

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Schneider, Mumme, and Lund.. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, and Menk. Guests present were: D. Munsell

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll call showed all present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on May 14 2025. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Lund, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$63,472.66, Cash receipts for May were \$39,659.58; there were 10 past due utility accounts; two zoning permits issued; a 8'x10' storage shed at 415 4th St S and a backyard fence at 430 1st St S. Council requested a zoning application be sent to 161 2nd Ave E for the storage shed that is being constructed without a permit.

Mumme motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Schneider, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

D. Munsell asked for council approval to allow a person to temporarily live out of their camper on Munsell's property along the highway. He is trying to help an individual out that fell on hard times. Council discussed and is willing to approve during this summer season at 30 day increments with reported updates. **Gruendemann motioned to approve an individual to live temporarily in a camper on Munsell's property in 30 day increments provided there are progress reports, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department heads reported: Menk reported two recent fire calls: one lift assist and one mutual aid to provide traffic control after storm damages. Franklin and Morton hope to pair up provide Fire fighter 1 & 2 class for new fire department members in both cities; Alex Air has recently completed air compressor maintenance; Franklin should have 4-5 members that will take the course. K .Kokesch reported the drinking fountain for the park has been delivered and will be installed shortly. A load of wood chips for the playground will cost \$1900 delivered; last year we ordered three loads. **R Kokesch motioned to approve the purchase of one load of wood chips for the playground, Second by Lund, RDV- 5 Yes, 0 No.** K. Kokesch reported Electric pump will be around next week lift station maintenance and MNRWA will be around as well to conduct flow testing. Kokesch also made note of more recent issues within the city and biting dogs. Radermacher reported a recent email chain regarding zoning information request that was reported not fulfilled; Radermacher is reaching out to the company employee and supervisor to resolve. The gutters have been installed on City Hall. Cedar Mountain FFA will be holding a kickball tournament at the Franklin Ball Field June 23. Radermacher reported to the council that she applied for a SHIP grant through Kandi-Renville county to help pay for the drinking fountain in the park and was awarded \$2530 of the \$2870 estimate; opening remaining funds raised in the 2024 Kiss the Catfish fundraising for a fountain in the other park and other items on the park improvements list. Sand toys were purchased with those fundraised funds and half are set up for use now and the other half will be put out for Catfish days.

Plans for the Lions park were discussed; locations for the park benches and teeter totter were discussed. Enough funds were raised to purchase three trees with donated funds for the Lion's park. Gruendemann will begin the work installing the bench the week of the 4th of July. Two fall fiesta maples trees were requested with some of the donated funds; the council decided to purchase a Hackberry with the other funds that were not earmarked for a specific tree.

No update on changed with the tree ordinance from the attorney; tabled. Information on the City of Woodbury's tree removal assessment program and tree replacement program were presented to council for review as a thought to create a similar program for Franklin; more information to be collected and presented at next regular council meeting.

No updates on community center painting from Cedar Mountain; no discussion held.

Mumme motioned to approve the permit application for the Franklin Fire Relief's temporary liquor license for Catfish Days, Second by Lund, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.

At 6:36 P.M., R. Kokesch motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday July 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer