

APPROVED MARCH 3, 2026

CITY OF FRANKLIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026 MINUTES

- ROLL CALL
- A. The regular meeting of the Franklin Common Council was held on February 18, 2026, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor John R. Nelson in the Franklin City Hall Council Chambers, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin. On roll call, the following were present: Alderman Peccarelli, Alderwoman Eichmann, Alderman Hasan, Alderman Salous, Alderwoman Day and Alderman Craig. Also, in attendance were Director of Administration Kelly Hersh, City Attorney Jesse A. Wesolowski and City Clerk Shirley Roberts.
- CITIZEN COMMENT
- B.1. Citizen comment period was opened at 6:33 p.m. and was closed at 7:06 p.m.
- ARBOR DAY
PROCLAMATION
- B.2. Mayor Nelson presented a Proclamation to designate May 2, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Franklin. Alderman Hasan moved to place on file. Seconded by Alderwoman Eichmann. All voted Aye; motion carried.
- MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2026
- C. Alderman Hasan moved to approve the minutes of the Common Council meeting of February 3, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Craig. All voted Aye; motion carried.
- HEARING:
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
FOR INSTALLATION OF
WATER MAIN
- D.1. A public hearing was called to order on February 18, 2026 at 7:13 p.m. on special assessment for installation of water main on South Lovers Lane Road bounded by 1,500 feet south of West Drexel Avenue to the north and 1,900 feet north of West Saint Martins Road to the south. Public hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.
- RES. NO. 2026-8429
WATER TRANSMISSION
MAIN – CONTRACT A
- G.1. Alderman Hasan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-8429, A FINAL RESOLUTION DIRECTING INSTALLATION OF, PAYMENT, AND LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR INSTALLATION OF A WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON SOUTH LOVERS LANE ROAD FROM A POINT 1,900 FEET NORTH OF WEST SAINT MARTINS ROAD TO A POINT 1,500 FEET SOUTH OF WEST DREXEL AVENUE (CONTRACT A), and to authorize deferments only in compliance with §207-15 K.(2)(i) upon approved application. Seconded by Alderwoman Day. On roll call, Alderman Peccarelli, Alderman Hasan, Alderwoman Day, Alderman Salous and Alderman Craig voted Aye; Alderwoman Eichmann abstained. Motion carried.
- HEARING:
- D.2. A public hearing was called to order on February 18, 2026 at 7:20 p.m. on special assessment for installation of water main on South Lovers Lane Road bounded by 1,900 feet north of West Saint

- SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN
RES. NO. 2026-8430
WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN – CONTRACT C
- Martins Road to the north and West Saint Martins Road to the south. Public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.
- G.2. Alderman Hasan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-8430, A FINAL RESOLUTION DIRECTING INSTALLATION OF, PAYMENT AND LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF A WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON SOUTH LOVERS LANE ROAD FROM WEST SAINT MARTINS ROAD TO 1,900 FEET NORTH OF WEST SAINT MARTINS ROAD (CONTRACT C), and to authorize deferments only in compliance with §207-15 K.(2)(i) upon approved application. Seconded by Alderman Craig. On roll call, Alderman Craig, Alderman Salous, Alderwoman Day, Alderman Hasan and Alderman Peccarelli voted Aye; Alderwoman Eichmann abstained. Motion carried.
- MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS
- E. Alderwoman Eichmann moved to confirm the following Mayoral appointments:
1. Dan Romanski, 9044 W. Elm Ct., Unit C, Ald. Dist. 1 – Technology Commission, 3 year unexpired term expiring 04/30/2026.
 2. Dan Romanski, 9044 W. Elm Ct., Unit C, Ald. Dist. 1 – Technology Commission 3 year term expiring 04/30/29.
 3. David Bartels, 8489 S. Golden Lake Ct., Ald. Dist. 2 – Fair Commission, 3 year unexpired term expiring 04/30/26.
 4. David Bartels, 8489 S. Golden Lake Ct., Ald. Dist. 2 – Fair Commission, 3 year term expiring 04/30/29.
- Seconded by Alderman Hasan. On roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.
- 2026 LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BID
- G.3. Alderman Craig moved to authorize staff to proceed to advertise and bid the 2026 Local Street Improvement Program. Seconded by Alderman Salous. All voted Aye; motion carried.
- W DREXEL AVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
- G.4. Alderman Peccarelli moved to authorize staff to proceed to advertise and bid the West Drexel Avenue (S. Bridge View Dr. to S. Northwestern Mutual Way) Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Alderman Salous. All voted Aye; motion carried.
- CONSENT AGENDA
- G.5. Alderwoman Eichmann moved to approve the following consent agenda items:
- DECOMMISSIONED FITNESS EQUIPMENT
- G.5.(a) Approve Fire Department request to dispose of decommissioned fitness equipment utilizing the Wisconsin Surplus online auction; and

- RES. NO. 2026-8431
2026 MEANINGFUL
MARKS LLC CONTRACT
- G.5.(b) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-8431, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FRANKLIN DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SIGN THE 2026 MEANINGFUL MARKS, LLC, CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF VOLITION FRANKLIN. Approval of the above consent agenda items was seconded by Alderman Hasan. All voted Aye; motion carried.
- ORD. NO. 2026-2722
AMEND ORDINANCE
2025-2712 FOR
PLANNING
DEPARTMENT
SUBSCRIPTIONS
- G.6. Alderman Hasan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-2722, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2025-2712, AND ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND TO CARRYFORWARD \$2,084 OF UNUSED 2025 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT. Seconded by Alderwoman Eichmann. On roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.
- SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICER PROGRAM
REPORT
- G.7. Alderman Hasan moved to accept the informational report regarding the School Resource Officer Program, including the successful implementation of a second School Resource Officer, and place the report on file. Seconded by Alderman Craig. All voted Aye; motion carried.
- ORD. NO. 2026-2721
AMEND CHAPTER 245 –
STREET PARKING IN
SNOW EMERGENCIES
- G.8. Alderwoman Eichmann moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-2721, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 245, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, § 245-5(I), REPEALING SUBSECTION (I)(1) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (I)(3), RELATING TO PARKING DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES, subject to technical corrections presented. Seconded by Alderman Craig. All voted Aye, motion carried.
- MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES
- H. Alderwoman Day moved to approve the following licenses of the License Committee Meeting of February 18, 2026. Seconded by Alderman Craig. All voted Aye; motion carried.

Grant New 2025-26 Operator License to Eliza Lara with a letter;
Grant New 2025-26 Operator License Joy Aune, Martha Bowman,
& Jacqueline Randa;

Alderwoman Eichmann moved to approve ROC Ventures fireworks/drone show post Milkmen Games. Person in Charge : Christ Conley, Location: 7035 S. Ballpark Dr., Franklin Field. Dates of 2026 Event: 5/15, 6/5, 6/26, 7/3, 7/4, 7/10, 7/24, 8/14, 8/21 and 9/4. The shows are approximately 7-10 minutes long and start approximately 15 minutes after the baseball game ends, with the last start time at 10:20 p.m. Seconded by Alderwoman Day. On roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Eichmann moved to approve ROC Ventures Umbrella Bar 2026 Summer Concert Series Outdoor Music Event. Person in Charge: Carinn Hoffman. Location: 7005 S. Ballpark Dr., Umbrella Bar. Dates of 2026 Event: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/3, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12 and 9/19. A hard stop time of 10:35 p.m., 65 decibels at all monitors using their system when applicable with a 15 minute correction timeframe if the Police are contacted via phone complaint to the Police Department in real time. Seconded by Alderwoman Day. On roll call, Alderman Peccarelli, Alderwoman Eichmann, Alderman Hasan, Alderwoman Day and Alderman Craig voted Aye; Alderman Salous abstained. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Eichmann moved to approve ROC Ventures Country Rising Concert and Tacos & Tequila Concert Festivals 2026. Person in Charge: ROC Ventures (Michael Zimmerman & Carinn Hoffmann) and Social House Entertainment. Location: 7035 S. Ballpark Dr. Franklin Field. Dates of 2026 Event: Friday and Saturday, 5/29 and 5/30. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Alderwoman Eichmann moved to table the ROC Ventures Country Rising Concert and Tacos & Tequila Concert Festivals 2026 to the meeting of March 3, 2026. Seconded by Alderman Peccarelli. On roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Eichmann moved to approve the Hill Has Eyes Haunted Attraction 2026: Fridays and Saturdays, 9/25 through 10/31; Sundays for family orientated events, 9/27 through 11/1. The requirements are the same as 2025, box office closes at 11 p.m., DJ and music will stop at midnight; however, people will be able to finish the attraction if it is after that time. Decibel limits are the same as last year, they are varied at each monitor (60 decibels at West Monitor, 60 decibels at East Monitor and 69 decibels at North Monitor). Seconded by Alderman Hasan. On roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

- I. Alderman Craig moved to approve City vouchers with an ending date of February 12, 2026 in the amount of \$1,813,864.33, and payroll dated February 6, 2026 in the amount of \$507,893.97 and payments of the various payroll deductions in the amount of \$285,920.11 plus City matching payments, and estimated payroll dated February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$501,000 and payments of the various payroll deductions in the amount of \$565,000, plus City matching payments. Seconded by Alderman Hasan. On roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Nelson called a recess at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Nelson reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
*FRANKLIN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS, ET AL. V. CITY
OF FRANKLIN COMMON
COUNCIL, ET AL.*

- G.9. Alderman Hasan moved to enter closed session at 8:28 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel for the Common Council who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to the subject litigation, and to reenter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters discussed therein as it deems appropriate. Seconded by Alderwoman Eichmann. On roll call, Alderman Salous, Alderman Hasan, Alderwoman Eichmann and Alderman Peccarelli voted Aye; Alderman Craig and Alderwoman Day voted No, motion carried.

Upon reentering at 9:04 p.m., Alderwoman Day moved to proceed as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Alderman Craig. All voted Aye; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- J. Alderwoman Eichmann moved to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Peccarelli. All voted Aye; motion carried.