

January 2026 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: December 10, 2025
 Council Present: Gruendemann, R.Kokesch, Schneider, Mumme & Lund.
 Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk
 Guests: None

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.
 Approved minutes of the regular meeting 11/12/25
 Approved consent agenda: bills of \$39,176.33; eight past due utility accounts

1. Truth in Taxation public hearing held; no citizens present
2. Dept. Heads: Menk reported no recent fire calls. Tanker is out of service. Estimates for repairs and a new chaise are being researched. Radios will be reprogrammed. K. Kokesch reported on snow removal and vehicles left on the road. Radermacher reported discussed with council an employee that has not showed up for meetings or made any contact since July; employee will be sent a letter of termination. Radermacher informed council three are 5 pending fire department applications; the field computer needed repairs for meter readings; McGowan would like to continue to trim trees on boulevards this spring; Ravine project updates were discussed.
3. 2025 Fire and Ambulance payroll approved
4. A draft policy for PFML was presented; edits to be made and brought back
5. Approved 2026 council meeting schedule
6. 2026 Budget was discussed; raises for the two full time employees was discussed and approved.
7. 2026 Budget and Levy approved.
8. Bills were paid as follows:



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Wages	Net	\$9,675.76	Election Sys Software	Maint	\$194.25	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$96.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,719.45	MN Dept of Health	Dues	\$510.00	VISA	Supplies	\$272.56
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$810.90	Runnings	Supplies	\$58.45	MVTL	Lab	\$253.48
IRS	Withholding	\$2,814.97	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.52	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$293.39
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,353.20	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$195.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$472.71
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	Trista Radermacher	Mileage	\$56.00
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.28	Farmward	Fuel	\$160.00	McGowan's	Repair	\$202.50
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Cedar Heart Homes	Taxes	\$10,000.00	Jada Kokesch	Mileage	\$592.80
Marco	Printing	\$280.17	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$2,472.16			
Gopher State	Locates	\$5.40	All Phase Electric	Repair	\$293.68			



Reminder to Franklin Residents:

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

Vehicles impeding snow removal will be ticketed



Community Calendar January 2026

January 8 Legion Meeting, 630PM
 January 12 Lions Club, 6 PM
 January 14 City Council Mtg, 6PM
 January 15 Fire/MRU monthly meetings



January Curbside Recycling Days– 13 & 27

Carl Robinson Memorial Blood Drive

Franklin Community Center

January 19, 2026

Schedule your appointment online today
 at redcrossblood.org



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



Did you know that you can set up autopay-
 ments to your city utility account?! For more
 information contact City Hall 507-557-2259

*Thank
 you!*

Thank you to the person who shoveled my back driveway. It
 was appreciated more than you know.

Happy Holidays– Julie Anderson

2026 Budget Summary

	Adopted 2024 Budget	Adopted 2025 Budget	Adopted 2026 Budget
Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$170,000	\$175,859	\$180,000
Licenses/Permits	\$5,000	\$500	\$500
State Aid	\$193,576	\$193,875	\$194,388
Charges for Services	\$39,000	\$39,500	\$43,000
Fines & Forfeits	\$500	\$900	\$500
Interest on Investments	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$44,291	\$46,291	\$49,550
Total Revenues	\$470,367	\$461,925	\$468,938
Transfers In-Ent. Funds/	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenues	\$470,367	\$461,925	\$468,938
Expenditures			
General Government	\$136,550	\$141,050	\$138,300
Public Safety	\$147,154	\$151,354	\$175,400
Streets	\$93,150	\$93,750	\$98,450
Sanitation	\$39,000	\$38,500	\$38,000
Culture & Recreation	\$44,400	\$46,400	\$43,600
Debt Service-Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest & Fiscal Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$33,000
Total Expenditures	\$490,254	\$507,054	\$526,750
Enterprise Funds			
Water			
Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$161,075	\$164,850	\$169,700
Expenses			
Personnel	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$43,000
Supplies & Materials	\$15,800	\$17,950	\$18,350
Heat, Light, Power	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Depreciation	\$17,200	\$17,200	\$17,200
Total Expenses	\$86,000	\$88,150	\$89,550
Income (Loss)	\$75,075	\$78,950	\$78,950
Transfers Out - Debt	-\$77,600	-\$77,600	-\$77,600
Transfers In	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Income (Loss)	-\$2,525	\$1,350	\$1,350
Sewer			
Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$171,685	\$177,605	\$180,600
Expenses			
Personnel	\$46,500	\$47,500	\$49,000
Supplies & Materials	\$23,700	\$24,800	\$25,200
Heat, Light, Power	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Depreciation	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total Expenses	\$90,200	\$98,300	\$100,200
Income (Loss)	\$81,485	\$83,130	\$83,130
Transfers Out - Debt	-\$92,870	\$92,570	\$92,570
Transfers In	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Income(Loss)	\$11,385	-\$9,440	-\$9,440

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2026 budget information
 City of Franklin to interested citizens. The budget is published in accord-
 MN Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget
 examined at City Hall, 320 Second Ave. E., Franklin, MN 55333. The City
 approved this budget on December 10, 2025