WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - 605 W. MAIN ST. WEST FRANKFORT, IL 62896
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

1. MAYOR ARVIEW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. THE MAYOR STATED WE ACTUALLY DO NEED TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT; IT'S A MINOR THING. ITEMS 10 AND 11 HAVE THE INCORRECT YEAR, IT SHOULD BE 2030 INSTEAD OF 2029, SO I WOULD JUST ASK FOR A MOTION TO AMEND ITEMS 10 AND 11 TO REFLECT THE CORRECT YEAR BEFORE WE APPROVE THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA FOR USE FOR THIS MEETING TONIGHT? COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THOSE MINUTES, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE ENTERING THOSE INTO THE RECORD. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 702 ILLINOIS AVENUE. PARCEL NUMBER 11-24-127-004 WITH BIDS TO BE OPENED SEPTEMBER 22, 2026. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMA COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. CHIEF LAPINA HAS OFFERED HIS SERVICES. HE'S HAD EXPERIENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND I FEEL LIKE HE WOULD BE A FITTING FILL FOR THAT ROLE. HE'S NOT ASKING FOR ANY EXTRA PAY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. HE IS JUST GOING TO TAKE ON THOSE DUTIES TO BE OUR LIAISON WITH THE COUNTY AND THAT SORT OF THING. DO I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTING MICHAEL LAPINA AS THE EMA COORDINATOR FOR WEST FRANKFORT? COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW FIRE CHIEF. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, CHIEF LAPINA HAS MADE THE JOURNEY FROM CHICAGO DOWN HERE TO HELP US OUT AND FILL THAT ROLE. SO WE HAD DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION ABOUT, PROTECTING HIS SACRIFICE, PROTECTING HIS INVESTMENT IN OUR TOWN. AND WITH ELECTION COMING UP, IT'S ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD GET APPOINTED INTO THAT POSITION AND CREATE A SITUATION WHERE HE CAME DOWN HERE KIND OF FOR NOTHING. AND SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT IS JUST KIND OF PROTECTING THAT FOR HIM TO ALLOW HIM TO BE ABLE TO NOT WORRY ABOUT, HIS JOB SECURITY NOW THAT HE'S MADE THIS MOVE. IT'S A FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT. SO, IT WOULD KEEP HIM RETAINED WITH THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS. HOPEFULLY LONGER, BUT AT LEAST FOUR YEARS. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT CONTRACT? COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE FROM TAFT TO LINCOLN STREET ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026 AT 2 P.M. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026 FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026 FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO

APPROVE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT JUNIOR REDBIRD WRESTLING PROGRAM TO HOLD A CAR SHOW AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026 AND TO CRUISE DOWN MAIN STREET. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED, BUT BECAUSE OF HEAT, THEY'VE ASKED IT TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27TH. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED DO WE KNOW WHAT TIME THEY'RE GOING TO CRUISE DOWN MAIN STREET? THE MAYOR STATED CRUISE WILL LEAVE APPROXIMATELY 1 P.M. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STAKES CENTER, LOCATING TO HANDLE ALL JULIES FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED CURRENTLY, WE HAVE, IT'S JUST KIND OF A HIT AND MISS, DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS DOING THE JULIES AS THEY GIVE THEIR REPORTS. YOU HEAR THAT. WE DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE FINANCIALLY BENEFICIAL TO THE CITY TO JUST HAVE A SERVICE DO THAT FOR US FOR ANY JULES THAT WE NEED. THEY'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THAT FOR US. SO THAT WAY, OUR GUYS CAN FOCUS ON THE JOBS THAT THEY'VE GOT, THE DUTIES THAT THEY HAVE, AND DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DOING ALL OF THOSE JULIES. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH STAKES CENTER, LOCATING TO DO THAT? COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 50, THAT'S OUR SEWER DEPARTMENT UNION, TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2030. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS ONE OF THE AMENDED ITEMS THAT WE HAD. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE

BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LABORERS LOCAL 773, THAT'S OUR DISPATCHERS, TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2030. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAINTAINX IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,460.00 FOR A MAINTENANCE SUBSCRIPTION AT THE STREET DEPARTMENT. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A SIMILAR PROGRAM FOR OUR SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND SO OUR STREET SUPERINTENDENT, MICHAEL BONNER, FEELS LIKE THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD ADDITION TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT TO USE THIS AS WELL. AND I AGREE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED IS THIS THE SYSTEM WHERE THEY PUT THE INFORMATION IN THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE JOB? THE MAYOR STATED YEAH, TO TRACK THE WORK ORDERS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FLEET-FAB IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,726.90 FOR CAR 1 TO REPLACE LIGHTS AND SIREN PACKAGE DUE TO IMPROPER WIRING, AND $680.00 TO MOVE THE LIGHT BAR FROM CAR 1 TO CAR 3 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED CHIEF, WOULD YOU WANT TO MAYBE SPEAK TO THAT SO THAT WE KIND OF KNOW WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE NEEDING TO DO HERE? FIRE CHIEF LOPINA STATED YES, SIR. HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION WHEN I CAME DOWN HERE THAT THERE WAS SOME ELECTRICAL WIRING ISSUES IN CAR 1. THAT'S WHY THEY HAD THE BATTERY DEVICE TO SHUT THE BATTERY OFF IN THE EVENT THAT POWER STARTS TO DRAIN. THAT'S BEEN WORKING SO FAR. HOWEVER, THE WIRING OF THE LIGHTS AND SIREN IN THE CAR STILL REMAINS SUSPECT, IF YOU WILL. I HAVE A RADIO THAT'S OUT IN THE BACK BECAUSE OF THE WIRING, AND ALL THE LIGHTS ON THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE ARE OUT BECAUSE OF THE WIRING. MY FEAR IS THAT IF I HIT A BUMP IN THE ROAD OR SOMETHING, MY WIRING IS GOING TO SHORT OUT AND CAUSE A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE SIREN HEAD, THE BUTTONS ARE STICKY, AND SO WHEN I'M HITTING THE SIREN, THE BUTTONS STICK, AND I HAVE TO KIND OF GENTLY TAP ON IT TO GET IT TO RELEASE. AND IT IS AN OLD SYSTEM THAT'S ORIGINAL TO THE CAR. AND FRANKLY, THE BRAND, MY EXPERIENCE, THAT'S KIND OF AN OFF-BRAND, AND THEY DON'T USUALLY LAST 10 YEARS, SO I THINK WE GOT THE LIFE OUT OF THAT. AND I THINK

THAT THE INVESTMENT, ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT, THE INVESTMENT OF A HIGHER QUALITY LIGHT BAR WITH BRAND NEW WIRING AND EVERYTHING ELSE WILL ALLOW ME TO KEEP THAT VEHICLE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, WHICH IS FINE WITH THAT VEHICLE. IT'S COMFORTABLE. IT RIDES NICE. AS LONG AS WE KEEP CHANGING THE OIL, THERE'S NO REASON WHY IT WON'T LAST ANOTHER FIVE OR SIX YEARS. BY DOING THIS WITH THE WIRING, I THINK WE CAN ALL BE GUARANTEED THAT. IF WE DON'T, THEN I FEAR THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN AND WE'D BE BUYING A $75,000, - $50,000 VEHICLE AND HAVING TO BUY NEW LIGHTS AND GRAPHICS AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I VERY HUMBLY ASK YOU THAT YOU APPROVE THIS SO WE CAN GET THE MOST LIFE OUT OF THAT CAR. LIKE I SAID, I'LL FRED FLINTSTONE THAT CAR IF I HAVE TO BECAUSE IT IS A NICE CAR. THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO GET A NEW CAR WHEN WE HAVE OTHER VEHICLES THAT ARE PRESSING TO BE REPLACED AND UPDATED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THEM LIGHTS ON ANOTHER VEHICLE? FIRE CHIEF LOPINA STATED JUST THE LIGHT BAR FROM THE CAR BECAUSE THE LIGHT BAR ON CAR THREE IS ACTUALLY LOSING LIGHT CELLS BECAUSE IT ALSO IS AN OLDER LIGHT BAR. THE CAR ONE LIGHT BAR STILL WORKS, BUT NOT THAT IT WOULDN'T BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE NEW SYSTEM. IT JUST WOULD BE BETTER TO KEEP IT ALL LIGHT BRAND. THIS WAY WE MOVE THE LIGHT BAR FROM CAR ONE OVER TO CAR THREE. IT ESSENTIALLY IS GIVING US A GOOD WORKING LIGHT BAR BECAUSE RIGHT NOW CAR THREE IS MISSING SOME LIGHTS ON ITS LIGHT BAR. ONE MORE THING ABOUT THIS FROM A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. I LOST A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE. HE WAS A FIRE CHIEF IN MICHIGAN. HE LEFT THE CHICAGO AREA, AND HE WAS OPERATING OUT ON I-94 JUST OUTSIDE BATTLE CREEK, KALAMAZOO. HE WAS HIT BY A DISTRACTED DRIVER AND KILLED. SO THINGS LIKE HAVING PROPER LIGHTS WORKING ON THE VEHICLE AND EVERYTHING ARE KIND OF CLOSE TO ME. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT'S CAR THREE? FIRE CHIEF LOPINA STATED THAT'S THE DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCK. CAR TWO IS THE SUBURBAN THAT'S SITTING OUT NO LONGER OPERATING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM EMS ACUMED GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,344.19 FOR EMS BILLING SERVICE FEE FROM JUNE 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2026 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED

TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY E911 IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,364.67 FOR AN ANNUAL CENTRAL SQUARE MOBILE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF 11-27-26 THROUGH 11-26-27 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED BASICALLY A YEAR. COMMISSIONER HARKINS ASKED WHAT'S THAT MOBILE MAINTENANCE THERE, CHIEF? DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED WELL, WE ACTUALLY PAY FRANKLIN COUNTY E911 BECAUSE IT'S A CONSOLIDATED SERVICE. ALL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY USES THIS CENTRAL SQUARE. WHAT CENTRAL SQUARE IS WHAT OUR WHOLE DATABASE, OUR SYSTEM, HOW WE DO REPORTS. ALL OUR INFORMATION IS BASED OFF THAT AND IT'S COUNTYWIDE. THIS $7,364.00 IS JUST OUR PORTION THAT WE PAY WHEN WE REIMBURSE FRANKLIN COUNTY E911 BACK. AND THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE IS JUST STUFF THAT THEY HAVE TO DO TO MAINTAIN OUR RECORDS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 2026 MFT MUNICIPAL ESTIMATE. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS PUT TOGETHER FOR US BY BROWN AND ROBERTS. THEIR RECOMMENDATION FOR, WE HAVE TO BASICALLY TELL THE STATE HOW MUCH WE EXPECT TO SPEND FROM MFT. WE NEED SORT OF A BUDGET FOR THAT. AND SO THIS IS A REVISED ESTIMATE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.
    b. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,088.00 REGARDING OCTOBER 2026 WORKERS COMPENSATION.

    COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~

1. FIRST ONE WOULD BE A ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR PROJECT FOR MICHAEL MARTIN AT 314 EAST 4TH STREET. I'VE GOT STAMPED PLANS FROM THEIR ENGINEERS. EVERYTHING FITS INSIDE OF OUR SOLAR ORDINANCE. I RECOMMEND YOU GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

2. SECOND WAS A SIGN PERMIT FOR THE DOMINO'S LOCATION DOWN HERE ON SOUTH LOGAN STREET. THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOME REFACING, NEW POLE SIGNS, STUFF LIKE THAT. I'VE GOT A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR. EVERYTHING FITS INSIDE OF OUR SIGN ORDINANCE. I RECOMMEND YOU GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. LAST ONE WAS FOR A FENCE PERMIT FOR JACKIE DALY, 907 SOUTH SUNNY SLOPE STREET. I'VE GOT A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR ON THAT. EVERYTHING FITS INSIDE OF OUR FENCING ORDINANCE. I RECOMMEND YOU GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW STATED TODAY WAS THE FIRST DAY TO PICK UP PACKETS FOR ANYBODY WANTING TO RUN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE. THE LAST DAY WOULD TECHNICALLY BE NOVEMBER 15TH, BUT THEY'RE DUE NOVEMBER 16TH. SO PROBABLY WOULD NOT WANT TO PICK IT UP ON THE 15TH. YOU HAVE TO GET PETITION SIGNATURES, ONLY 10. THAT'S NOT VERY MANY TO GET. IT'S PRETTY EASY TO DO. I'VE TALKED ABOUT IT ON FACEBOOK, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY HERE THAT I LIKE THE IDEA OF PEOPLE GETTING INVOLVED IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. WHAT HAPPENS AT THE STATE LEVEL, WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AFFECTS US, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS WHAT HAPPENS HERE. THIS IS OUR HOMETOWN, AND SO I'M ACTUALLY GLAD TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, THOUGH, THAT NO ONE MISSES OUT JUST BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T

KNOW WHAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO. WHAT I'D RECOMMEND, ANYBODY THAT WANTS TO RUN, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU SPEAK TO ANDREA, GET A PACKET, AND GET THOSE SIGNATURES, GET THAT TURNED IN TIME SO THAT YOU CAN GET YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED WHEN YOU HAVE SOLID DEPARTMENTS LIKE I GOT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPORT EVERYTHING, BUT THEY'RE DOING A GOOD JOB, AND I APPRECIATE THEM. THANK YOU, GUYS, BOTH.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED, I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT TO REPORT OTHER THAN, AS USUAL, WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD, AND WE NEED TO BE AS FRUGAL AS WE CAN IN OUR SPENDING. JUST TO REMIND YOU OF THAT, BECAUSE, WELL, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY. BUT WE'RE REAL CLOSE ON GETTING THINGS SUBMITTED TO THE AUDITORS FOR OUR AUDIT. WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY-- STREET SUPERINTENDENT STATED WE'VE JUST BEEN BUSY. WE HAVE BEEN PUTTING TRIMMING, BUSH HOGING, DEALING WITH OUR EVERYDAY STUFF. WATER SUPERINTENDENT STATED WE HAVE BEEN CONTINUING MAINTENACE ON THESE METERS, FIXING LINES HERE AND THERE. STAYING BUSY WITH WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT STATED SAME WITH US, LAB NUMBERS ARE GOOD, EVERYTHING IS RUNNING GOOD. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS. YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I WILL SAY THAT I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW, IF YOU'RE READY TO START UP A NEW BUSINESS, A BOUTIQUE, OR A COFFEE SHOP, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, WE HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE. A COUPLE SPACES OUT AT THE VF MALL THAT YOU CAN RENT. THERE'S SOME SPACE OUT THERE THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR WEST FRANKFORT. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THAT'S OUT THERE. EVERYTHING ELSE IS SMOOTH SO FAR. I'M WORKING ON GETTING READY TO HAVE ANOTHER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING AND DISCUSS A FEW THINGS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET DONE. BUT SOMETIMES IT TAKES A LITTLE LONGER BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DEPEND ON OTHER PEOPLE TO COME AND

CHECK OUT THINGS. IT'S JUST KIND OF TEDIOUS. EVERYBODY'S BUSY. BUT WE'LL POST IT WHEN WE HAVE A LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING. ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO COME CAN COME TO THAT. WE JUST DISCUSS IDEAS AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND WHAT THE PLANS ARE FOR THE FUTURE. BUT IF YOU WANT TO RENT A SPACE SOMEWHERE IN TOWN, CALL US. WE DON'T HAVE ONE ON MAIN STREET, BUT WE HAVE ONE OR TWO OUT THERE BECAUSE MARY ALICE'S DANCE STUDIO, I THINK, IS MOVING OUT.

21. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** MR. CANTRELL STATED I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD.

22. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**: THE MAYOR STATED AS USUAL, I REMIND EVERYBODY WE DO HAVE ORDINANCES REGULATING AUDIENCE COMMENTS. YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES, 30 MINUTES FOR A GROUP. SO IF IT'S ONE TOPIC BUT MULTIPLE PEOPLE, THEN WE LIMIT IT TO 30 MINUTES, FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON. AND THAT'S AT OUR DISCRETION, TOO. IF YOU NEED LONGER, WE CAN ALWAYS MAYBE GO A MINUTE OR TWO AFTER THAT, BUT GENERALLY TRY TO KEEP IT WITHIN THE FIVE MINUTES.

DANNY LOEH STATED I'M VICE CURATOR OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM. I HAD A LITTLE PROBLEM AT THE MUSEUM. GOT A WATER LEAK. IT COULD BE A MAJOR LEAK THAT WE DON'T GET TAKEN CARE OF. AND WE NEED THE CITY'S HELP TO HELP US WITH THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU WITH THAT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WE GOT YOU COVERED. MR. LOEH STATED WE WERE SO LUCKY THAT ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO WE WERE ABLE TO WORK AND GET SOME ITEMS OUT AT THE EAST SIDE AND BE ABLE TO PUT A RACK IN AND PROTECTED A LOT OF MATERIAL, UNIFORMS AND SO FORTH THAT WERE THERE WITH A WATER LEAK. WE WERE LUCKY THERE. BUT I'VE HAD SOME OTHER ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE MUSEUM. WE HAD JOHN PERTETTI THAT PASSED AWAY HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO. HIS FAMILY DONATED HIS MEDALS AND SO FORTH TO US. ALSO, HIS DAD WAS A C.B., NAVY. THEY BUILT AIRPLANE STRIPS AND BRIDGES AND SO FORTH IN WORLD WAR II. HE SERVED FROM 1942 TO 1945 THERE. AND I WOULD JUST WISH THAT EVERYBODY IN WEST FRANKFORT WOULD COME AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE AT THE MUSEUM. WE HAVE SO MUCH HISTORY THERE. IT'S JUST OVER 4,000 ITEMS IN THERE. I SEE SOMETHING NEW EVERY TIME I'M THERE. IT'S AMAZING. PEOPLE COME IN. I HAD TWO COME IN YESTERDAY. I LET THEM IN, AND THEY

COULD NOT BELIEVE WHAT WE HAD THERE. IT'S JUST UNBELIEVABLE. AND I GET COMMENTS ABOUT IT. I'D BE TALKING TO SOMEBODY TALKING ABOUT THE MILITARY MUSEUM FROM WEST FRANKFORT. WHERE IS IT AT? YOU DRIVE BY IT EVERY DAY. CAR AFTER CAR AFTER CAR. IT'S VERY SAD. WE LOOK LIKE SOMETHING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHEN ROGER AND HIS BUDDY OVER THERE HELPED US WHEN THEY PAINTED THE SIDEWALK AND ALL THAT. AND WE'VE GOT MORE PLANNED. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP.

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE FREEZERS AT THE WIT & WISDOM, WHICH WE HELPED ON, THEY'RE ONLINE NOW, AND THEY'RE TICKLED PINK OVER THEIR NEW FREEZERS. THEY LOOK NICE. JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY APPRECIATE IT.

THERESA MAYS STATED I WAS HERE BEFORE ABOUT A CITY ORDINANCE. DO WE HAVE A CITY NOISE ORDINANCE NOW? THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE NOT. CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED I KNOW WE'VE ASKED THIS QUESTION A FEW TIMES. WE THOUGHT WE HAD A SOLUTION TO IT. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED ON THE CRIMINAL SIDE, WE SENT EVERYTHING WE HAD TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY TO REVIEW. WE WANTED TO PROSECUTE FOR WHAT WE HAD AT THE MOMENT. SHE RECOMMENDED WE COME BACK AND REVISE THE CITY ORDINANCE TO HELP US ENFORCE IT. MS. MAYS STATED BUT, I MEAN, THE THING IS THAT THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR TWO YEARS. THIS IS TWO PEOPLE NOW. NOW THEY'VE TEAMED UP. SO I HAVE THEM ON CAMERA IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE. ONE CONGRATULATING THE OTHER ONE, CALLING ME NAMES. THAT'S JUST, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? BUT IT'S WRONG. ONE OF THE OFFICERS FINALLY DID WRITE A TICKET. I APPRECIATE THAT. MY FOUR-AND-A-HALF-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER WAS THERE. SHE'S SUPER SMART. SHE WAS SICK. SHE WANTED TO GO TO BED. SHE WENT TO BED. IT WOKE HER UP. NOT JUST ONCE. THIS IS TWO YEARS. AND I HAVE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AGAINST ONE. I KNOW WE ALL LIKE MUSIC, YOU KNOW? BUT TURN YOUR MUSIC ON. TURN IT ON A LITTLE LOUDER. TURN IT ON A LITTLE LOUDER. AND TURN IT ON SO LOUD THAT YOUR WINDOW WILL SHAKE. AND HAVE TO LISTEN TO IT. SO THESE ARE JUST SOME LYRICS. I MEAN, I'M NOT GOING TO SAY IT. BUT I WANT YOU TO SEE. THIS IS WHAT I HEAR. OVER AND OVER AND OVER. AND MY GRANDCHILDREN. ONE, TWO, AND FOUR. THAT'S JUST THE TIP OF IT. THAT'S NOT EVEN THAT ONE. TEN TO FIFTEEN FOOT FROM MY HOUSE, FROM THE BEDROOM

WINDOWS. I JUST DON'T GET IT. WHEN IT DOESN'T AFFECT YOU, I DON'T THINK PEOPLE UNDERSTAND IT'S AFFECTED ME. BUT I'M NOT A QUITTER. MY DAD RAISED ME TO BE STRONG, AND SO DID MY MOTHER. AND I WILL BE. I'M NOT GETTING RAN OUT OF MY HOUSE. I HAVE TO BE BURNED OUT. THE MAYOR STATED JON, CAN YOU MAKE A NOTE TO WORK ON AN ORDINANCE? MS. MAYS STATED I WOULD LIKE IT ON THE AGENDA. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING OVER THERE. ONE NIGHT I HEARD SOMETHING, AND I GO IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE AND HEAR THAT SHIT IS FLAMABLE. THIS WAS ONE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. I WAS TOLD YOU CAN PLAY YOUR MUSIC AS LOUD AS YOU WANT AT ANYTIME, IT DOESN'T MATTER. TIM, I DO RESPECT, BUT I TALKED TO YOU TWO YEARS AGO I HAVE REFRAINED MYSELF. I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN. ONE OF THE MOTHERS WAS OUTSIDE MY WINDOW TELLING ME SHE WAS GOING TO TORTURE ME. WHY I DIDN'T CALL A POLICE OFFICER, THEY WOULD ASK BECAUSE HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE WAS TALKING TO YOU. IT WAS 10:30 AT NIGHT, SHE WAS OUTSIDE MY BEDROOM WINDOW. THERE IS GOING TO BE RETALIATION FOR THIS, FOR ME STANDING UP HERE, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I AM STANDING MY GROUND. IF I COULD READ THIS LETTER TO YOU ALL. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, REQUEST FOR A CITY ORDINANCE ADDRESSING LOUD AND ACESSIVE NOISE. DEAR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, I AM WIRTING ONCE AGAIN TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP REGARDING THE CONTINUED PROBLEM LOUD AND EXESSIVE NOISE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. IT CAN'T JUST BE OURS. INCLUDING LOUD MUSIC, EXESSIVELY LOUD VEHICLES, AND OTHER ON-GOING DISTURBANCES. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I ALONG WITH OTHER RESIDENTS HAVE COME TO THE CITY ASKING FOR HELP IN STOPPING WHAT IS BECOME A CONTINUED AND ON GOING PROBLEM. PREVIOUSLY MYSELF AND OTHER CONCERNED RESIDENCE BROUGHT A SIGNED PETITION FROM RESIDENTS WHO ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE SITUATION. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE ADDRESSED, AND SOMETHING WOULD BE DONE. AND UNFORTUNELY, DESPITE THOSE ASSURANCES THE PROBLEM HAS CONTINUED. AT THAT TIME THE CITY'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLITY OF ADOPTING CARBONDALES CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE. MYSELF AND OTHERS HAS ALSO SPOKEN WITH THAD ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, REGARDING THIS MATTER. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD HE IS THE CODES OFFICER AND HE IS THE ONE TO ADDRESS REGARDING THE SITUATION. HE ALSO STATED THE CITY

OF WEST FRANKFORT WAS NOT GOING TO ADOPT CARBONDALES ORDINANCE BECAUSE OUR CITY HAS ITS OWN ORDINANCE. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS AN EXISTING ORDINANCE THAT ADDRESSES LOUD AND EXCESSIVE NOISE WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN STOPPING WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING. WHICH THERE IS AN ORDINANCE ON THE CITY'S SIDE. JUST LAST WEEK THE POLICE WERE CALLED AGAIN BECAUSE THE ON GOING DISTRUBANCES. SEVERAL RESIDENTS MADE WRITTEN COMPLAINTS, AND ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS ISSUED A TICKET. UNFORTUNATLEY THAT DID NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THE EXESSIVE NOISE AND DISTURBANCES ARE STILL CONTINUING. THIS HAS NOW BEEN GOING ON FOR TWO YEARS. IT HAS HAD A SIGNIFCANT IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO CONTINULY CALL THE POLICE, FILE COMPLAINTS, GATHER SIGNATURES, AND REPEATEDLY ASK OUR CITY OFFICALS FOR HELP, SIMPLY TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENJOY PEACE AND QUITE IN AND OUTSIDE OUR OWN HOME. LOUD AMPLIFY MUSIC HAPPENS AT ALL HOURS. I AM ASKING THE CITY COUNCIL TO PLEASE TAKE THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY AND ADOPT OR STREGHTHEN A CLEAR AND ENFORCEABLE CITY ORDINANCE ADDRESSING LOUD AND EXESSIVE NOISE, INCLUDING AMPLIFIED MUSIC, EXESSIVLY LOUD VEHICLES, AND OTHER UNREASONABLE LOUD DISTURBANCES. RESIDENTS DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE AND LAW ENFORMENT NEED CLEAR STANDARDS TO BE ENFORCED. I WAS TOLD BY AN OFFICER THAT NO TRAINING AS FAR AS ENFORCING LAWS CONCERNING NOISE. ALSO, THAT THE STATE ATTONREY DOES NOT DO ANYTHING ANYWAYS. THAT DOES NOT MAKE RESIDENCE FEEL CONFINDENT OR SAFE. THE ISSUE IS NOT THAT PEOPLE LISTEN TO MUSIC, I LISTEN TO MUSIC ALL OF THE TIME. IT'S THE VOLUME AND THE LYRICS THAT MYSELF AND MY GRANDCHILDERN, AND OTHERS ARE FORCED TO LISTEN TO THAT HIGH VOLUME. I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT ANYONE COULD PLAY THERE MUSIC AS LOUD AS THEY WANTED, ANYTIME THEY WANTED. ITS JUST NOT THE TIME OF THE DAY, IT'S THE AMPLIFIED SOUND. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR, IM NOT ASKING FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT. IM ASKING FOR REASONABLE PROTECTION AND EQUAL ENFORCEMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM NOW, BEFORE THIS SITUATION ESCALATES FURTHER. WE HAVE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. AT THIS POINT WE NEED ACTION. I RESPECTFULY REQUEST THE COUNCIL PLACE THIS MATTER ON AN AGENDA AND

REVIEW THE CITY'S EXISTING NOISE ORDINANCE. IMPLEMENT THE STATE ORDINANCE OR TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR AND ENFORABLE ORDINACE THAT PROTECTS RESIDENTS FROM CONTINUED LOUD AND EXESSIVE NOISE. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO LEAGALLY ADDRESS THIS SITUATION UNTIL THE CITY ORDINANCE IS IN PLACE. THANK YOU FOR HEARING OUR CONCERNS. CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED I DO KNOW SHE DID ATTEND AND WE TALKED ABOUT POSSIBLY ADPOTING A NEW ORDINANCE. JONATHAN, CHIEF AND I HAD SPOKE WHAT WE HAD ON THE BOOKS, AND CLINTS GUYS DID EXCATLY WHAT THEY WERE ASKED, AND USED THE PLAN WE ADVISED. UNFORTUNATLEY, IT DID NOT RESULT IN THE WAY WE THOUGHT IT WOULD. THEY DID NOT DROP THE BALL OR ANYTHING, WHEN IT GOT TO THE HIGHEST POINT IT DIDN'T WORK. I THINK AT THIS POINT IT IS TIME TO CHANGE IT.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1), TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (5),5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (6), AND 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11). PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE, LITIGATION AT 6:52 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:24 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK