

August 2026 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: July 8, 2026

Council Present: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Schneider Mumme & Lund.

Staff Present: Radermacher, Menk

Guests: Oberloh,

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 6/10/26

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$58,450.49; fourteen past due utility accounts; one zoning permits issues; 10'x20' shed at 150 7th St.

1. S. Oberloh presented the 2025 audit/financial report and went over reasons she thought the city should consider switching to cash basis accounting.
2. Council approved Resolution 2026-7: Approve election judges.
3. Dept. Heads: Menk reported on recent fire calls and reported the need for turn out gear for the new hires. Radermacher reported on the ballfield scoreboard remote not working unless its plugged in. K. Kokesch is researching basketball court repairs and upgrades. The warranty of the City Mower is set to expire in September.
4. Parks and Catfish Days was discussed. A new fridge will be in the ballpark shelter before Catfish. Benches are planned to be ordered and set up at the Lion's park.
5. Discussion held on loose dogs in the city and unlicensed vehicles on residential properties.
6. Bills were paid as follows:



Wages	Net	\$10,465.28	Clarke Mosquito	Mosquito	\$1,128.79	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$60.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,801.70	Hagen Ag Services	Repairs	\$464.92	Kenneday and Graven	Legal	\$850.20
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$555.16	Alex Air	Maint	\$1,018.80	IRS	Taxes	\$23.04
IRS	Withholding	\$3,069.93	Gene Wolling	Supplies	\$72.36	Standard-Gazette	Printing	\$31.20
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,637.48	Vehicle Response	Training	\$2,095.00	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$3,937.01
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Ren.Co Sheriff's Dept	Police	\$16,468.66	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$704.00
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,263.35	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$75.47	VISA	Supplies	\$62.90
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$195.00	Cedar Heart Homes	Taxes	\$5,000.00
Marco	Printing	\$178.31	MVTL	Lab	\$474.25	MN Valley Tele	Phone	\$352.39
Gopher State	Locates	\$6.75	Kerkhoff Plumbing	Parks	\$506.25	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$640.88
			Runnings	Supplies	\$76.44	Xcel Energy	Energy	\$151.27

Did you know that you can set up autopayments to your city utility account?! For more information contact City Hall 507-557-2259

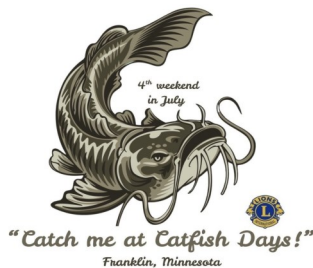


***REMINDER— DO NOT** mow your grass clippings onto the street! The clippings plug the storm sewer and are dangerous for passerbys. Blowing your clipping into the street is a violation of City Ordinance!!

Do you have unused medications that you need to dispose of? Pick up a free postage paid envelope at City Hall. These postage paid envelopes allow you to safely dispose of any expired or unused medications. Pick up envelopes at City Hall during office hours.

Open burning is regulated from April-October. You must have a permit to burn. Burning is allowed between the hours of 6:00PM-9:00PM. It is your responsibility to adhere to burning bans. There is no permit required for recreational (camp) fires.





Thank you

Thank you to all those who helped make Catfish Days 2026 a success!!

Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers; without you the weekend would not have been possible. Thank you to all those who participated in the events and supported the local businesses.

Catfish Merchandise is still available at City Hall!

2026 Catfish Derby Days Winner Board

Kiss the Catfish Fundraising– Katie Wendinger

Miss Franklin– Maycee Weber (Queen)

–Evelyn Heibel (Princess)

Fishing Tournament

Flathead– Nick Friese—40.6 lbs

- Chirs Baynes– 36.35 lbs

- Kari Rausch– 36.11 lbs

Channel– Heather Scheer—21.4 lbs

Volleyball

Bracket A– Active Life (1st)

- Is it in? (2nd)

Bracker B– Brady needs a sub (1st)

- Ulm or nothing (2nd)

Pedal Pull

Age 4– Hadley Husby (1st)

Alaina Cornelius (2nd)

Geno Mack (3rd)

Age 5– Avery Ackerman (1st)

Peter Nunez (2nd)

Age 6– Lennan Kiecker (1st)

Lyric Hill (2nd)

Age 7– Taylor Hoffman (1st)

Emmy Hunt Along (2nd)

Wyetta Konte (3rd)

Age 8– Jameson Scharfencamp (1st)

Brantley Mitenell (2nd)

Kora DeRock (3rd)

Age 9– Jame DeRock (1st)

Ben Hoffman (2nd)

Peyton Wiese (3rd)

Age 10–Luke Sullivan (1st)

Lana Pahl (2nd)

Mason Devorak (3rd)

Age 11–Saria Hoffman (1st)

Wesley Vannelli (2nd)

Kya Lueck (3rd)



Wanda State Bank Customer Appreciation Picnic

August 19th~ 4:30-6:30 ~ Franklin Community Center

City Wide Clean up Days

September 8 & 9

(September 10th= rain make up day)

3:00-7:30 PM

(drop off only during this time)

Drop off location: 3rd St . (Between 1st and 2nd Ave.)

*Items accepted include household items that can go to the landfill for free!

*Mattresses (\$45) and furniture (\$10-\$20) items will be accepted for a fee. Fees must be pre-paid at City Hall.

* The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

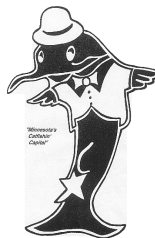
-Hazardous materials,

Household garbage,

Appliances,

Batteries, Bulbs,

Tires, Etc.



August Curbside Recycling Days– 11 & 25

Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)

August 4 & 18, Sept 1



Community Calendar August 2026

August 6

August 10

August 12

August 20

Legion Meeting, 630PM

Lions Club, 6 PM

City Council Mtg, 6PM

Fire/MRU monthly meetings