

September 2026 City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: August 12, 2026

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

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, & Menk

Guests: S. Traulich, G. Scharfencamp, Deputy Wagner.

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 7/8/26

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$86,877.52; thirteen past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issues;

1. Public Hearing was held on updates to the 2nd Ave project.
2. Deputy Wager discussed blighted properties with council. Two properties will be discussed with city attorney for further action.
3. Franklin Legion was approved to store their guns and gun safe in the locked office at City Hall.
4. Council approved the small cities agreement to allow the grant to cover some engineering costs.
5. Council approved plans and specs for Lead Service Line replacement and authorized advertisement for bids.
6. Council approved DNR forms for the Ravine project.
7. Approved Redwood Fire Extinguisher as our new vendor for maintenance and inspections.
8. Dept. Heads: Menk reported on recent fire calls and requested approval to purchase turn out gear for three fire department employees; council discussed earmarked funds and approved purchase upon confirmation from auditor of earmarked funds being set up and utilized correctly. K. Kokesch reported on pumps that need replacing along with generators that need maintenance and/or replacement. Radermacher reported on the upcoming fall city wide clean up days and sparked a discussion on a community center rental.
9. Council discussed setting up a committee for beginning discussions on a public works hire. K. Kokesch suggested that someone from MRWA be invited to next regular council meeting to discuss some of the trends they are seeing around the state in hiring a public works supervisor.
10. The ballfield scoreboard remote was discussed and an upgrade was approved; funds to cover expense was discussed.
11. Tree removal at the Lion's Park was discussed and tree removal was approved.
12. Accounting software module additions was discussed. Radermacher has spoken to Central Square is is trying to get a demo of possible new module additions and well as costs associated with those additions.
13. Council approved renewal on a 2 year farm land lease agreement with Sullivan Farms.
14. 2027 fees and salaries was discussed; Approved base fee of \$80.75 for a 2.5 inch water meter. Approved a raise in the 2 fire lieutenant position annual pay to \$650 annually per position.
15. Budget items for 2027 was discussed. Funds for a replacement city truck will be budgeted for.
16. Approved purchase of a replacement part for the ball field grader.

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Wages	Net	\$11,410.98	Fairfax	Catfish	\$500.00	Renville County Hwy	Streets	\$870.00
PERA	Retirement	\$2,154.42	AllPhase electric	Maint	\$342.36	Standard-Gazette	Printing	\$42.00
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$624.03	Gene Wolling	Coolers	\$302.73	Winsted Solar	Solar	\$3,668.03
IRS	Withholding	\$3,427.44	Vessco	Maint	\$1,231.96	MN Fire Service	Dues	\$936.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,637.48	Fairfax TV	Fridge	\$749.00	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$304.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	Kevin Kokesch	Phone	\$150.98	VISA	Supplies	\$1,639.55
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,263.35	Claudia Kokesch	Cleaing	\$195.00	AmStar	Fuel	\$61.86
Madison National	Insurance	\$24.10	MVTL	Lab	\$319.04	Gibbon Lumber	Supplies	\$15.99
Marco	Printing	\$178.31	Kerkhoff Plumbing	Maint	\$115.00	Oberloh & Oberloh	Audit	\$9,150.00
Gopher State	Locates	\$1.35	Runnings	Supplies	\$480.83	MN Valley Telephone	Phone	\$296.32
M.R. Paving	Streets	\$34,000.00	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$60.00	Wex Bank	Fuel	\$584.90
			Kenneday and Graven Legal		\$428.00	Xcel Energy	Energy	\$338.33

Community Calendar September 2026

September 3	Legion Meeting, 630PM
September 7	Labor Day, City office closed
September 9	City Council Mtg, 6PM
September 14	Lions Club, 6 PM

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.)



September Curbside Recycling Days– 9 & 22

*note that September 9th is Wednesday!

Date change due to Labor Day

***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!!



*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.



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.

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.

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!



School begins September 14th and fall sports have already begun!

Please be on the look out for kids walking on the street!

Do you have something you would like to post in the City Newsletter?! Deadline for additions is the 25th of each month. Fees may apply depending on the advertisement. Contact City Hall