

February 2026 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk, Minkel

Guests: S. Traulich

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 12/10/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$469,297.52; ten past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issues.

1. Traulich presented updates on the Lead Service Line inventory. Notices were sent out with information regarding LSL. Traulich reported conversations with Small Cities regarding the grant for the 2nd Ave project; partial payment was made to M & R paving but there has been communications for engineering expenses. The Ravine Project is planned to be split into two contracts to get the trees removed before April 1st.
2. Dept. Heads: Menk reported on recent fire calls. The tanker truck has been partly repaired but will be traded off for a new chassis; equipment will be moved from the old rig to the new one. Batdorf took the 2nd Lt position. Menk reported on the upcoming Fire Department Christmas party and invited council and city staff to attend. Interviews were conducted for new Fire Dept members; council approved hire pending background checks. Council discussed and reminded Menk that Firefighter 1 & 2 must be completed within 2 years of employment or employment could be terminated. Minkel reported on recent MRU calls and presented the ditch bags and masks she researched and would like purchased for MRU members, council approved. Radermacher reported a recent MN Dept of Revenue Garbage tax.
3. Council approved the Paid Family Medical Leave Policy as presented.
4. Council approved the 2025 MRU Finance Report
5. Council was presented with the 2025 Ambulance Association Finance report
6. Council approved the 2025 Fire/Rural Fire Finance Report
7. Bills were paid as follows:



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Wages	Net	\$24,447.80	Ameriforms	Admin	\$350.00	MMUA	Dues	\$225.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,684.09	All-Phase Electric	Maint	\$95.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$299.69
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$482.74	Runnings	Supplies	\$28.98	MN DMV	Tags	\$20.25
IRS	Withholding	\$5,224.15	Ren.Co Highway	Snow	\$1,305.00	DSC Communications	Repairs	\$560.62
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Joe Serbus	Chemical	\$211.84	Soioux falls Truck	Tanker	\$2,000.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Franklin Amstar	Fuel	\$34.71	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$1,837.89
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.28	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.51	Hagen Truck repair	Repairs	\$5,933.61
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$335.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$256.00
Marco	Printing	\$178.31	Hawkins	Chemical	\$20.00	VISA	Supplies	\$51.07
Gopher State	Locates	\$5.40	LMC	Dues	\$855.00	ltron	Dues	\$2,401.91
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$239.02	MN Mayor Assoc	Dues	\$30.00	M & R Paving	Contract pmt	\$446,427.31
Xcel Energy	Energy	\$1,322.73	McGowan's	Snow	\$510.00	MVTL	Lab	\$449.29

Reminder to Franklin Residents:

Vehicles must be moved off of the streets during snow events.

Vehicles impeding snow removal will be ticketed



Community Calendar February 2026

February 2	Rural Fire/ Amb Assoc mtg, 7:30PM
February 5	Legion Meeting, 630PM
February 9	Lions Club, 6 PM
February 11	City Council Mtg, 6PM
February 14	Valentines' Day
February 16	President's Day
February 19	Fire/MRU monthly meetings
February 21	BIGNO



Franklin Legion invites you

February 21

Franklin Community Center



February Curbside Recycling Days- 10 & 24

Come and Go

Open House Baby Shower

Honoring : **Nicole Forsyth**

Franklin Depot-Caboose Room

Saturday February 7th

11:00-1:00

Food and Drinks provided



Nicole is registered at <https://my.babylist.com/nicole-forsyth>

In lieu of cards, please bring a baby/children's book
with a personal message

The Franklin Elementary gym is open
for walking 6am-7:30am Monday –
Friday



Did you know that you can set
up autopayments to your city
utility account?! For more infor-
mation contact City Hall 507-
557-2259

Catfish Derby Days Design Contest

Franklin Lion's Club is now accepting design ideas for
this years Catfish Derby Days.

If chosen, your design will be featured on this years clothing, hats, and
pins and the winner will receive \$100.

Each design must include the following to be considered:

- * 4th weekend in July
- * Lion's Logo
- * A Slogan
- * A Catfish



Send your designs, along with your name, address and phone number to
catfishdays@outlook.com

Designs will be voted on during the regular March Lion's Club meeting