WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY, 12, 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 22nd, 2020 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 $273,786.06. 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, ABOUT THE PRICE OF LAKE STICKERS. THE MAYOR STATED THAT LAST YEAR DUE TO THE COVID OUTBREAK WE HAD LOWERED THE PRICE DUE TO PEOPLE LOSING JOBS AND LOOKING FOR SOMETHING OUTDOORS TO DO. THEY WERE LOWERED FROM $30 TO $15. JUST WANTED TO GIVE THE COUNCIL THE OPTION TO KEEP THE PRICE THE SAME OR RAISE IT BACK. THEY WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT THE CONIDITION IS STILL IN EFFECT OF COVID THAT CAUSED US TO LOWER THE PRICE AND THAT IT SHOULD STAY $15 AND REVISIT AGAIN AT THE END OF THE YEAR. ACTIVE SERVICE OR MITILARY ARE FREE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, IL AS SURPLUS PUBLIC REAL ESTATE UNDER THE ORDINANCE MP-5. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AT 610 S. SKELTON TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL

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5B. APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, IL AS SURPLUS PUBLIC REAL ESTATE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THESE ARE BIDS TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY NOT TO DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS A DONATION TO THE CITY. BIDS WILL BE OPENED THE MORNING OF JANUARY 26, 2021.COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DOOR DOCTOR OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FOR $1,760.00 FOR AN OVERHEAD DOOR AT 320 EAST MAIN. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,709.03 FOR A NEW VFD PUMP #2. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A SUBSCRIPTION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETING CORP. FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ALLEN STATED IT'S A SOFTWARE THAT WE USE; ITS ON OUR PHONES, DISPATCH, HAS MAPPING ON IT ALONG WITH HYDRANTS. SURROUNDING CITIES HAVE IT AS WELL SO WE CAN LOCATE HYDRANTS AND LOCATION OF A CALL. WE'VE HAD IT FOR 5 YEARS. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO A 5 YEAR ANNUALLY PAYMENT AT $660 A YEAR. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. CONTRACTOR'S PAY ESTIMATE #2 TO WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $64,013.98 FOR THE MONROE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT.

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

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #1 TO BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,667.58 FOR THE MONROE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE, MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE OF CONTRACTOR'S PAY ESTIMATE #3 TO WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $46,564.54 FOR THE TAFT STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION - PHASE 2 PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #3 TO BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,860.21 FOR THE TAFT STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – PHASE 2 PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,932.11 HMA OVERLAY JOB #2020-180. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,507.00. 2021 RENEWAL PREMIUMS TO COMPLETE EQUITY MARKETS INC. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. OFFICER'S REPORT –

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020. CHIEF PRUDENT REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 1,076 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 25 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 3 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 36 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 1 FIGHT IN PROGRESS, 15 ALARMS, 4 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 3 BURGLARIES, 4 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 3 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 27 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 82 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. 24 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 135 TRAFFIC STOPS, ISSUED 44 CITIATIONS, 115 WARNINGS, AND 10 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 44 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 1 JUVENILE, RESULTING IN 44 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED. DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,378 CALLS. OF THOSE, 667 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 132 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 1,076 WERE FOR POLICE, 223 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE, 17 WERE FOR THOMPSONVILLE FIRE/EMS, AND 15 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS. FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, WE COLLECTED $1,705.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020. CHIEF ALLEN REPORTED THEY HAD 192-AMBULANCE CALLS, 2- RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 3- BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 5 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 5 FIRE ALARM, 3 VEHICLE FIRES, 6 FIRE EMERGENCY (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN), 3 STRUCTURE FIRES AND 3 SMOKE SCARES. 0 MUTAL AID CALLS. FOR A TOTAL OF 222 CALLS. DURING THE MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 45,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $22,118.56 FOR AMBULANCE CALLS IN DECEMBER. FOR THE 2020 YEAR WE'VE COLLECTED $537,389.11 IN AMBULANCE CALLS.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 3 BUILDING PERMITS WERE ISSUED. RENTAL PROPERTIES- 10 RENTAL INSPECTIONS, COMPLAINTS-70 NUISANCE COMPLAINT PHONE CALLS, 14 NUISANCE LETTERS MAILED, 80 NUISANCE COMPLAINTS RESOLVED. BUILDINGS- 3 OCCUPANCY PROHIBITED SIGNS POSTED, 2 DANGEROUS & BURNED OUT BUILDINGS IDENTIFIED, 35 DANDEROUS & BURNED OUT BUILDINGS IN PROGRESS, 3 DANGEROUS & BURNED OUT BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED, 2 FILES GIVEN TO ATTORNEY. VEHICLES- 6 INOPERABLE/ABANDONED VEHICLES LETTERS MAILED, 5 INOPERABLE/ABANDONED VEHICLES RESOLVED.

16. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~

    VALERIE REED 1008 E POPLAR STREET. THE MAYOR STATED SHE IS GOING TO BUILD A NEW GARAGE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. MAYORS COMMENTS: WE HAD A CONFERENCE CALL WITH BI COUNTY HEALTH. THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY AND WILLIAMSON COUNTY ARE GOING TO START DOING COVID VACCINATIONS. WE ARE RIGHT NOW IN PHASE 1A WHICH IS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, HEALTHCARE FIELD ARE GETTING IT NOW IF THEY WANT TO. SOMETIME NEXT WEEK PROLY TUESDAY 19TH THEY WILL START DOING PEOPLE THAT ARE OVER 65. THERE WILL BE A WEBSITE THAT IS SHOULD BE COMING OUT THURSDAY. WHICH YOU CAN GO ONTO AND CHOICE THE DAY YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPOINTMENT TO GET THE VACCINE. THESE WILL START AT THE MARION PAVILLION TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 8AM-6PM. AND AT THE VF MALL ON THURSDAY IN THE VANITY FAIR SPACE AND POSSIBLY ON SATURDAYS AS WELL. THE CITY IS COOPERATING WITH BI COUNTY HEALTH AND FRANKLIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO OFFER THE SPACE OUT THERE. WE ARE NOT COORDINATING THE SHOTS YOU NEED TO CALL BI COUNTY HEALTH; WE ARE JUST PROVIDING THE SPACE. THIS COULD GO ON OUT THERE FOR 3 MONTHS OR LONGER. FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON BI COUNTY WILL BE RUNNING THIS, THERE WILL BE A WEBSITE YOU CAN GO TO THAT WILL BE UP THURSDAY. IT'S A FREE VACCINE. THEY ARE EVEN GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE YOUR CAR TO WALK IN THE CLINIC THEY ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE A WAY TO COME OUTSIDE TO ADMINISTER THE SHOT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT IT PLEASE CONTACT FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON BI COUNTY HEALTH. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON ASKED WHICH VACCINE ARE THEY GIVING OUT THERE? MODERNA IS THE ONE THEY HAVE; REPLIED THE MAYOR. THE MAYOR AND MATT TOSH OF BROWN & ROBERTS HAD A CONVERSATION AFTER THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING. WE TALKED ABOUT THE LINE FROM 5TH STREET AND WE ARE GOING TO TELEVISE FROM 5TH ALL THE WAY DOWN TO 4TH STREET THEN TURN AND GO TO THE WEST ALL THE WAY TO COCHRAN AND GO UP AND OVER DOWN TO BRYAN. GOING TO MAKE SURE THOSE LINES ARE OPEN. THE MAYOR ALSO HAD A LETTER

THAT WAS SENT FROM IDOT TO US ABOUT THE DRAINAGE OUT ON THE INTERSTATE. THEY HAD SOME PROBLEMS AND THIS IS FROM OUR OTHER ENGINEER MIKE ROBERTS IN WHICH THE EVENT THAT HAPPENED ON JUNE 30TH, 2020 WAS A ONCE IN A TWO HUNDRED YEAR EVENT. THEY RECEIVED 5 ½" INCHES OF RAIN IN TWO HOURS. THERE ARE PICTURES OF THE INTERSTATE, AND HOW IT WAS FLOODED. THE ENGINEERS FROM IDOT HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THAT IDOT COULD DO DIFFERENTLY. YOUR DRAINING SYSTEM AND SYSTEMS IN PLACE COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT LIKE THAT. WE ARE GOING TO GET THOSE LINES TELEVISED AND SEE IF THERE IS A BLOCKAGE OR ANYTHING. CONTINUE TO LOOK TO SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

18. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GUYS ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED HE REALLY HAD NOTHING AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THESTREET DEPT IS DOING A GOOD JOB. GOT ALL THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWN AND PUT AWAY EXCEPT FOR TREE. JUST WAITING ON GARAGE DOOR TO BE PUT IN AND IT WILL COME DOWN. LARRY IS DOING A GREAT JOB!

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THE WATER AND SEWER IS WORKING MAINTAINENCE AS MUCH AS THEY CAN. THEY ARE CHECKING SOME PIPES FOR DRAINAGE ISSUES. TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE PROBLEM WE HAD BACK IN JUNE. THEY ARE LOOKING INTO TRYING TO SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS. THEY ARE DOING GREAT; THEY ARE KEEPING UP WITH THE DEMANDS.

19. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

MATT TOSH STATED THAT THE 1ST STEP IS TELEVISE THE LINES; MAKE SURE THERE IS NOT AN OBSTRUCTION OR SOMETHING THAT IS BACKING UP FLOW WHEN THERE IS WET WEATHER. IF ITS NOT THAT THEN YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE SOURCE IS IF WE CAN FIND A SOURCE; THEN PRESENT OPTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL.

MRS PUCKETT HAS TWO QUESTIONS. 1. HAVE ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THE MAYOR BEEN TO THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH

MULBERRY OVER THE COURSE OF THE DAYS JANUARY 3RD AND 4TH TO WITNESS THE BOILING OVER OF SEWAGE THAT IS STILL ON THE STREET TO THIS DAY? THE MAYOR STATES THAT HE HAS AND THAT HE HAS PICTURES OF IT. NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY IT RAINED. HE STATED THIS IS PART OF THE PROJECT THAT THE CITY IS TALKING TO MATT TOSH ABOUT. MRS PUCKETT STATED SHE HAS VIDEOS OF EACH DAY IF THE MAYOR NEEDS THEM OR SHE CAN SEND THEM TO THE EPA? SHE DIDN'T KNOW IF SHE SENDS IT TO THEM IF IT WILL HELP THE CITY SECURE FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR. RAW SEWAGE, FECES, TAMPONS, TOILET PAPER, ETC THAT'S DRIED ALL OVER THE ROAD RIGHT NOW. THE OTHER QUESTION IS DO YOU HAVE A PROJECTED DATE OF WHEN THEY MIGHT BE RECEIVING CORRESPONDANCE, THE ANSWER TO OUR EMAIL THAT WE ASKED FOR AT THE LAST MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED WE CONTACTED OUR INSURANCE COMPANY, CYTHIA LOVELESS WHO THE SENIOR CLAIMS ADJUSTER. SHE SAID SHE RECEIVED A CALL BACK FROM MRS PUCKETT AND WENT OVER WITH HER WHY THE CITY WAS NOT LIABLE; SHE WAS VERY NICE. SHE SENT A DENIAL LETTER ON 8/4/20. MRS PUCKETT STATED THAT IS A BOLD FACE LIE ALL UP UNTIL THE LETTER. UP TO THE LETTER IS THE TRUTH WE HAD THAT CONVERSATION. BUT SHE DID NOT SEND A DENIAL LETTER STATED MRS PUCKETT. MRS PUCKETT ASKED THAT SHE REPRODUCE THAT AND MAIL IT AGAIN THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THE MAYOR STATED IM JUST READING WHAT SHE SENT TO US. HE STATED SHE ALSO TALKED TO BETH GRAFF ON THE SAME DAY. THE MAYOR STATED HE WOULD GET ANOTHER COPY OF THE DENIAL LETTER AND HAVE IT SENT TO MRS PUCKETT AND MRS GRAFF. MR TOSH STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR HUBBLE AT THE SEWER DEPT AND THEY HAVE CONTACTED KEVIN SKUTA TO COME DO THE WORK IN THE COMING WEEKS. MRS PUCKETT STATED THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR YEARS THIS ISNT A NEW OR RECENT PROBLEM. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE COMMITTED TO FIXING IT; IT IS GOING TO TAKE TIME, BE WE ARE LOOKING INTO IT.

20. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:41 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK