

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Franklin City Building

December 13, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

John D. Packer  
Lyle J. Fuller (Unable to Attend)  
Stuart Parkinson  
Mark Dietrich  
Kevin D. Beck

## STAFF

Tyona Atkinson, City Clerk

The council meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Mayor Packer.

Prayer: Councilmember Mark Dietrich

Pledge: Councilmember Kevin Beck

It was moved by Councilmember Kevin Beck and seconded by Councilmember Mark Dietrich to approve minutes of November 8, 2023, Council Meeting. Motion passed. Unanimous

It was moved by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Beck to approve minutes for the Special City Council Meeting of November 20, 2023, United States Post Office Service Lease. Motion passed. Unanimous

It was moved by Councilmember Mark Dietrich and seconded by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson to accept and approve the bills for November 2023. Motion passed. Unanimous

## **Mayors Minutes (0:04:40)**

**FIRE HYDRANT:** The mayor indicated that the fire hydrant on 1<sup>st</sup> East and 1<sup>st</sup> South needs to be replaced. He realized after looking to where the pipe was coming in from, the city would have to dig out the curb and gutter and it would be best to wait until Spring.

**PHASE 1-WATER PROJECT:** Mayor Packer had a meeting with the attorney, engineers, city clerk, and the public works. He indicated that RS Jobbers put in a bid to finish up the job that the primary contractor, BSC Excavation, had not finished. The city attorney advised the city not to let RS Jobbers start the job until the city has given the primary contractor ten days' notice to show up to finish the job or his bond would be pulled. The attorney stated that he would call the contractor. After the call, the contractor communicated with the engineer to see what still needed to be done. On December 6, the engineer gave BSC Excavation ten days to return to finish the job.

**PHASE 3-WATER PROJECT:** He indicated that the filters and the compressor are installed at the water plant. The water plant is not running right now because a solenoid is not working. This

part has been ordered and it is an essential part for the water plant to run. The new skid was supposed to be here the end of December, but he just got word that it will not get here until January.

**SEWER SCREEN:** When the engineers sent the bid package out to the contractor there was a glitch, and it did not send 50 pages of the contract which included the prevailing wages. A supplemental contract was completed, and Forsgren Engineers are working with DEQ (Department of Environment Quality) to acquire additional funding for the difference in the bid. Parts are on order for the sewer screen, and they will not get here until April so the project will not start until Spring.

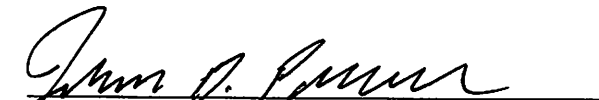
**SIDEWALK ON MAPLECREEK:** A Forsgren engineer came to Franklin to do an onsite observation and project estimation for a sidewalk along Maple Creek Road from 200 North to 3400 East. It was discussed that if a traffic study was done, it would be highly discouraged putting a sidewalk on the west side of the road due to pedestrians crossing the road on a blind corner. It was recommended that if a sidewalk was to be put in it would go on the east side of that road. The mayor stated that he has not talked to one person from the east side of that road that would agree to let a sidewalk be put in front of their house. The bid came in at \$230,000 for sidewalks on the east side and that did not include curb and gutter and drainage improvements. The engineer stated that typical funding for a sidewalk in this type of location is limited and would likely be difficult to qualify for. It was also discussed that if sidewalks were constructed along this route that it was recommended that it be done in smaller sections to meet the city's budget allotment over the course of a few years.

**SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:** As far as the status on the flashing speed limit signs, Sherrif Fryer indicated that as long as he does not need the speed trailer Franklin can use it. The mayor indicated that Sherrif Fryer also stated that most people get used to the permanent flashing signs and don't pay attention to them, so the problem continues. Councilmember Stuart Parkinson commented that he thought the city approved to purchase the two flashing speed detectors. Mayor Packer stated that they were not approved, and it was decided to check the budget before purchasing the signs.

Councilmember Kevin Beck verbalized that he has received complaints because the speed limit sign on main street across from the trailer court has not been put back up. He stated that a motion was made in a council meeting a few months ago that the sign would be put back up. The mayor indicated that he was unaware of those complaints.

It was moved by Councilmember Kevin Beck and seconded by Councilmember Mark Dietrich to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed. Unanimous

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor