

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 8, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, November 12 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Schneider, Lund, Mumme, and R. Kokesch. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, C. Minkel, D. Menk. Guests present were: C. Lanier, M. Wagner.

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 October 8 2025. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$46,568.58, Cash receipts for October were \$116,745.33; there were 8 past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued. **Mumme motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Second by Lund, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

Deputy Wagner reported on happenings in the city and opened the floor for questions. Council directed Deputy Wagners attention to a property burning garbage, plastic and oil in a burn barrel and asked for deputy Wagner to talk to the property owner and educate on the legalities of using a burning barrel in the city.

C. Lanier, Bolton and Menk, reported on the progress with the 2nd ave project and informed the council that the substantial completion date will be met. Some issues with property owners extra requests were discussed and are set to be resolved. A property owner wanted his curb to be cut so that a handicap ramp could be added; the concrete contractor would not add in the ramp due to the fact that it was not ADA compliant and would cause liability issues.

Department heads reported; Menk reported two recent fire calls and the upcoming Santa Day to be held at the Franklin Community Center. The Franklin Fire Department will hold a house burn for training. Interviews are being scheduled for the fire department applications turned in. C. Minkel reported on recent MRU calls and reported a donation received from Schult Homes. Ditch bags are still being researched. K. Kokesch reported on fall street sweeping, fire hydrants have been winterized-asked for fire department not to tighten the hydrants so much. K. Kokesch reported on his upcoming vacation. K. Kokesch discussed some reported water pressure issues for the residents affected by the 2nd ave project. Kokesch also reported some damage to the borrowed haul truck used to haul and dispose of street sweepings; damages will be fixed. Radermacher reported submitting the DNR ReLeaf grant. Radermacher requested all Fire and MRU hours for 2025 to be turned in by Thanksgiving. Radermacher discussed with council about the upcoming PFML tax and discussed with council about the pros and cons of the employer paying for the whole tax or just half and the employee paying half. R. Kokesch asked questions about using a private insurance company for this tax; Radermacher reported that in the recent meeting hosted by Sarah Oberloh, it is recommended to start out with the state system for this tax and discuss changes after it is established and the unknowns are figured out. **Lund motioned to have the city pay 100% of the mandatory PFML tax starting in 2026, Second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 1 No (R. Kokesch).** Sample policies will be researched and brought forward to add to be added to the employee handbook.

Estimates for park benches, flag poles, and sandbox canopy was presented and discussed. No decisions were made

A tree removal estimate to remove trees from the Lion's park was presented and tabled to wait to see the outcome of the ReLeaf grant.

The dangerous dog ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Ordinances from neighboring cities or cities that also contract with the Renville County Sheriff's Department will be researched. Council requested Radermacher look into a company to help overhaul and update city ordinances.

At 6:59 P.M., R. Kokesch motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Lund, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday December 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer