day
September 4	Legion Meeting, 7PM
September 8	Lions Club, 6 PM
September 10	City Council Mtg, 6PM
September 18	Fire/MRU monthly meetings



September Curbside Recycling Days— 9 & 23

***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!!



Janice Pederson is turning 90!

Please help us celebrate with her.

September 27th from 2-4PM at Cedar Heart Homes

Janice loves receiving mail. Help us make our goal and get her 90 cards, notes, or letters for her 90th birthday. Her birthday is on September 29th.



Jancie Pederson
551 2nd Ave E
Apt. 125
Franklin MN 55333



School is back in service. Please watch out for children walking on the streets



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

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.

Call City Hall with questions: 557-2259

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

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 account?! For more information contact City Hall 507-557-2259