WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

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 MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 24, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO HIRE TRISTAN "T.J." WILLIS AND JOSH MIXON FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF PURDENT STATED OVER THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE HAD TWO OFFICERS RESIGN AND ONE OFFICER RETIRE. WE HAVE JUST RECENTLY FINISHED OUR HIRING TEST, TJ FINISHED NUMBER ONE AND JOSH FINISHED NUMBER TWO, SO I AM REQUESTING WE SEND THEM TO THE ACADEMY. I WOULD LIKE TO HIRE THEM STARTING DECEMBER 4TH, 2023 TO GIVE THEM A TWO WEEKS NOTICE WHERE THEY ARE WORKING AT NOW, AND THEN GET THEIR FEET UNDER THEM BEFORE THEY GO TO THE ACADEMY. SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT T.J. IS HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER, GRANDFATHER AND FATHER HAVE ALL BEEN POLICE OFFICERS IN WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AS SURPLUS PUBLIC REAL ESTATE UNDER ORDINANCE MP-5. THE MAYOR STATED THESE ARE FOR THE TWO DOWN TOWN LOCATIONS AT 222 E MAIN, AND 228 E MAIN. WE HAVE FINALLY GOT ALL OF THE WORK DONE WE NEEDED TO DO TO GET THEM READY TO SALE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION

CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT BIDS ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 222 EAST MAIN AND 228 EAST MAIN. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED IS TWO WEEKS LONG ENOUGH TO BID OR SHOULD WE EXTEND TO A MONTH? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED TWO WEEKS IS THE RULE BUT IF THE CITY WOULD WANT TO PAY FOR LONGER ADVERTISING THAT WOULD BE FINE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IT IS JUST A THOUGHT TO MAKE SURE WE GET ENOUGH BIDS AND GIVE PEOPLE MORE TIME AS LONG AS IT IS LEGAL. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED IT IS LEGAL TO EXTEND. THE MAYOR AGREED AND SAID WE CAN DO THAT. SINCE A MOTION WAS ALREADY MADE, AND NO SECOND WAS MADE, THAT MOTION DROPS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE EXTENDING BIDS TO ONE MONTH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED SINCE THEY VOTED ON CHANGING THE ORDINANCE, THEY NOW NEED TO CALL A VOTE ON AMENDED ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE THE 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 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP. FOR A MUNICIPAL AUDIT PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HARD TO FIND AN AUDITOR, THIS IS ABOUT THE FOURTH OR FIFTH FIRM THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO GET TO AGREE TO DO THE AUDIT. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF AUDITORS SO BAD THAT THE STATE GAVE US A NINTY DAY EXTENTION TO GET THE AUDIT DONE. I AM VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THEY GAVE US A PROPOSAL THAT IS VERY CLOSE TO WHAT WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST. THEY ARE GOING TO DO THE AUDIT FOR $29,460.00 PLUS $4,750.00 FOR A SINGLE AUDIT THAT IS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS MORE THAN $750,000.00. THE MAYOR STATED LAUTERBACH & AMEN ALREADY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY THROUGH OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE CITY ATTORNEY REINK STATED THAD HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THIS, AND HE HAS FOUND A COUPLE CITIES AND A COUNTY THAT WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH. I HAVE A PARTIAL DRAFT THAT I HAVE DONE AND WILL SHOW YOU IN CLOSED SESSION, BUT SINCE THAD IS OUT, I WOULD LIKE HIM TO BE HERE AT THE SAME TIME AS WE VOTE FOR THAT. MAYOR ARVIEW STATED WE WILL TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL WE GET ALL OF THAT TOGETHER. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE VOORHEES/GOFORTH FAMILY TO SPONSOR THE FANTASY OF LIGHTS PARADE TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. THE MAYOR ASKED DOES ANYONE KNOW WHO THE CONTACT IS TO SIGN UP TO BE IN THE PARADE? THE CITY CLERK STATED CHRISTY GOFORTH IS IN CHARGE OF IT, IF ANYONE NEEDS HER PHONE NUMBER, THEY CAN CALL CITY HALL AND WE CAN GIVE IT TO THEM. COMMISSIONER STANELY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LABORERS LOCAL 773/DISPATCHERS TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,2026. THE MAYOR STATED THE ATTORNEY'S HAVE LOOKED IT OVER AND IT IS GOOD AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED, AND GOOD AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THE POTENTIAL ISSUE THAT WE HAD, WE HAVE FOUND OUT THERE IS NOT AN ISSUE ABOUT THEM COMING BACK FOR PARODY FOR THE OTHER GROUPS, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ADDING ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE NOT ALREADY GIVEN TO OTHERS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED HE STILL HAS A QUESTION ABOUT IT REGARDING SICK LEAVE. THE MAYOR STATED WE REALLY NEED TO GET THIS APPROVED, IT'S BEEN NEGOTIATED IT IS NOT A PARODY ISSUE SO IT IS NOT GOING TO BE A PROBLEM. ITEM FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ILLINOIS FOP LABOR COUNCIL/SWORN POLICE OFFICERS TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,2026. THE MAYOR STATED, SAME ISSUE HERE THE LANUGAGE IS CLEARED UP THE ATTORNEY'S HAVE ALL LOOKED IT OVER. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. THE MAYOR STATED I AM NOT SURE WHY YOU WONT SECOND THIS ONE, BECAUSE IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DISPATCHERS. THIS ONE IS THE ONE THAT RHETT BARKEY ACTUALLY WROTE THE LANGUAGE FOR IT. ITEM FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ILLINOIS FOP LABOR COUNCIL/CAPTAINS TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,2026. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSONER WARREN STATED I JUST WANT TO SAY MY OPINION IS I JUST GOT THIS CONTRACT MONDAY AND NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE LAST MEETING AND THIS MEETING FOR ME WITH ANYBODY TO DISCUSS WHAT WAS GOING ON. THERE WERE A COUPLE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE AND WE CAN'T MEET TO TALK ABOUT THNGS. MY PERSONAL OPINION IS WE TALK ABOUT THIS IN CLOSED SESSION, GET THESE QUESTIONS CLEARED UP THAT WE HAVE SO WE CAN GET THIS DONE. HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. ITEM FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED DRAFT OF THE NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND DEPARTMENT HEADS EMPLOYEES TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026. THE MAYOR STATED IN MY OPINION ITEMS NUMBER ELEVEN, TWELVE, AND THRITEEN SHOULD NOT BE ON HERE. WE DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE APPOINTED BECAUSE THEY COULD BE CHANGED. BUT THE CITY PASSED THAT BEFORE I WAS MAYOR, SO NOW WE HAVE UPDATES WITH JUST NAMES THAT HAVE CHANGED ON THESE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED DRAFT OF THE NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CITY

HALL EMPLOYEES TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED DRAFT OF THE NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TREASURER TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING DONATIONS TO REDBIRD LIVE! THROUGH THE VIDEO GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED THERE HAS BEEN SOME BACK AND FORTH ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WE HAVE GOT POSSIBLY TWO MEDIA SOURCES TO BROADCAST REDBIRD GAMES WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE OTHER ONE LATER IN THE AGENDA. I THINK THIS IS AWESOME THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE STEPPING UP TO DO THIS, I AM ALL FOR IT. REDBIRD LIVE! IS ASKING FOR THE CITY TO DONATE TO SPONSOR THE BROADCAST, THEIR GOLD SPONSORSHIP IS $1,000, I BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

MIKE SMITH WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND SPOKE, HE IS ONE OF THE FATHERS OF THE ONES THAT WILL BE DOING THE BROADCASTING. MR. SMITH STATED HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS, BEEN A BOARD MEMBER OF THE WF RECREATION ASSOCIATION, WF PARK DISTRICT, AND SERVED ON OTHER ELECTED AND APPOINTED BOARDS. MY SON HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR WJPF THEY WANTED MY SON TO START SOMETHING LIVE. THIS WILL GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BUSINESS OWNERS, TO KEEP THEIR MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND GIVE IT TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHERE IT IS NEEDED. THEY FELT THROUGH OTHER TYPES ADVERTISEMENTS, THEY WERE LOSING FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THEIR MONEY TO AGENCIES WHO DID NOT LIVE OR PROVIDE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. ALL OF THE MONEY STAYS IN WEST FRANKFORT AND SUPPORTS THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. HE THANKED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO CANDY CANE LANE THROUGH THE TOURISM FUND. IRIS KOHZADI AND SCHANNONE STEINBERGER WAS IN THE AUDIENCE, IRIS STATED WE HAVE A GROUP OF FIVE OF US THAT MADE A COMMITTEE. MY HUSBAND WORKS IN MARION AND TWO YEARS AGO THE CITY OF MARION ASKED HIM TO BRING CANDY CANE LANE TO MARION. HE SAID IF WE CAN'T DO IT IN WEST FRANKFORT, WE WON'T DO IT AT ALL. THE MORELAND'S CHARGES US MINIMAL RENT AT ONE OF THEIR BUILDINGS TO STORE OUR DECORATIONS. THE DONATIONS GO TOWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS, THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO FIVE STUDENTS FROM WEST FRANKFORT. WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THIS YEAR GIVING ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP TO A STUDENT THAT LIVES OUT OF TOWN, WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO BE ABLE TO APPLY. WE HAVE PUT IN A LOT OF HOURS INTO THIS, WE WILL HAVE NEW SCENES OUT THIS YEAR. YOU CAN VISIT CANDY CANE LANE AT THE WEST FRANKFORT PARK, SCENES WILL BE ON BOTH SIDES THIS YEAR. THE MAYOR ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY ARE YOU GUYS NEEDING? SCHANNONE STATED IT COSTS US ABOUT $10,000 A YEAR TO KEEP IT GOING TO MAINTAIN, HOWEVER MUCH THE CITY CAN GIVE US WILL BE APPRECIATED. WE ARE HOPING THIS YEAR WITH DONATIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH TO CARRY OVER FOR NEXT YEAR AND TO BE FOR EMERGENCIES IF THINGS NEED REPLACED, WIRES GET CUT ECT.

    COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO DONATE $2,000.00, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING OFFERS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEEMED AS SURPLUS. THE MAYOR STATED THESE BIDS WERE FROM OUR AUCTION. THE FIRST ONE IS A BID OF $3,100.00 FOR 611 W 7TH STREET (THREE LOTS), BY THOMAS AND LISA FILKINS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING OFFERS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEEMED AS SURPLUS. THE SECOND ONE IS A BID OF $1,100.00 FOR 308 N TAFT STREET BY CHARLES HALL, COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANELY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING OFFERS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEEMED AS SURPLUS.THE THIRD ONE IS A BID OF $ 1,100.00 FOR 306 N TAFT STREET BY CHARLES HALL. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING OFFERS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEEMED AS SURPLUS.THE LAST ONE IS A BID OF $1,100.00 FOR 1204 E CLARK ST BY GAYE BLADES, WILLIAM HELBNER, AND KIMBERLY HELBNER. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION FROM RETAIL STRATEGIES REGARDING THEIR PROPOSAL TO ASSIT THE CITY WITH ECONOMIC GROWTH. JOHN TIEDT WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND SPOKE ABOUT WHAT THEIR COMPANY WILL DO FOR OUR CITY. HE STATED HE WORKS OUT OF BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA AND WE WORK WITH CITIES ALL ACROSS AMERICA TO HELP BRING RETAIL. WE TRY TO KEEP TAX REVENUE FROM WEST FRANKFORT RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WHO COME HERE TO USE YOUR STREETS, POLICE, FIRE ECT. OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE YOUR CITY GETS AS MUCH REVENUE AS POSSIBLE. WHAT I HAVE NOTICED THE CITY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THE VACANT BUILDINGS, FORTUNATELY FOR YOU IS THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE WANT WHO ARE INVESTING INTO QUICK SERVICE RESTAURANTS, OR RAN DOWN STRIP MALLS AND TRYING TO REBUILD THEM. WE WANT TO HELP CITIES WITH WHAT THEY REALLY NEED BUT DOESN'T HAVE THE TIME, THE NETWORK OR EXPERIENCE TO GO AFTER RETAIL. WE ARE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CITY AND WILL DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CITY AT ALL TIMES. WE HAVE A MARKETING GUIDE THAT WE CAN LEAVE THAT FOR THE CITY TO HELP THEM WITH INDUSTRAIL, HOUSING PROJECTS, ETC. WE LOG ANY INTERACTIONS WITH ANY BUSINESS WE TALK TO, AND AT ANYTIME THE CITY CAN ACCESS THAT TO SEE THE PROGRESS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED IS THERE ANY TOWNS CLOSE TO

HERE THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS HELPED OUT? MR. TIEDT STATED WE HAVE WORKED WITH PADUCAH LANDED QUITE A FEW THINGS FOR THEM. WE TRY NOT TO GET TO CLOSE TO AN AREA WE ARE ALREADY WORKING WITH. THE MAYOR STATED I FIRST LEARNED OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE IML CONFERENCE, WHAT WAS IT THAT BROUGHT YOU TO THAT OR HOW DID IT COME ABOUT? MR. TIEDT STATED WE HAVE BEEN SPEAKING AT THEM FOR YEARS, A LOT OF IT IS TO GO TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN CITIES. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED FOR A LITTLE TOWN LIKE THIS, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BRING IN?
MR. TIEDT STATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLY, REPLACING THE VACANT BUILDINGS THAT ARE IN TOWN. LONG TERM I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE STRIP MALL GETTING BUSINESSES IN THERE. G. DAVID GREEN FROM THE AUDIENCE ASKED HOW DOES YOUR COMPANY MANEUVER THROUGH THE ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE LAWS BY TRANSFERING REAL ESTATE, ALSO HOW IS YOUR COMPANY PAID? IS IT A PERCENTAGE PER UNIT? MR. TIEDT STATED WE HAVE REAL ESTATE LICENSESES, AND THE CITY PAYS US A FLAT RATE. IRIS KOHZADI STATED A LOT OF OUR BUSINESS IN TOWN ARE RAN BY LOCAL FAMILIES, IS THERE A WAY YOU CAN FOCUS ON SOME DIFFERENT KINDS OF BUSINESSES NOT ONES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE? MR. TIEDT SAID YES, WE WORK FOR THE CITY, SO IF THEY TELL US WE ALREADY HAVE A GREAT THING GOING WITH A CERTAIN BUSINESS WE WILL WORK ON SOMETHING ELSE. COMMISSONER WARREN ASKED SINCE MARION IS GETTING ALL OF THESE BIGGER BUSINESSES IS THERE A RADIUS BUSINESSES HAVE? ALSO DOES STORES FOLLOW OTHER STORES, BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING A STARBUCKS? MR. TIEDT ANSWERED YES, EVERY BUSINESS HAS DIFFERENT PARAMETERS. HE ALSO SAID CERTAIN STORES DO ATTEND TO FOLLOW STORES. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING RESCUE TASK FORCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. CAPTAIN JEFFORDS STATED THE RESCUE TASK FORCE OLD MODEL WAS, WE LET THE POLICE DO THEIR THING, EMS WAITS UNTIL SCENE WAS SECURED, WE WOULD GO IN TO HELP THE VICTIMS SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A WAY TO DEFEND OUR SELVES. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS IF IT'S A BIGGER AREA SOME COMPLEX ATTACKS CAN TAKE LONGER TO GET TO THEM. NOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE POLICE, ONCE THEY HAVE DONE THEIR SEARCH, SOME OFFICERS WILL PAIR UP WITH EMS TO GET TO VICTIMS QUICKER. THE FBI DEEMED FIFTY-FIVE MASS SHOOTINGS LAST YEAR AND UNFORTUNATELY ITS GETTING MORE COMMON, WE JUST WANT TO TAKE A PROACTIVE APPORACH FOR THIS, WE ARE COMPLETING TRAININGS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SO WE ARE READY IF IT

EVER HAPPENS. WE HAVE ALEARDY SECURED PROTECTIVE VESTS FOR US AND SCHEDULED MORE TRAININGS.WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR IS THE ACTUAL EQUIPMENT FOR IT SUCH AS TOURNIQUETS, BANDAGES, BAGS TO PUT IT ALL IN THAT WOULD BE STAGED ON EACH OF OUR AMBULANCES AS WELL AS OUR LIFE SUPPORT ENGINE WILL HAVE ONE. WE HAVE A GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND FOR $9,100.00 THAT WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE EQUIPMENT. A LOT OF TOWNS AROUND US HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS AS WELL, THIS IS IF SOMETHING WAS TO HAPPEN, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO REPSOND AND START TREATING RATHER THAN WAITING FOR OTHER MUTAL AID PARTNERS TO COME AND ASSIST. COMMISSONER STANLEY ASKED HOW LONG DOES THE EQUIPMENT LAST? CAPTAIN JEFFORDS STATED MAJORITY OF THIS STUFF HAS NO EXPIRATION DATE. WE BUY IT IN MASS THAT WE MAKE SURE WE HAVE PLENTY. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A LEASE TO WGGH RADIO FOR SPACE AT THE WF MALL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE OTHER ONE I WAS TALKING ABOUT THAT THEY ARE ALSO BROADCASTING REDBIRD GAMES. WE WENT OUT THERE WITH DON GASS, TO LOOK AT THE SPACE THEY WANT IT'S THE SMALL SPACE ACROSS FROM WHAT USED TO BE VANITY FAIR. THEY ARE ASKING FOR US TO PROVIDE THEM THAT SPACE SO THEY CAN DO A PODCAST FROM THERE, AND BROADCAST THE GAMES. JOHN ODLE IS THE ONE WHO IS THE PERSON INVOLVED. THEY SAID THEY WILL DO ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE CITY; WE CAN TALK ON THERE WHEN WE HAVE EVENTS GOING ON IN TRADE FOR RENTAL PAYMENTS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD ASKED DO WE NEED TO SPEND $250.00 A MONTH ON ADVERTISING? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED I JUST NOW SEEN THIS; I NEED TO LOOK INTO IT MORE TO SEE IF WE CAN TRADE RENT FOR ADS, IT FEELS LIKE NO, BUT I NEED TO LOOK INTO IT FIRST. THE MAYOR SAID WE CAN TABLE THIS ITEM; I WILL LET HIM KNOW. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING SIGNS PLACED AT THE EDGE OF TOWN FOR SLOANS GYMNASTICS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED MARY ALICE CALLED ME, THEY HAVE A GIRL WHO MADE ALL AMERICAN AND ANOTHER ONE WHO MADE SOMETHING ELSE. SHE SAID THAT CITY WOULD HAVE TO AUTHORIZE IT AND THEN SHE GOES TO THE STATE TO GET PERMISSION FROM IDOT.COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

25. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES FROM XYLEM IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,582.70 REGARDING PUMP RENTAL AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED HAVE WE TALKED TO THEM TO SEE WHERE OUR PUMPS ARE? THE CITY CLERK STATED I HAVE TRIED CALLING THEM TWICE NOW, AND THEY HAVE NOT RETURNED MY CALL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THE PUMPS ARE FROM SWEEDAN AND THEY CAN NOT GIVE US A TRACKING NUMBER, THEY KEEP CHARGING US FOR THE PUMP RENTAL. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

26. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE BURTON SUBDIVISON SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION ROW #23-237. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED WE DON'T NEED THIS, FROM WHAT WE HAD FIRST THOUGHT THAT THIS FOR LOT #4 AND #5 WHICH IS FOR WHERE STARBUCKS IS GOING. BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY FOR THE LOT NEXT TO IT LOT #1 THROUGH #3, NO ONE HAS TRIED TO BUY SO THERE IS NO NEED TO FILE TO GIVE OURSELVES THE RIGHT TO BE THERE. BROWN AND ROBERTS HAVE BROUGHT IT UP SO THAT WE WOULDN'T FORGET AT A LATER TIME WHEN THIS DOES SALE. MATT TOSH STATED THE LOTS ARE UNDER CITY CONTROL RIGHT NOW, BUT IF YOU EVER SOLD THEM YOU WOULD WANT TO KEEP THE RIGHTS FOR THE NEW SEWER WHEN IT'S INSTALLED. WE ARE NOT OPENING BIDS FOR THE SEWER UNTIL DECEMBER THERE IS TIME TO DISCUSS THIS, IT IS NOT AFFECTING THE LOT YOU ARE WANTING TO SELL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS ITEM IS TABLED.

27. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S PAY ESTIMATE #3 TO FOLLOWELL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT-WATER SYSTEM METER REPLACEMENT-PHASE 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF $112,691.80. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

28. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #3 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT-WATER SYSTEM METER REPLACEMENT- PHASE 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,704.96. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL,

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

29. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S PAY ESTIMATE #5 TO FOLLOWELL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT- WATER SYSTEM METER REPLACEMENT-PHASE 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,960.00. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

30. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #5 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT-WATER SYSTEM METER REPLACEMENT- PHASE 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF $313.60. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

31. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $103,991.18.
    b. APPROVAL OF TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CDW GOVERNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,046.41 FOR A PANASONIC TOUGH BOOK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
    c. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM IMCO IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,034.34 FOR PARTS NEEDED AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT.
    d. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FOWLER HEATING & COOLING IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,770.00 FOR REPAIRS NEEDED ON THE A/C UNIT AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
    e. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MIDWEST METER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,853.00 FOR PARTS NEEDED FOR WENDY'S & STARBUCKS TAPS FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT.
    f. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MIDWEST METER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,599.50 TO REPLENISH PARTS NEEDED FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT.
    g. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM RESSLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,486.80 FOR PARTS NEEDED FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT.
    h. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BOSHEABA APPRAISAL SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,400.00 FOR THE APPRAISAL OF 222 AND 228 EAST MAIN STREET.

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

32. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ CODES OFFICER SNELL WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO PRESENT ANY PERMITS.

33. **OFFICER'S REPORT** ~

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023. CAPTAIN JEFFORDS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD 186-AMBULANCE CALLS, 5-RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 1-BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 6-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 2-FIRE ALARMS, 1-VEHICLE FIRES, 9 - FIRE EMERGENCIES; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN, ETC.), 2-STRUCTURE FIRES, 0-SMOKE SCARES, 2-MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSES, 1-MUTUAL AID AMBULANCE, 6-AMBULANCE CALLS TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL AID. 1- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT ON THE INTERSTATE. FOR A TOTAL OF 222 CALLS DURING THE MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 35,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $37,984.28 FOR OCTOBER AMBULANCE CALLS.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023. CHIEF PRUDENT REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 1,287 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 20 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 44 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 4 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 16 ALARMS, 3 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 2 BURGLARIES, 14 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 24 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 29 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 40 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 24 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 189 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 62 CITIATIONS, 152 WARNINGS, AND 24 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 61 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 8 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 91 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,549 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 602 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 118 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 1,287 WERE FOR POLICE, 219 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE, 11 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS, AND 1 FOR UNITED AMBULANCE. FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE COLLECTED $4,550.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023. CODES OFFICER SNELL WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO PRESENT. PERMIT: 3~BUILDING PERMITS, 0~SIGN PERMITS. RENTAL PROPERTIES: 9~RENTAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED. CASE ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 31 WHICH INCLUDES DOORS TAGGED VERBAL WARNINGS, VEHICLES TAGGED, INSPECTIONS OF VIOLATIONS, INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS ISSUED, LETTERS SENT, ETC.

34. **MAYORS REPORT~**

THE MAYOR STATED G. DAVID GREEN IS HERE TO TELL US HOW THE CITY AUCTION WENT G. DAVID THANKED THE COUNICL, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THE CITY CLERK FOR ALL THE WORK AND HELP THEY DID TO GET THIS GOING. THE CROWD WAS GOOD, BIDDING WAS SOLID, THIS WAS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SURPLUS AUCTION FOR THE CITY. THE MAYOR STATED THE SALES PROCEEDS WAS $35,992.00, TOTAL NET PROCEEDS WAS $26,695.00. THANK YOU, G. DAVID, FOR DOING THIS FOR THE CITY.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS DOING GOOD, AND KEEP ON DOING BETTER. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE GUYS IN BOTH DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I FINALLY MADE SOME PROGRESS ON THE GRANT WRITER THE FIRST LADY THAT WE HAD, SHE HAS HURT HERSELF AND IS TRYING TO AVOID SURGERY, SO SHE SAID SHE IS NOT ABLE TO DO THIS FOR US. COMMISSONER WARRENS DAUGHTER HAS PUT US IN TOUCH WITH A LADY NAMED MS. GWALTNEY, SHE IS GOING TO MEET WITH THE CITY CLERK AND TREASURER TO GET FINANCIAL INFORMATION. IF ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE ANYTHING IN MIND THAT THEY ARE WANTING LET US KNOW, THE MEETING IS NOVEMBER 27TH 2023.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED MY GUYS HAVE PUT EVERYTHING ON HOLD, TO GET ALL THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS UP. THEY ARE DOING A GREAT JOB; DOWNTOWN IS LOOKING GREAT, AND EVEN BETTER WHEN THEY GET IT FINISHED.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING HARD. THE WATER DEPARTMENT WAS OUT LASTNIGHT FIXING A WATER BREAK, THEY ARE ALL STAYING BUSY. I

DO WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE IS A GINGER BREAD HOUSE CONTEST PUT ON BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT GAMBIT COFFEE BAR, IF YOU ARE WANTING TO MAKE A GINGER BREAD HOUSE THEY ARE DUE MONDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 2023, THEY WILL JUDGE THEM AND GIVE PRIZES. THE MAYOR STATED I WILL POST THIS ONLINE ON FACEBOOK.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

DANNY LOEH STATED WE HAD TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE THAT CAME FOR VETERAN'S DAY OVER SIXTY KIDS THAT CAME DOWN, IT WAS AMAZING. I ATTENDED A VETERAN'S CEREMONY AT THE JUNIOR HIGH AND THAT WENT GREAT. IF ANYONE EVER WANTS TO COME TO THE MUSEUM AT ANYTIME JUST GET AHOLD OF ME. THANK YOU COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR ALL YOU DO. OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WINDHORST IS GOING TO HELP US WITH THE HISTORICAL REGISTRY.

IRIS KOHZADI STATED I AM THE BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT, WHEN WE WERE PAINTING THE WF ON THE ROAD IN BETWEEN THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE FOOTBALL FIELD THEY GOT CONES OUT VERY QUICK FOR ME.

THOMAS FILKINS ASKED WHEN DOES HE PAY FOR THE PROPERTY HE BID ON? THE CITY CLERK SAID WHEN SHE HAS HIS STUFF READY, SHE WOULD CALL HIM TOMORROW TO SET UP AT TIME. HE ALSO STATED I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR PICKING UP THE LIMBS FROM MY HOUSE.

35. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, AND /OR PENDING LITIGATION. THE MAYOR STATED THEY WILL NOT BE MAKING ANY DECISIONS DURING OR AFTERWARDS. AT 7:27 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

36. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:43 P.M. WHERE NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED

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

37. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 8:45 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK