

April 2026

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk

Guests: J. Clobes, S. Hable

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 2/11/26

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$141,539.49; eight past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issues.

1. J. Clobes spoke to the council about city wide clean up week. There will be two city wide clean up weeks again this year; one in the spring and one in the fall.
2. Sheriff S. Hable spoke to council about the upcoming contract renewal with the sheriffs department. He went over the monthly contract report and answered questions. The next contract renewal proposal will be received by June 1st.
3. Approved Resolution 2026-5: Approving an exempt lawful gambling application for the Lion's Club.
4. Approved Resolution 2026-6: Approving application for LSL replacement.
5. Dept. Heads: Menk reported on recent fire calls and spoke to council about a different chassis to replace the tanker truck; the cost is a little higher than the others that were being looked at but is newer and has fewer miles. K. Kokesch discussed skim coating for this year; M&R is willing to do skim coating at the same time as they finish 2nd Ave to save the city on mobilization fees. A new fluoride pump is needed in the water plant. Radermacher informed council on the new program for prescription drug disposal and the pre-paid envelopes that are located at city hall.
6. Changing fire calls on the fee schedule and adding a fee for data requests was discussed. The data request fee can include the lowest paid office employee wage plus and payroll taxes and benefits. The decision was tabled.
7. Dust control for 2026 was tabled.
8. Bills were paid as follows:



Wages	Net	\$10,152.51	MPCA	Dues	\$1,450.00	North Star Training	Training	\$6,285.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,796.65	LMCIT	Insurance	\$25,349.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$404.78
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$529.14	MN Dep of Health	Dues	\$799.00	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$2,019.05
IRS	Withholding	\$2,974.00	Rdigewater College	Training	\$2,895.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$712.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,637.48	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$213.26	VISA	Supplies	\$357.96
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$125.00	MVTL	Lab	\$253.48
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.28	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$347.89
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Renville Co Highway	Snow	\$1,542.24	Xcel Energy	Energy	\$2,648.94
Marco	Printing	\$178.31	Runnings	Supplies	\$319.42	McGowan's	Snow	\$297.50
			Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$71,645.50	Kenneday and Graven	Legal	\$288.40



Community Calendar April 2026

April 2	Legion Meeting, 630PM
April 3	Good Friday
April 4	Lions Easter Egg Hunt
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 8	City Council Mtg, 6PM
April 13	Lions Club, 6 PM
April 16	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
April 22	Earth Day



April Curbside Recycling Days– 7 & 21

Pet licenses expire April 30th. The license fee is \$10 per pet. You have until May 31st to license your pet; after May 31st there is an additional \$25 late fee. You must provide proof of current vaccinations for eat pet and for dogs you must provide proof of a minimum of \$50,000 liability insurance. These documents must be brought in annually. Each premise is limited to two dogs or three cats in any combination not to exceed four.

Do you have unused medications that you need to dispose of? Pick up a free postage paid envelope at City Hall. These postage paid envelopes allow you to safely dispose of any expired or unused medications. Pick up envelopes at City Hall during office hours.

City Wide Clean up Days

May 5 & 6

(May 7th= rain make up day)

3:00-8:00 PM

(drop off only during this time)

Drop off location: 3rd St

*Items accepted include household items that can go to the landfill for free!

*Mattresses (\$45) and furniture (\$10-\$20) items will be accepted for a fee. Fees must be pre-paid at City Hall by May 1st.

* The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

- Hazardous materials
- Household garbage
- Appliances
- Batteries
- Bulbs
- Tires
- Etc.



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.



Franklin Legion invites you
to their spring BINGO

April 11th
7PM

Franklin Community Center