

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Radermacher, Lund, and R. Kokesch. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher & K. Kokesch. Guests present: S. Traulich, S. Hable, P. Sullivan, J. Willprecht.

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

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on May 13, 2026. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$250,127.33, noting the check for the Fire Dept Tanker to be more than originally anticipated do to the challenges and increased cost to transfer the equipment from the old tanker to the new, Cash receipts for May were \$220,519.21 there were 10 past due utility accounts; one zoning permits issued; a 10'x20' foot shed at 411 1st St. **Lund motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Second by Schneider, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

S. Hable with the Renville County Sheriff's Department presented the new Sheriff's Department Contract to the council and highlighted the changes from the previous. The new contract is a two-year contract instead of the previous three-year contract. The price will increase from \$63.34 in 2026 to \$68.30 in 2027. The charge for supervisors was removed. Hable went over a break down of how the cost was calculated and answered any questions.

J. Willprecht asked for council approval for long term camping at the boat landing due to homelessness and no other free camping in the area. Council discussed and denied the request. Council discussed if they would allow some extra camping time to allow Willprecht time to figure out different accommodations. **Gruendemann motioned to approve Willprecht to camp until June 30th, Seconded by Lund, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

S. Traulich, Bolton & Menk, reported updates to council on the ongoing projects within the city; no new updates on the lead service lines from PFA, updates to the lead service line inventory are due end of June-July. M&R Paving is working on small items to complete the 2nd Ave project and are preparing the street for its ware course; erosion control must stay in place until approval is received to remove from the MPCA. The Army Corps viewed the new plans for the Franklin Ravine project and gave their unofficial approval; still waiting for formal approval in writing. New exhibits will need to be put together for updated easement agreements.

Department heads reported: P. Sullivan reported the majority of the Fire Department members to be at responsible beverage server training. Radermacher reported a slip and fall at the community center during a rental event; Radermacher has been in contact with LMCIT about the incident and the sidewalk was repainted to aid in preventing another accident. Council requested Radermacher follow up with the Sheriff's Department on blighted properties that are not taking steps toward compliance. K. Kokesch reported having a bathroom cleaner lined up for Catfish Days; the remote for the ball field scoreboard does not work-a replacement remote was found on ebay for \$615 or the company estimated that upgrades would cost \$1100 and the board would be controlled from an app on a phone. K. Kokesch talked about the idea of fixing up the basketball courts with some of the Kiss the Catfish funds; estimates will be looked into.

Council discussed city parks and funds remaining from the Kiss the Catfish donations. Council requested tree removal bids at Lion's Park. Sand Volleyball courts were discussed and the cost of the sand came in higher than originally planned. Council discussed replacing the fence posts this fall at the ball field. A new fridge will be put in the shelter at the ball field. Council would like a bench to be added to the lion's park before CatCatfish Days.

Council was presented with V. Ewers resignation from the planning and zoning committee. Radermacher found a volunteer to fill the position. Council approved D. Tonak to fill the vacancy on the planning and zoning committee.

Lund motioned to approve the temporary liquor license for the Franklin Fire Relief over Catfish Days, Seconded by R. Kokesch, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve the snow removal contract with Renville County Highway department, Seconded by Lund, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.

R. Kokesch motioned to approve the Sheriff's Department contract renewal as presented, Seconded by Schneider, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann requested a post or announcement be made to encourage Franklin folks to clean up Franklin in preparation for the city festival.

At 7:29 P.M., R. Kokesch motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Lund, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday July 8 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer