WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER SIMPSON AND COMMISSIONER WARREN WERE IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS WAS ABSENT.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 14, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF $221,373.28. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE AND POLICE MERIT BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE AN OPENING ON THE MERIT BOARD AND AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO PLACE BILL TROUT A RETIRED PATROLMEN ON THE MERIT BOARD. THIS COMES FROM A RECOMMENDATION FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEARWAVE REGARDING A FULLY MANAGED PHONE SYSTEM AND AN UPGRADE TO 200/40 Mbps FIBER INTERNET CONNECTION FOR THE NEW CITY HALL. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS TO MOVE INTO THE NEW CITY HALL. WE HAVE CONTACTED CLEARWAVE ABOUT A FULLY OPERATING PHONE SYSTEM THAT WE WILL BE LEASING FROM THEM. IT WILL BE A FIBER OPTIC INTERNET SYSTEM THAT WILL GIVE US THE ABILITY TO LIVE

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

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUED COVERAGE OF KEY BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS AS THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OF RECORD FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT'S HEALTH INSURANCE.THE MAYOR STATED WE MET WITH THEM AND THERE IS NO INCREASE AS FAR AS THE PREMIUMS GO. OVERALL WITH OUR INSURANCE WE ARE DOING AS GOOD AS WE CAN. WE HAVE TELEDOC NOW HEALTHIEST YOU AND THE KEY BENEFITS IS PROBABLY GOING TO OFFER US THE SAME THING WITH THEIR COMPANY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A COST SAVING THERE.IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE CONTINUE WITH KEY BENEFITS FOR OUR HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON 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 OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED THESE PROPERTIES ARE LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE. 1704 E. OAK, 408 N. COCHRAN, 201 N. JACKSON, 603 S. BROWN, 210 W. ST. LOUIS, 214 WASHINGTON BLVD AND 1304 W. OAK. WE ARE DECLARING THESE PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND OUR NEXT ACTION WILL BE TO COME UP WITH SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WITH THESE PROPERTIES. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD PROJECTS FOR DEMOLITION. THE MAYOR STATED THESE ARE PROPERTIES WE RECEIVED OFF OF THE TAX ROLE. 1704 E. OAK WE HAVE THREE BIDDERS: JOPLIN SALVAGE $3,150.00, NEAT CUT LAWN CARE $3,800.00, KDCRANE $10,900.00. THE NEXT ONE IS 408 N. COCHRAN: JOPLIN SALVAGE $3,750.00, NEAT CUT $4,200.00, KD CRANE $10,900.00. 201 N. JACKSON: JOPLIN $3,500.00, NEAT CUT $4,700.00, KD CRANE $10,900.00. 603 S. BROWN: JOPLIN $3,500.00, NEAT CUT $4,700.00, KD CRANE $11,700.00. 1210 W. ST. LOUIS: JOPLIN

$3,750.00, NEAT CUT $5,100.00, KD CRANE $13,400.00. 214 WASHINGTON BLVD: JOPLIN $3,750.00, NEAT CUT $4,800.00, KD CRANE $9,900.00. COMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I WILL MAKE A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS TO JOPLIN SALVAGE THE LOW BIDDER ON EACH PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO STOCK BOTH LAKES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF 303 & 305 W. MAIN STREET. THE MAYOR STATED WE TABLED AND REJECTED THE BID LAST TIME I THINK IT WAS $29,000.00 FOR THIS PROPERTY, IT IS A COMBINED STRUCTURE JUST WEST OF RT. 37 ON 149. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APPROVAL TO DO IS JOPLIN SALVAGE HAS AGREED THAT HE WILL HELP US WITH THE DEMOLITION AS FAR AS THE BUILDING. WE WERE GOING TO SEE IF THE STREET DEPARTMENT WORKERS COULD DO IT AND MR. JOPLIN SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP US OUT. HE HAS A SEMI HE CAN HELP HAUL AND FOR $500.00 PER LOAD HE WILL TAKE IT TO THE LANDFILL AND WE WILL PAY ANY LAND FILL FEE. I THINK IT IS A GREAT OFFER FROM HIM AND HOWEVER MANY LOADS THERE ARE WE WILL PAY $500.00 PER LOAD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING NEW BILLING RATES FOR AMBULANCE CALLS. THE MAYOR STATED I WILL RECOGNIZE OUR FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN. JODY ALLEN STATED I HAD A COUPLE OF MEETINGS WITH SOME OTHER AMBULANCE SERVICES AND DURING THOSE MEETINGS THE PRICE OF THEIR FEES THEY ARE CHARGING ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT WE ARE CHARGING. AFTER LOOKING INTO IT WE HAVEN'T CHANGED OUR RATES SINCE 2011. OUR RATES RIGHT NOW ARE IN BROKE DOWN INTO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, HE CONTINUED ON TO EXPLAIN THE BREAKDOWN AND THE FEES THE COMMUNITEIS AROUND US CHARGE. JODY STATED MOST OF OUR MEDICAL BILLING IS MEDICARE AND MEDICADE. OUT OF A $900.00 BILL MEDICARE WILL PAY US $618.00 AND MEDICADE WE RECEIVE $194.39. THE MAYOR ASKED IF THIS IS THE MAXIMUM, THEY WILL PAY NO MATTER WHAT WE BILL OR IS IT A PERCENTAGE? JODY STATED IT IS THE MAXIMUM

THEY WILL PAY. WE HAVE A MILEAGE FEE AND NO MATTER WHAT THE BILL IS THEY WILL ONLY PAY US $114.00. MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO DO A 4-5 YEAR RAISE AND THE BASIC RATE FOR ALS-2 $1,100.00 AND JUST THE ALS BASIC RATE WILL BE $1000.00. THE MAYOR STATED SO WE ARE GOING TO GO FROM $900.00 TO $1,100.00. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED SO YOU ARE RAISING THE RATES THIS YEAR AND THEN YOU WANT A 3% INCREASE EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE MAYOR STATED IF WE HAVENT RAISED IT SINCE 2011 AND WE ARE GOING TO GO UP $200.00 AND ARE GOING TO RAISE THE MILEAGE. I AM OKAY WITH RAISING THE RATES I AM JUST WONDERING IF IT HAS BEEN EIGHT YEARS IS A $200.00 INCREASE ENOUGH? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED ARE THOSE RATES COMPARATIVE TO WHAT THE OTHER AMBULANCE SERVICES ARE CHARGING? JODY STATED YES, OTHER THAN ABBOT.THE MAYOR STATED THIS WILL BE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN WITH A 3% INCREASE EVERY YEAR. WHAT DATE WILL THIS TAKE EFFECT? JODY STATED MARCH 1ST, 2020. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM COMPLETE EQUITY MARKETS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,400.00 REGARDING THE CITY'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE AND THEY SET THAT RATE BASED ON OUR PAYROLL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM UZMAN ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF $3, 976.42.THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER CHARGES FOR THE INSPECTION ON CAPTAIN PRAK'S BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON 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 FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM SINC IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,195.26 TO REPLACE AND UPDATE 4 COMPUTER WORK STATIONS ON THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED WE NEEDED TO GET THEM UP TO DATE WITH WHAT WE GOT OVER THERE. THIS SHOULD KEEP US UP TO DATE ON EVERYTHING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM MANURE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,294.00 TO REMOVE SLUDGE FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM JULIE, INC. IN THE AMOUNTOF $1,950.79 FOR ANNUAL CHARGES. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,225.00 REGARDING THE REPAIR OF A WATER LEAK ON W. MAIN STREET. COMMISSIONER WARRANT STATED THAT WAS THE ONE A FEW WEEKS AGO ON EAST MAIN STREET NOT WEST MAIN STREET. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM PRITCHETT SUPPLY CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,654.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HOSE FOR ENGINE 2403 FOR THE WFFD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

    N/A

19. MAYORS COMMENTS:

    WHEN TARA IS HERE, WE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THE NO PARKING ON THE 1200, 1300 & 1400 BLOCK OF E. OAK STREET.

20. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

    COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED EVERYTHING IS RUNNING FINE IN MY DEPARTMENTS.

    COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL.

    COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED EVERYTHING IS GOING GOOD

21. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

    IS CLEARWAVE GOING TO BE AVAILABE FOR EVERYONE? THE CITY CLERK STATED I BELIEVE THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN CERTAIN AREAS AND I DON'T BELIEVE THEY ARE RESIDENTAL.

    ARE YOU GUYS MOVING TO THE NEW BUILDING THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL? THE MAYOR STATED WE HOPE TO.

    I WAS INFORMED BY A NEIGHBOR THAT IN THE

22. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, LAND ACQUISITION AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:37 P.M.

23. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:04 P.M. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

24. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:06 P.M.

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MAYOR TOM JORDAN ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK