

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Mumme, Lund and R. Kokesch. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk. Guests present: S. Hable, J. Clobes.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Schneider absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on February 11, 2026. R. Kokesch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Lund, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$141,539.49, Cash receipts for February were \$83,245.40; there were 8 past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued. **Lund motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

J. Clobes discussed city wide clean up days with the council. There will be a spring clean up collection and a fall spring up collection in 2026. Council agreed that Clobes can set the days and times that work for him.

S. Hable from the Renville County Sheriff's Department went over the February contract report with the council and explained how to read each section. Hable discussed the benefits of contracting the policing duties with the sheriff's department, noting that Franklin's contract with the Renville County Sheriff's Department started in 2016. Hable reported on calls in 2025 within the Franklin City limits. He discussed some of the details of the current contract and reported that there will be a proposal submitted by June 1st for the next contract. Ordinance enforcement was discussed.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2026-5: Approving exempt lawful gambling application for the Lion's Club, Seconded by Mumme, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No, Lund abstained.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2026-6: Approving application for LSL replacement, Seconded by Mumme, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.

Department heads reported: Menk reported on recent fire calls. He discussed the tanker truck and informed the council of a different chassis that was found that will fit the equipment; it is a 2023 Kenworth. The cost is a little bit more than before but the trade in value for the old one also increased. The training burn went well despite the weather. K. Kokesch informed the council that M & R Paving would only charge one mobilization fee to skim coat city streets if it was done at the same time they come to finish 2nd Ave. K. Kokesch reported needing a new fluoride pump in the water plant. The MRWA conference went well but was too large to enjoy fully. A new summer mower will be needed; council discussed putting a committee together to discuss the hiring and training of a public works assistant with the aims of eventually taking the supervisor position. The current job descriptions will be presented at the regular April meeting. The city's policy on minimum age required to mow for the city will also be discussed in April. Radermacher informed the council on the drug disposal bags that are not located at City Hall.

Fee schedule changes were discussed. A data request fee has been discussed as an addition to the fee schedule which can be charged based on the lowest paid office employee's hourly rate plus any benefits and taxes paid; this will be calculated and brought back to council in April.

Dust Control discussion was tabled.

Mumme talked about the landowner meeting being held in Oliva on drainage ditches and how it may affect the city and the farmland the city owns. Radermacher was asked to dig out the terms of the agreement on the farmland. R. Kokesch suggested we follow the county on their weight restrictions for gravel roads and the Franklin follows suit as to what the county is doing. Also discussed was the restrictions on the Wabasha bridge and how emergency services cannot cross.

At 6:59 P.M., Gruendemann motioned for adjournment, Seconded by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer