WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, EXCEPT FOR COMMISSIONER SIMPSON WHO PASSED AWAY AND POSITION IS DECLARED AS VACANT; ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK. THE MAYOR ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MIKE SIMPSON AND ASKED COMMISSIONER HARKINS TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 13TH, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF $242,227.49. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 13, 2021 THROUGH MAY 15, 2021 AS THE WEST FRANKFORT OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. THE MAYOR STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE; STEVE SAWALICH, SHARON OSSIG AND ALL THE COMMITTEE FOR WHAT THEY DO, WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU ALL. WE CAN ALSO HAVE A SHORT DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PARADE IF YOU WOULD LIKE. WE COULD NOT GET IT APPROVED FOR HOMECOMING SO I KNOW THEY AREN'T GOING TO LET US USE IT FOR THIS. BUT IF YOU COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. MR. SAWALICH ADDED THAT WE ARE ADDING SUNDAY THE 16TH TO THIS. THE CARNIVAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY HAS ASKED FOR THE EXTRA DAY, THEY WILL BE SANITIZING ALL THE RIDES AND EQUIPMENT AND FOLLOWING ALL CDC GUIDELINES. HE STATED HE IS REALLY HOPING THIS WILL GO OVER REALLY WELL, WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE THIS SOME TYPE OF NORMALCY BACK IN OUR LIVES. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A

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

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY 2021 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF APRIL 2022. THE MAYOR STATED CHRIS VETETO AND ANGIE BAKER DEATON HAVE PREPARED THIS BUDGET. MR. VETETO STATED THAT THEY MADE SOME CORRECTIONS TO SALARIES AND ADDED 5% TO EVERYTHING FROM LAST YEAR, WHICH IS WHAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DO. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FROM ANNA STREET LIGHTHOUSE FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS. THIS IS ON ANNA STREET THE STREET THAT RUNS ADJACENT TO THE RAIL ROAD TRACKS ON THE WEST SIDE, HARVEST FIELD CHURCH IS THERE AND DIRECTLY BEHIND THAT THE CITY OWNS TWO LOTS. IN THIS PROPOSAL ASKED BY AMANDA PASS AND THE ANNA STREET LIGHTHOUSE SHE WAS WANTING TO BUY THE TWO LOTS AND ASKING THE COUNCIL FOR $4500.00 TO CONVERT IT INTO A PAVED PARKING LOT. KEITH MORAN; OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPER LOOKED EVERYTHING OVER AMD SUGGESTED SINCE THEY ARE A CHURCH AND WE WOULD NOT RECOUP THE TAX REVENUE, HIS SUGGESTION WAS TO DONATE THE LOTS. THE ADDRESS OF THE LOTS ARE 111 S. ANNA AND 115 S. ANNA; PARCEL #11-24-432-008 AND #11-24-432-013. ONE LOT IS ON THE ALLEY AND THE OTHER IS ON OAK STREET. ITS THE MAYORS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE HAVE NO PURPOSE FOR THOSE LOTS AND THAT HE THINKS IT WOULD HELP IF WE DONATE THE LOTS TO HER, WE AREN'T REALLY HANDING OUT ANY MONEY. WE DEMOLISHED ONE OF THE BUILDINGS AND THE OTHER EMPTY LOT WE HAVE HAD FOR OVER 10 YEARS. THAT WOULD GIVE HER THE ABILITY TO OWN ALL THAT PROPERTY THAT SHE WANTS TO USE FOR A PARKING LOT. THEN IT WOULD BE UP TO HER TO TURN THAT INTO A PARKING LOT. THE MAYOR STATED AMANDA HAS A

DREAM AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE. THE COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FRATERNAL OF POLICE REGARDING THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT. THE MAYOR STATED A FEW WEEKS AGO WE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DRUG TASK FORCE AND WE WERE GOING TO SEND ONE OF OFFICERS THERE. THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE WORDING OF HOW THIS GENTLEMEN WHO IS EMPLOYED BY US, PAID BY US, BUT THROUGH A GRANT WILL BE WORKING FOR A STATE AGENCY. THIS WILL DEFINE HIS POSITION AS HE IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TASK FORCE AND ANY DISCIPLINE OR ANYTHING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE WITH HIM, HE COULD NOT BRING BACK THRU THE CONTRACT WITH US. BUT ANY DISCIPLINE WE HAVE WE CAN. HE WILL BE WORKING ON THEIR SCHEDULE, NOT OURS. WE JUST HAD TO HAVE SOME THINGS SPELLED OUT. THIS IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE F.O.P. AND THE CITIES LABOR ATTORNEY COURTNEY COX. THE MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE APPROVAL TO SIGN THIS AND THE GRANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROCESS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CHEMCO INDUSTRIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,311.20 FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS FOR SOME ASPHALT THEY PURCHASED TO FILL THE BAD HOLES AROUND TOWN. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM VERNELL'S INTERSATE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,613.68 FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. FOR REPAIRS TO AN INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO

APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS EPA LABORATORY IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,772.24 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. STREET SUPERVISOR JIM WHITE STATED IT WAS FOR TESTING WE HAVE TO DO EVERY YEAR. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE SEWER DEPARTMENT TO LINE A MANHOLE FOR AN APPROXIMATE COST OF $2,200.00. THE MAYOR STATED CHARLES HUBBLE BROUGHT THIS TO COMMISSIONER WARREN ATTENTION. SHE STATED THAT SKUTA HAD A VERBAL AMOUNT FOR DOING THIS JOB AND SOMEONE ELSE HAD OFFERED TO DO THIS, BUT WE HAD NEVER RECEIVED THE ESTIMATES FROM HIM. THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE THE WATER ISSUE WE ARE HAVING OVER BY THE PUMP STATION. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IT ISNT THAT URGENT SO THIS CAN WAIT UNTIL NEXT MEETING. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL WE HAVE AN ACTUAL ESTIMATES.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING BILL #16 TO BROWN AND ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,337.90 FOR THE I57 & RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TRANSFER/CHANGE NAMES ON LAKE LOT #8W ½ FROM RONALD MABRY, NANCY MABRY AND JAMIE MABRY TO RONALD MABRY, NANCY MABRY, JAMIE MABRY AND JODIE HUFFINE AS JOINT TENANTS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS

THE FIRST ONE IS FROM ANDREW J. PRAK FOR 805 E. ST. LOUIS STREET, THEY ARE GOING TO DO A CARPORT. CAROLINA CARPORTS WILL BE DOING THE WORK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A

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THE OTHER IS FOR GUY RASOR JR. AT 1209 E. ST. LOUIS STREET WHO IS GOING TO BE BUILDING AN ADDITION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO SIGN OFF ON A WORKERS COMP SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE SETTLED A WORKERS COMP CLAIM FOR $125,000 AND THAT INCLUDES A RESIGNATION. THE MAYOR NEEDS APPROVAL FROM THE COUNCIL FOR OUR WORKERS COMP CARRIER TO SETTLE THIS CLAIM. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. MAYORS COMMENTS: I WOULD JUST LIKE EVERYONE TO KNOW AS MOST ALREADY DO, WE LOST COMMISSIONER SIMPSON LAST WEEK. WHICH IS GOING TO CREATE A VACANCY ON OUR COUNCIL. OUT OF RESPECT FOR HIM I HAVE NOT ENTERTAINED ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT HIS REPLACEMENT OR WHAT WE WILL DO ABOUT THAT. MIKE SERVED SO WELL, LIKE I SAID AT HIS FUNERAL YESTERDAY WE ARENT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE HIM. WE WILL JUST FIND SOMEONE TO PUT IN THAT POSITION. IN THE STATUTE WHAT IT SAYS IS "IF A VACANCY OCCURS IN ANY OF THESE OFFICES, THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS, SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OR UNTIL THE VACANCY IS FILLED BY INTERIM ELECTION UNDER SECTION 3.1-10-50 AND UNTIL THE SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND HAS QUALIFIED". THIS IS RIGHT AT A TWO TERM SO THE MAYOR SAID BY STATUTE WE HAVE 30 DAYS; TODAY IS APRIL 27TH, WE HAVE TWO COUNCIL MEETINGS IN MAY. AT THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 11TH, WE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS AS TO POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT AND WE CAN GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEED BE. FINDING THE RIGHT PERSON TO FILL THIS POSITION IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT. THE SECOND ONE IS ON MAY 25TH', I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION THAT ON THE 25TH OF MAY WE APPOINT SOMEONE AND WE HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 27TH

OF MAY TO PUT THEM IN OFFICE. I JUST WANT IT TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE APPOINTING THIS PERSON, WE ALL HAVE TO BE IN AGREEMENT AS TO WHO TAKES ON THE ROLE.

HE WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN COMMISSIONER SIMPSONS FUNERAL ON THE CITIES BEHALF. HIS FAMILY APPRECIATES THE CITY AND THE CITY EMPLOYEES AND IT DIDN'T GO UNNOTICED.

17. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED HE WAS VERY PROUD OF HIS CREW FOR EVERYTHING THEY DID AT THE FUNERAL. HE IS SURE THAT MIKE WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD OF THEM TOO. THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING FINE.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT ARE PUTTING SIDE WALKS IN AND WORKING ON DITCHES RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE DOING FINE.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WATER AND SEWER IS DOING WELL. TRYING TO KEEP THE WATER RUNNING AND THE SEWER FLOWING. NO PROBLEMS AS OF RIGHT NOW. SHE STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE CHUCK WORTMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT THIS FRIDAY. HE HAS SPENT 37 YEARS WITH THE SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND HAS DONE A GREAT JOB. WE WILL MISS HIM, WISH HIM WELL, AND THANK HIM FOR SO MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. WE DO HAVE SOME INHOUSE BIDDING GOING ON FOR HIS POSITION. THE MAYOR STATED CONTRACTUALLY THAT WHEN EVER SOMEONE RETIRES THERE IS AN OPENING. WE ALLOW THE PUBLIC WORKS OR ANYONE TO BID ON THAT POSITION. IT IS PUT OUT AND POSTED. THE PERSON WITH THE MOST SENIORITY THAT POSTS THAT THEY WANT THAT POSITION GETS IT. THAT WILL HELP US, IF SOMEONE TAKES THE POSITION AT THE SEWER DEPARTMENT THEN WE WILL HAVE AN OPENING IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. THEN WE WILL HAVE TO HIRE SOMEONE FOR THAT DEPARTMENT. THAT PROCESS IS ONGOING.

18. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: STEVE SAWALICH ASKED WHAT ARE THEY DOING ON THESE CURBS AROUND TOWN? HE HASN'T SEEN ANYONE WORKING ON THEM AT ALL THIS WEEK. AND WHO IS DOING THE WORK? COMMISSIONER STANLEY ANSWERED

THEY HAVE NOT BEEN THERE THIS WEEK DUE TO THE WEATHER, AND IT IS IDOT THAT IS DOING ALL THE REPAIRS FROM THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN TO THE EAST SIDE CITY LIMITS. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY ARE MAKING THE CURBS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. THE MAYOR STATED THERE IS GOING TO BE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION FOR QUITE A WHILE. WE NEED TO GET THESE ROADS FIXED AND UNFORTUNATELY IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME AND DISRUPT SOME THINGS. I KNOW ITS GOING TO MAKE PEOPLE UNHAPPY, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE. OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE STATED INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, ITS JUST AS EASY TO TAKE ST. LOUIS STREET OR CLEVELAND STREET TO MISS ALL THE CONSTRUCTION TO GET TO WHERE YOU NEED TO GO.

MR HASTINGS WITH THE LOCAL NEWPAPER ASKED IS THE CONSTRUCTION THE REASON THE OLD KING COAL PARADE WILL NOT BE ON MAIN STREET? THE MAYOR STATED YES, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT DUE TO THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE; ITS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. HAVING THE PARADE ON MAIN STREET IS NOT GOING TO BE FEASIBLE. BUT IF THEY DECIDE TO HAVE IT ON AN ALTERNATE ROUTE, WE WILL WELCOME THAT.

19. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:34 P.M.

Tom Jordan
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

Angela Baker Deaton
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