

October 2026

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch.

Guests: S. Traulich, J. Bemboom, P. Plaetz, P. Sullivan, T. Sullivan, J. Garms, M. Weinzetl, J. Stark, M. Hall.

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 8/12/26

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$86,877.52; ten past due utility accounts; one zoning permit issued.

1. Public hearing held for a variance request for a small home at 251 2nd Ave W. Planning and zoning previously met and recommended approval. No public comments or questions. Council approved.
2. J. Garms, Cedar Mountain, requested approval to utilize the city Lion's Park for periodic use for elementary students as needed because of limited grass space due to the ongoing construction, council approved.
3. J. Bemboom and P. Plaetz from MRWA spoke to council on hiring a new public works employee, the program to train new public works that the MRWA offers, and the trends they have been seeing in other communities on hiring and keeping staff.
4. M. Hall requested approval to have outside music allowed until midnight October 16th for the Longbranch's Anniversary party, approved.
5. Approved amendment to the Code of Ordinance 30.11 with the addition of a fee for 2.5" water meters.
6. S. Traulich with Bolton and Menk presented updates on the LSL replacement project and asked for council approval for the plans and specs on the Ravine project, contingent upon permit approvals, council approved.
7. P. Sullivan and T. Sullivan presented the annual Fire Relief 2025 financials.
8. Dept. Heads: K. Kokesch reported gearing up for fall and talked to council about ask tree removal at the park.
9. Council approved switching to cash basis accounting as recommended by our auditor.
10. Council approved AES Solar's MOU and Resolution accepting a donation.
11. Council approved the 2027 health insurance renewal.
12. Council set the truth in taxation hearing to be held at the regular December council meeting.
13. Council held a discussion on 2027 fee and salary changes.
14. Council approved the preliminary 2027 budget and set the preliminary levy.
15. Lund presented a fundraising plan for the Lion's Club to raise funds for sand volleyball courts at the Lion's Park. The plans include estimates on costs and plans for how the courts would be set up.
16. Bills were paid as follows:

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Wages	Net	\$14,223.03	MN A of sm cities	Dues	\$378.50	AmStar	Fuel	\$50.00
PERA	Retirement	\$1,917.72	Electric Pump	Maint	\$650.00	Standard-Gazette	Printing	\$233.48
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$568.12	West Central Trohies	Fire Tags	\$55.02	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$3,602.08
IRS	Withholding	\$3,127.78	MN Dept of Health	Fees	\$799.00	Farmwad	Propane	\$223.50
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,637.48	Redwood Fire Extin	Maint	\$1,228.10	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$176.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$66.04	Redwood Tire	Maint	\$10.00	VISA	Supplies	\$302.69
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,245.40	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaning	\$405.00	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$302.34
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	MVTL	Lab	\$304.04	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$387.38
Marco	Printing	\$178.31	All-Phase Electric	Maint	\$170.25	Xcel Energy	Energy	\$778.99
Gopher State	Locates	\$2.70	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$2,187.10			

Community Calendar October 2026

October 1	Legion Meeting, 630PM
October 12	Lions Club, 6 PM
October 14	City Council Mtg, 6PM
October 15	Fire/MRU meetings
October 31	Happy Halloween!



October Curbside Recycling Days– 6 & 20



Franklin Stump Grinding

Hourly rates or per stump



Call Glenn
507-430-4894

Franklin Post Office has a new number!

Call them directly at 507-543-0043

Halloween Trick or Treat Stop

October 31

Starting at 5:00 PM

Franklin Community Center

Stop in and grab a treat bag!

Sponsored by the Women's Civic Club

See you there!



Join the Franklin Lions Club!

Want to make a difference right here in Franklin? The Franklin Lions Club is looking for new members who enjoy helping others, supporting local projects, and building community.

Whether you have lots of time to give or just want to lend a hand when you can, we'd love to have you join us.

Interested? Contact a member of the Franklin Lions Club to learn more!

Attention Franklin Residents

Fall Street sweeping will soon be upon us. If you see the street sweeper in your area, please move your vehicles off the street to allow the sweeper access curb to curb for cleaning!

Thank you in advance!



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



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.

