

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Mumme, Radermacher and R. Kokesch. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, & K. Kokesch. Guests present: S. Traulich, J. Koupal.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Lund absent, and R. Kokesch set to arrive late. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on March 11, 2026. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Mumme, RCV-3 Yes, 0 No.**

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$119,384.62, Cash receipts for March were \$54,373.74; there were 9 past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued. **Mumme motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Second by Schneider, RCV- 3 Yes, 0 No.**

J. Koupal addressed the council, informing them of a summer guest with a dog, that will be temporarily living at his residence and asked if any permissions would be needed. Council addressed his request, no permits needed.

Traulich with Bolton and Menk presented project updates before the council; the Lead Service Line replacement is waiting for certification of plans to replace 10 service lines within the city. Property owner agreements will need to be complete before an application for funding can be submitted. R. Kokesch arrived at the meeting. M & R will be planning to come to town to do a walk through of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave project and making plans to complete the project. Many residents have been asking about removing the erosion controls, Traulich suggested telling the residents that due to the fact that grant dollars are being utilized for this project that erosion controls must stay in place until the contractor removes them and there is at least 70% of the seeded grass growing. The storm sewer/raving project tree cutting is complete; the contractor has some clean up yet to do along with turf restoration. A partial pay application will be completed and submitted to pay the tree cutting invoice next month. The Army Corps of engineers has not given their approval on the new plans and specs for the project so permits have not been submitted. Council members requested street repair coating be added to the next regular agenda.

Department heads reported: Radermacher reported to council about her being gone May 4-8 for the Clerk's Institute; the next agenda will be posted on the website and the packet will be sent out the following week before the council meeting. Radermacher will be working on blighted properties with the city's contract deputy. The city's financial audit is scheduled for end of May. Radermacher reported that council person Lund's tablet is dead and cannot be fixed; council approved the purchase of new tablets as needed. R. Kokesch suggested the city webpage be deleted as it is not up to date. A discussion was held on the website, no action taken. K. Kokesch asked for approval of a porta-potty at the boat landing at the same price as the previous years., approved. K. Kokesch informed council that McGowan tree services is no longer and will not be able to trim or cut trees this season. K. Kokesch reported to council on a fluoride test that was submitted and a valve that went out at the water plan that was recently repaired.

Fee schedule changes were discussed; the fire call fee was discussed to increase to \$1000 for the initial call and included the first hour of service, search and rescues initial call and first hour will also be \$1000 and for each additional hour of search and rescue the charge will increase to \$150 per hour. A data request fee will also be added to the fee schedule at \$44.31/hour. **Mumme motioned to approve the changes as presented, Seconded by Schneider, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

Dust Control discussion was tabled.

**Mumme motioned to approve the liquor license renewal applications for the Longbranch and the Depot, Seconded by R. Kokesch, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

The job description for public works was tabled.

**At 7:12 P.M., Gruendemann motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** The next regular meeting will be Wednesday May 13 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer