

May 2026

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: April 8, 2026

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch

Guests: S. Traulich, J. Koupal

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 3/11/26

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$119,384.62; nine past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issues.

1. Koupal reported to council that he will be having guests at his house for most of the summer with a dog and asked for council permission to house the pet temporarily, approved.
2. Traulich, Bolton and Menk engineer, reported on project updates to the council. Plans have been submitted for lead service line replacement for 10 properties; agreements need to be signed by property owners. Erosion control cannot be removed yet from the 2nd Ave project. Approval awaiting from the Army Corps for the plans for the Storm Sewer/Ravine project.
3. Dept. Heads: Radermacher reported on the Clerks Institute she will be attending in May. She will be riding along with the deputy to identify blight properties. The city audit is scheduled for end of May. Council person Lund's tablet stopped working will be replaced. K. Kokesch reported the porta potty at the boat landing will be available at the same price as before, council approved. Kokesch reported there will be no more tree trimming as the local tree trimming business is no longer.
4. Council approved increasing the fire call fee and adding a date request fee; will be posted and formally adopted at the next regular meeting.
5. Dust control discussion was tabled.
6. Approved liquor license renewals for the Longbranch and the Depot
7. Job descriptions were reviewed for public works supervisor and assistant and will be revisited later in the year.
8. Bills were paid as follows:



Wages	Net	\$9,431.07	MRWA	Dues	\$425.00	Kenneday and Graven	Legal	\$963.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,696.47	LMCIT	Insurance	\$3,278.00	Renville County Hwy	Snow	\$652.50
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$485.75	Standard Gazette	Printing	\$38.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$299.06
IRS	Withholding	\$2,745.99	Franklin Fire Relief	SBR	\$1,000.00	Renville Co Sheriffs	Policing	\$16,468.66
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,637.48	MN Fire Board	Dues	\$75.00	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$2,490.66
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	McGowan's	Snow	\$297.50	Soiux Falls Truck	Fire Truck	\$64,000.00
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,214.28	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$195.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$400.00
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$20.00	VISA	Supplies	\$84.87
Marco	Printing	\$178.31	Renville Co Auditor	Taxes	\$4,686.96	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$301.79
						Xcel Energy	Energy	\$833.15



Community Calendar May 2026

May 4-8 City Hall Closed
May 7 Legion Meeting, 6:30PM
May 11 Lions Club, 6 PM
May 13 City Council Mtg, 6PM
May 21 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
May 25 Memorial Day

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 . (Between 1st and 2nd Ave.)

*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 April 30.

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

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



May Curbside Recycling Days- 5 & 19



Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)

May 26, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, Sept 1



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.

Become an Election Judge – Serve Your Community!

The City of Franklin is seeking individuals to serve as election judges for the upcoming elections. This is a paid temporary position. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Trista at City Hall and request an application. Your participation helps make our elections successful—apply today!

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 each 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.



***REMINDER— DO NOT** mow your grass clippings onto the street! The clippings plug the storm sewer. Blowing your clipping into the street is a violation of City Ordinance!!



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

City Hall will be closed May 4-8th.

Please leave your payments in the drop box.