

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

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: Gruendemann, Radermacher, Lund, Mumme, and R. Kokesch (late). Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher & Menk. Guests present: S. Oberloh.

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

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on June 10, 2026. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Second by Mumme, RCV-4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$58,450.49, Cash receipts for June were \$220,268.07 there were 14 past due utility accounts; one zoning permits issued; a 10'x20' foot shed at 150 7th St. **Lund motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Second by Schneider, RCV- 4 Yes, 0 No.**

S. Oberloh presented the 2025 Financial report and audit to the council. Oberloh reported on the communications page where it states that there is a missing part of the report that doesn't include the Fire Reliefs financials; this is an annual part of the audit and does not affect the city's reports. R. Kokesch arrived. Oberloh reported on upcoming reporting requirements that will increase the cost of the annual audit; Oberloh suggested that switching to cash basis accounting be considered as an option. Oberloh went over the 2025 financials and made suggestions on strengthening the accounting tracking.

D. Menk spoke as a citizen to share compliments on the 2nd Ave project.

Schneider motioned to approve Resolution 2026-7: Approving Election Judges, Seconded by Mumme, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.

Department heads reported: Menk reported on recent fire calls and reported the need for turn out gear for the new fire department hires; council discussed where to find the money for the purchase of 3 sets of turn out gear (apx \$6,000 each. Turn out gear will be discussed in August when an updated 2026 budget is presented. Radermacher reported the ball field scoreboard remote only worked while plugged in; she presented two options to purchase a used replacement remote off ebay for \$615 or Daktronics could do an upgrade to allow an app on a phone to control the scoreboard for \$1200. Council approved the upgrades. Radermacher confirmed with the fire department the preparations they will be doing at their July training before Catfish Days. Radermacher informed the council that the lawn mowers warranty expires on September 27th. Radermacher reported on behalf of K. Kokesch that he is working on quotes for upgrades to the basketball court and he would like to have everyone involved in Catfish Days to encourage property owners and event goers to help in cleaning up after themselves before, during and after the weekend. R. Kokesch requested Radermacher look into additional mods for Asyst that may help with the tracking of accounting.

Adding park benches to the Lion's Park was discussed; no ideas for benches were presented. R. Kokesch volunteered to research park benches to confirm with Mayor Gruendemann and have purchased before Catfish Days. Discussion was made on other items for Catfish Days, including a new refrigerator for the ball park shelter and a cover for the sandbox.

Mumme asked for a follow-up on loose dogs in the city with the city's contract deputy. Many complaints have been received by city staff and officials on unlicensed vehicle with expired tabs and would like the Sheriff's department to mitigate the problem.

At 6:56 P.M., Gruendemann motioned for adjournment, Seconded by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday August 12 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer