WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

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

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10TH, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 14TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. 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 $264,903.57. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE HIRING OF OFFICERS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED HE ONLY HAS ONE QUESTION. WHO WILL BE FIRST AND SECOND IN SENIORITY? CHIEF PRUDENT STATED JUSTIN SAILLIEZ FINISHED 1ST SO HE WOULD BE HIRED FIRST; FOLLOWED BY DAKOTA JOSTEN IN ORDER BY HIRE DATE. HE STATED BOTH THESE GUYS WILL START THE ACADEMY JANUARY 13TH FOR FIFTEEN WEEKS. THE MAYOR STATED FOR THE RECORD RON HOWARD IS RETIRING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH, AND MICHEAL WILLIAMS LEFT TO GO TO HERRIN TO WORK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING AN INCREASE TO THE COST OF GOLF CART STICKERS FROM $35.00 TO $40.00 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022. CHIEF PRUDENT STATED WE SOLD 96 OF THESE LAST YEAR. THIS WILL HELP US OFF

SET COST A LITTLE BIT AND IS STILL BELOW THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. ITS ALSO MAKES IT EASIER ON DISPATCHERS GIVING CHANGE TO CUSTOMERS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING PURCHASING A TRUCK FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY WOULD LIKE A PICKUP TRUCK. THEY'VE HAD THEIR TRUCK LOOKED AT, THEY TOOK THE BED OFF AND TRIED TO WELD IT BACK TOGETHER. THE GUYS AT THE SEWER PLANT ARE AFRAID TO PULL ANYTHING WITH THAT TRUCK. THE MAYOR STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY THIS TO SAY WE GIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SEARCH AND LOOK FOR A TRUCK. THE MAYOR STATED JUST BRING US BACK A PROPOSAL OF WHAT IT IS THAT THEY ARE NEEDING FOR OUT THERE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,829.40 REGARDING PRELIMINARY AND SUPERVISORY ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE 2021 MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~

   DISH WIRELESS TURNED IN A BUILDING PERMIT FOR 205 WEST 9TH STREET. THEY ARE BUILDING A PAD NEXT TO THE ONE THEY ALEADY HAVE OUT THERE IN THE FENCED IN AREA. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

   JUSTIN SAILLIEZ ALSO TURNED IN A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A GARAGE AT 607 S. TAFT. HMH CONTRUCTIONS AND POLE BARNS IS THE CONTRACTOR. ESTIMATED COST IS $24,000.00. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT ~

THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION TO CHANGE THE PRICES OF LAKE STICKERS FROM $15.00 BACK TO THE ORIGINAL PRICE OF $30.00. WE LOWERED THE PRICE WHEN COVID HIT BACK IN 2020 AND WANTED TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY SOMETHING TO DO. THE MAYOR ASKED THE COUNCIL WHAT THEY SHOULD DO RAISE THE RATES OR LEAVE THEM AS THEY ARE? THEY ALL AGREED THEY SHOULD BE RAISED BACK UP. THE MAYOR STATED HE AGREED THEY HAVE A LOT OF MAINTENANCE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AT BOTH LAKES SO THIS INCREASE BACK UP WILL HELP COVER SOME OF THAT COST. SO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2022 THE RATES WILL GO BACK UP TO THE ORIGINAL PRICE AS BEFORE. THE MAYOR STATED THE REASON WE NEED TO DO THIS NOW IS THIS IS THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

THE MAYOR STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED IN CANDY CANE LANE. THE KOHZADI FAMILY AND ALL OF THEIR HELPERS THAT TOOK OVER THE EVENT FOR MR. MURPHY, THE CITY PARK AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR HOSTING THE EVENT, MIKE EBERHARDT FOR HELPING GET THE ELECTRIC MOVED TO THE PARK FOR THE KOHZADI'S TO USE TO RUN THE DISPLAYS. THEY ALL DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OUT THERE AND IT WAS A HUGE UNDERTAKING. HOPEFULLY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GO ON AND GROW EVERY YEAR. THE CITIES TAKE ON THIS WAS THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT OF THE COMMUNITY, MR. MURPHY SET THIS UP YEARS AGO, DURING HIS SICKNESS THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO TOOK OVER AND RAN IT WELL. SO, THE CITY TOOK ON A SUPPORTIVE ROLL TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ALREADY INVOLVED. I DON'T THINK GOVERNMENT SHOULD COME IN AND TAKE OVER SOMETHING THAT A PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ALREADY DOING A GREAT JOB WITH. IF THEY NEED OUR HELP FURTHER, WE WILL GIVE IT TO THEM.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THAT HE IS GLAD HIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE GETTING TWO NEW GUYS IN THERE. BOTH DEPARTMENTS ARE STAYING BUSY AS ALWAYS AND DOING A GREAT

JOB. HE ALSO STATED FIRE CHIEF ALLEN NEEDED TO ASK THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF AN ITEM.

FIRE CHIEF ALLEN STATED THAT THEY WILL BE LOSING ONE OF THEIR GUYS FOR ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY MR. JEFFORDS WILL BE GONE FOR A YEAR TO AFRICA. SO, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT FOR 60 DAYS TO FILL THIS SPOT WHILE HE IS GONE. I'VE CONTACTED ONE OF THE GUYS ON OUR LIST THAT HAS TESTED FOR US BEFORE TO SEE IF HE COULD FILL IN FOR US. HE WORKS FOR JEFFERSON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AS AN EMT SO HE HAS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS. HIS NAME IS PERRY WATKINS AND IM ASKING FOR APPROVAL FOR HIM TO START WORKING WITH US ON THE 31ST OF JANUARY. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. THE MAYOR STATED WE WILL SUPPORT MR. JEFFORDS AND HIS MILITARY DUTIES AND HE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A JOB HERE WITH US WHEN HE RETURNS.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THAT SHE REALLY DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT GUYS ARE STILL CUTTING TREES UP AND HAULING LIMBS SINCE THAT STORM THEY ARE STILL DOING CLEANUP. LARRY AND HIS GUYS ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED HER WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING FINE. WE DO NEED TO GET TOGETHER ABOUT A RATE INCREASE FOR THE SEWER. THE MAYOR STATED FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THEM. THE PROBLEM WITH THE SEWER RATES IS THAT THEY ARE SO LOW WE DON'T ACTUALLY MAKE ANY MONEY. WHEN YOU COMPARE THE COST OF OPERATIONS AND THE SEWER FEES, WE DON'T MAKE ANY MONEY. IF WE WANT TO GO BORROW MONEY TO GET A GRANT TO FIX SEWER ISSUES, THEY ARE GOING TO TELL US WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH REVENUE TO OPERATE WHAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY, THE MAYOR STATED.

11. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

12. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:29 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK