

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Mumme, Radermacher, Lund, and R. Kokesch. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher, Menk, C. Minkel & K. Kokesch (late). Guests present: None.

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

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on April 8, 2026. Schneider 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 \$38,377.48, Cash receipts for March were \$36,606.91 there were 8 past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued. **Mumme motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Second by Lund, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

Mumme motioned to approve the Amendment to Code of Ordinance 30.11, fee schedule as presented, Seconded by Schneider, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No. This change reflects fire calls and search and rescue calls to be charged at \$1000 and \$150 per hour after the initial hour; and the addition of a data request fee at \$44.31 per hour.

Department heads reported: C. Minkel reported on recent calls, all agreement forms have been signed for ditch bags, a resignation was turned in from J. Kokesch, and B. McCorquodale suggested an advertisement should be posted looking for new MRU members and a class could be put together. **Mumme motioned to accept the MRU resignation, Seconded by Lund, RCV- 4 yes, 0 No.** D. Menk reported two Fire Fighters have completed the Firefighter 1 & 2 course. The new tanker has radios installed and is in service; the invoice is not yet ready as the total will be more than the original estimate. Radermacher reported the use of the Franklin ball field for practices. Radermacher is looking for election judges and reported the completion of the clerks institute. Discussed was the use of the community center during Catfish Days; with the elementary school closed for renovations, the Miss Franklin pageant is in need of a new location; the pageant will be held at the Luthern Church as to not take away from the chess players that have booked the community center. K. Kokesch has not yet arrived to the meeting and will do his report and present the gravel prices upon arrival.

Two dust control proposals were presented from South West Dust Control and South West Transfer; council discussed both proposals. **Schneider motioned to approve the dust control proposal from South West Transfer, Seconded by Lund, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

The partial payment to Vada Contracting was presented for tree cutting on the Ravine project in the amount of \$79,087.50. Council discussed details of project. **Lund motioned to approve partial payment to Vada Contracting, Seconded by Schneider, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.** R. Kokesch arrived to meeting.

At 6:20 p.m. Mayor Gruendemann called for a five minute recess to wait for K. Kokesch to arrive.

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting back to order.

K. Kokesch requested council to approve five loads of granite fines for 1st ave and 3rd St at \$340 per load, approved.

K. Kokesch discussed the street repair quote from M&R Paving. The quote was broke into three options; patch work throughout the city, overlay on a portion of a street, and repairs and patch work on 7th street. M&R would complete any work approved at the same time they complete Second Avenue so only one mobilization charge is charged. Council discussed the options and choose patch work and overlay to keep within budget. **Schneider motioned to approve option 1 & 2 (patch work and overlay) on the quote, Seconded by Mumme, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

R. Kokesch asked about removal of the pellet building, but as it is being used for storage it will be left alone.

R. Kokesch asked about planting trees by the living snow fence to fill in gaps from the trees that were burned in a controlled burn, it will be left as is and discussed at a later date.

D. Menk asked about the storage garage that was purchased for public works storage for extra fire department storage. Neither the fire department nor the public works department want to have to move each other's equipment to get to their own within this storage building but as there is no working garage door yet to be able to fully utilize this building, the topic can be discussed at a later date.

At 6:40 P.M., Gruendemann motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Lund, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday June 10 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer