

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, and Schneider. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, and Menk. Guests present were: S. Traulich, J. Harmoning, L. Harmoning.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Lund and Mumme absent. Mayor Gruendemann called for and amendment to the agenda to add Dust Control as line item D under new business. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on March 12, 2025. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Schneider, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$56,899.95, Cash receipts for March were \$61,459.36; there were 10 past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued. Radermacher presented the council with a payment arrangement form for one utility account that has not paid their bill over the winter but was protected from shut off with the MN cold weather rule; the utility customer filled out the form to make \$300 payments by the 3rd of each month until caught up. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the payment arrangement so long as the customer sticks with the schedule they set up, Second by Schneider, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No. Schneider motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by R. Kokesch, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.**

J. Leuze requested to be on the agenda to talk to council about a boulevard tree on his property but was unable to attend the council meeting. Radermacher reported what the conversation was going to be about; council informed Radermacher to relay that since his property is along the county road, the boulevard trees should be discussed with the county for maintenance or removal.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2025-3: Approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the 2nd avenue improvement project, Second by Schneider, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.

Department heads reported: Menk reported receiving a retirement/resignation notice from Joel Harmoning who served the Franklin Fire Department for 30 years and 1 day. **R. Kokesch motioned to accept the resignation/retirement of J. Harmoning, Second by Schneider, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.** Menk also reported 3 recent fire calls; two mutual aid and one canceled call. Menk reported having an issue with the old pumper and the compressor will need to be fixed. Radermacher reported; she will be doing riding along with Franklin's contract deputy to identify blighted properties, the phantom pooper has been identified and deputy was sent to talk to owners; Radermacher asked if council would like to review zoning ordinances for cannabis regulations. Radermacher informed council that the council packet will be sent out later than normal since Radermacher will be attending the clerk's institute. K. Kokesch reported; water sampling has changed with the change of seasons; M & R will be coming to look at city streets and provide an estimate for street improvements; some complaints were received with boulevard tree trimming; the agri-lime was delivered for the ball field; our previous dust control provider reached out with an estimate for this year; K. Kokesch and Radermacher attended disaster training; K. Kokesch asked if there is a plan for tree planting at the Lion's Park- a plan needs to be made; council approved a port-a-potty at the boat landing; K. Kokesch reported a large rut in the gravel at the boatlanding- this has been filled in multiple times over the past year and it keeps washing out with the rain events-council was asked for direction on what to try next. Council agreed to put larger 1.5" rip rap in the rut first and then fill in with gravel and see if this hold up longer. K. Kokesch stated that the dog issues will not go away without action and follow through.

The previous rail road land use agreement was presented to the council with no changes. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the land use agreement, second by Schneider, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.**

Liquor license renewals were presented. Radermacher reported the information about Responsible Beverage Server training and that the county Sheriff's Department will be putting on. Per city ordinance, this training must be complete to renew the license. Radermacher stated that the local liquor establishments have not yet completed this training but will ensure it gets completed before the licenses are issued. **Schneider motioned to approve the liquor license renewal form, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.**

J. & L. Harmoning own a property on the very eastern edge of city limits and submitted a request for city services. Council agreed to allow them to hook to city water and sewer. J. Harmoning asked for the city to pay for this request with city tax dollars. Discussion was held on past practices and how the city tax dollars were not used to hook other properties to city services. The council agreed to table a final decision until the next regular meeting to allow more time to review and follow city ordinances.

Tree ordinance discussion and Ash tree inventory was tabled until the next regular meeting.

A decision on dust control was tabled until next regular meeting to allow time to better compare the two dust control estimates.

There were no miscellaneous items discussed.

At 6:37 P.M., R. Kokesch motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Schneider, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday May 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer