

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

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Schneider, Mumme, Lund, and R. Kokesch arriving late.. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch. Guests present were: M. Wagner

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

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on June 11 2025. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$82,127.06, Cash receipts for June were \$164,020.06; there were 11 past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued. Zoning application received for shed from HRA apartment but some information was missing; Radermacher to follow up before issuance. **Mumme motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Lund, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.**

Deputy Wagner presented the council with the 3rd round of blighted properties for discussion. Council discussed and decided to issue citations to four blighted properties; abatement will be discussed later. Council discussed dangerous dogs with the deputy and what steps will come next.

Department heads reported: K. Kokesch reported finding a Catfish Days bathroom cleaner; Kokesch asked about the placement of the volleyball courts for Catfish Days because he will be planting the trees purchased with the donated funds; the locates were called in for tree planting; jetting was done in two locations in town; the water fountain has been installed at the tennis court park and another fountain has been ordered and ready to install at the baseball field shelter. Radermacher discussed updates from the city attorney regarding the community center agreement with Cedar Heart Homes and the updates to the tree ordinance; more information will be presented next month. The dumpster has been removed from the boat landing due to continued misuse. The email issues regarding zoning information requests for the nursing home have been resolved; a compliment was received from a family visiting town on how nice and clean the city looks.

The tree removal program that the City of Woodbury began was discussed. Radermacher spoke with the individual in chare of the program in their city and collected information to share with her council. Franklin council discussed the possibility of setting up a fund to start a program similar; will revisit in regular meeting in September.

No updates from Cedar Mountain on the community center painting.

Catfish Days was brought up for discussion; electrical updates outside City Hall are complete and locks are in place. A bathroom incident from last year was brought up and a “no public restroom” sign will be posted to City Hall’s door.

An estimate was presented to council from Schweiss Doors to come inspect the door on the recently purchased shed building for the public works department. Council questioned the cost of the estimate and asked for K. Kokesch to inquire about the details of the price before scheduling the appointment.

Mumme received a complaint about the grading of 1st Ave and how it removed the dust control that was applied. The road grader was asked not to grade 1st Ave for the time being. Research was completed on maintenance of gravel roads; regular grading of a high traffic gravel road is necessary to prevent washboard roads or holes. Discussion was held on how truck traffic has increased on 1st Ave over time; council discussed the possibility of closing the road to truck traffic and what alternatives there are; weight limits were discussed for gravel roads; adding signs to control the traffic or weight limits could be added; council requested this to be added to the next regular meeting for more discussion. Jeff Marlow will be contacted to discuss potential county projects that may impact city projects.

At 7:05 P.M., Gruendemann motioned for adjournment, Seconded by R. Kokesch, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday August 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer