WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023

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

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 11, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD THREE BIDS AND THEY ARE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES 702 S. SKELTON A BID OF $1,500.00 FROM FINALLY HOME PROPERTY; 704 S. SKELTON A BID OF $1,500.00 ALSO FROM FINALLY HOME PROPERTY; AND 501 N. HORN A BID OF $1,020.00 FROM GABRIEL YORDY. ALL THREE WERE APPROVED TO BE THE HIGH BIDS BY THE COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A DONATION TOWARDS THE NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,700.00 FROM THE GAMING FUND. MAYOR ARVIEW STATED HE WAS MADE AWARE THAT WHEN MAYOR JORDAN AND THE COUNCIL AGREED TO GIVE ST. JOHN'S MONEY TO HELP SAVE THE SCHOOL, HE ALSO OFFERED IT TO OTHER SCHOOLS THAT WE WOULD TRY TO HELP THEM OUT. SO, THE MAYOR SAID THIS ONE IS UP TO THE COUNCIL SINCE THIS WAS DONE BEFORE HE CAME INTO OFFICE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A DONATION TOWARDS THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY BEING ORGANIZED BY JESSICA

O'DANIEL FROM THE GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED SHE HAS PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO THIS. IT WILL BE HELD OUT AT THE PARK FOR AGES K-12 WITH FREE HAIRCUTS, BACKPACKS, SUPPLIES, AND LUNCH IT WILL BE HELD FROM 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. WITH LOTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS. THE MAYOR ASKED FOR A $2,500.00 DONATION. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING JR. WRESTLING TEAM USING SPACE AT THE WF MALL FOR PRACTICES AND MATCHES. THE MAYOR STATED THAT THIS GROUP IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING. I HAVE TALKED TO MR. GASS THE MALL MANAGER AND THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE OUT THERE WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH ROOM THEY NEED. THIS IS JUST FOR THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THEM TO USE SOME SPACE OUT THERE THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY BEING USED. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WHO IS GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OF LOCKING THE MALL BACK UP ARE THEY GOING TO GET A KEY? THE MAYOR STATED YES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SIT-DOWN MEETING WITH THE COACH AND FIGURE OUT THE HOURS THEY NEED TO BE THERE AND BE CONFINED TO ONE AREA AND THE BATHROOMS. THEY WILL HAVE MATS TO PUT DOWN OVER THE CARPET TO PROTECT IT AS WELL. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED AS LONG AS THEY KEEP IT CLEAN AND NEAT AND PICK UP THEIR STUFF IM FINE WITH IT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I GUESS THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN INSURANCE COVERAGE? THE MAYOR STATED YES. SHE ALSO ASKED IF THIS WAS A FREE RENT? THE MAYOR STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO LET THEM USE IT FOR FREE BECAUSE ITS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY TO GET KIDS INVOLVED IN. THEY ARENT MAKING A PROFIT OFF OF THIS. A COUPLE DIFFERENT AUDIENCE MEMBERS STATED COACH HERRINGTON RUNS A TIGHT SHIP HE WILL KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE KIDS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING

CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TO BE DECLARED AS SURPLUS REAL ESTATE AND TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS. THEY ARE 1907 EAST GARLAND 12-20-379-006; 819 WEST WORDEN WITH TWO LOTS 11-24-182-017 AND 11-24-182-018; 411 NORTH HORN 11-24-251-008; 717 NORTH HORN WITH TWO LOTS 11-24-201-009 AND 11-24-201-010; THEN 401 NORTH HORN 11-24-251-013. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ENG TAVERN, LLC D/B/A CASINO TAVERN FOR A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS JUST A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR EASY COIN LAUNDRY, LLC. BRIT KIRBY OWNER, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS GOING TO BE BUILT TO THE EAST OF THE CARWASH ON MAIN STREET AT 905 EAST MAIN. THEY ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF $50,000.00 THE COST TO BUILD THE BUILDING IS $800,000. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY JUST RECENTLY BUILT ONE IN JOHNSTON CITY AND IT LOOKS REALLY NICE. THEY ALSO HAVE ONE IN MARION. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRNAKFORT WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN DECLARED SURPLUS. THE PROPERTIES ARE 1907 EAST GARLAND, 819 WEST WORDEN-TWO LOTS, 411 NORTH HORN, 717 NORTH HORN-TWO LOTS, AND 401 NORTH HORN.

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

IT WAS AT THIS TIME THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK REALIZED THE MAYOR NEVER STARTED THE VOICE RECORDER SO PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEO ON THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT MAYOR'S PAGE DATED JULY 25, 2023 FOR THE VOICE RECORDING OF ALL THE ABOVE. THE RECORDER WAS STARTED FOR THE REST OF THE MEETING.

11. THIS NEXT ITEM WAS A DUPLICATE OF ITEM #7 SO IT WAS SKIPPED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE UP TO $2,000.00 WORTH OF DECORATIONS FOR THE NEW EXTENSION OF THE DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS TREE FROM HOBBY LOBBY. THE MAYOR STATED CONNIE HOWARD HAS BEEN GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO LOCATE THESE LARGE SIZED ORNAMENTS AND WHEN THE SALE BEGINS AT HOBBY LOBBY, SHE WILL BE PICKING THEM UP FOR HALF OFF. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE ALS360 ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. STRYKER PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDED (3) POWER-LOAD FASTENER SYSTEMS, POWER-PRO XT POWERED AMBULANCE COT, (3) POWER-PRO 2 POWERED COTS, (3) XPEDITION STAIR CHAIRS, LIFEPAK 15 MONITOR DEFIBRILLATOR, (3) LUCAS 3 V3.1 CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS, (6) LIFEPAK 1000 AED'S, AND LIFEPAK CR2 AED. THE COST FOR ALL OF THIS UPDATED EQUIPMENT TODAY IS $1,242,922.00 BUT IT WOULD BE ON A SET PRICE DURING THE 10 YEAR PAYMENT PLAN OF $124,292.00 A YEAR. THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A NEW UPDATED REPLACEMENT IN YEAR 3, 4 OR 5 BEFORE THE END OF THE TEN YEARS ARE UP. THERE IS NO UPCHARGE FOR THAT NEW TECHNOLOGY. YOUR PAYMENT WILL NOT GO UP ON THIS PROGRAM EVEN IF THE EQUIPMENT PRICES DO YOU ARE LOCKED IN FOR THIS SET AMOUNT A YEAR. YOUR PRODUCTS YOU ARE USING NOW ARE PAST THE LIFE EXPECTANCY SO THOSE ITEMS WE CAN CHIEF SAILLIEZ STATED THIS IS A PLAN TO SET UP NOW SO WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR THESE THINGS IN THE COMING YEARS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED IF THEY COULD TABLE THIS UNTIL THEY GET THE PUMPS LOOKED AT AND FIND OUT THE COST OF WHAT THAT IS

GOING TO SET THE CITY BACK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS ASKED ARE THEY GETTING WORKED ON OR WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THEM? COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THEY ARE BEING LOOKED AT AND WE ARE SEEING WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE. SUPERINTENDENT BONNER STATED WE SHOULD HAVE SOME NUMBERS BY FRIDAY. COMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THAT WILL GIVE HIM SOME TIME TO SEE WHERE FUNDS CAN COME FROM. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO TABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE REBUILD ILLINOIS FUNDS AS PART OF A LOCAL MATCH FOR PHASE II ENGINEERING, ROW ACQUISITION, PHASE II ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF I57 & IL 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED LOCAL STREETS. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD A SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING THIS WITH BROWN & ROBERTS AND WHAT FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE TO USE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT AND COMISSIONER HOWARD FEELS LIKE WE CAN GET THE MONEY FROM SOME WHERE ELSE FOR THE ROADS I WOULD WANT TO DO. IF WE CAN DO THAT COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED HE WOULD AGREE TO USE THE REBUILD ILLINOIS FUNDS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IN MY CONVERSATION WITH MR. ROBERTS THIS IS ONE PROJECT WE KNOW THAT REBUILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR AND SOME OF THE OTHER ROAD'S MAY OR MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE. SINCE YOU ARE SAYING WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE ROADS I WANT DONE, COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED IM WILLING TO GIVE THIS MONEY UP FOR THAT PROJECT. MR. ROBERTS TALKED TO CHRIS OUR FINANCE OFFICER AND HE AGREED THERE WERE OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A BID FROM S. I. OVERHEAD DOOR, LLC. TO INSTALL THREE INSULATED GARAGE DOORS WITH OPENERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,579.00 FOR THE NEW STREET DEPARTMENT POLE BARN. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A LEASE AT 228 EAST MAIN. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS

THE JEFFERSON AND MAIN LOCATION BEING LEASED BY KYLE WEBB. WE HAD A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING LAST NIGHT AND HE CAME TO PRESENT US WITH A NEW BUSINESS PLAN. HE IS STILL INTERESTED IN THAT BUILDING. I TOLD HIM I WANT THE CITY TO GET OUT OF THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS OF LEASING PROPERTY. HE AGREED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BUYING THE BUILDING. CURRENTLY HE DOES NOT HAVE A LEASE, IT EXPIRED AND HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED. WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS LETTING THE CITY TAKE POSSESSION OF THE BUILDING. WE WILL BE GETTING AN APPRAISAL TO SEE WHAT THE BUILDING IS WORTH BEFORE WE LIST IT FOR SALE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I AGREE WITH THAT SO WHEN WILL WE GET THE KEYS BACK AND HE GETS HIS STUFF OUT OF THERE? THAT WAY THE BUILDING CAN BE EMPTY AND BE APPRAISED. THEN IF HE WANTS TO BUY IT, THEN HE CAN BUY IT AFTER THAT. THE MAYOR STATED THE FLOORING THE CITY BOUGHT IS STILL IN THERE AS WELL AND THAT WILL STAY WITH THE BUILDING SINCE IT WAS NEVER INSTALLED AND WE PAID FOR IT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED WE WILL MAKE A MOTION FOR THE CITY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF 228 EAST MAIN. THE DEADLINE HE WILL HAVE TO GET HIS STUFF OUT IS (SO MANY DAYS) TWO WEEKS FROM TOMORROW TO REMOVE ALL OF HIS STUFF AND GIVE THE CITY BACK THE KEYS, THEN THE BUILDING WILL BE LISTED FOR SALE AFTER AN APPRAISAL. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, 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 A BID FROM B &J CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,318.56 FOR REPAIRS TO THE ROOF AT 222 EAST MAIN. THIS IS ANOTHER BUILDING WE WERE LEASING OUT THAT WE WILL GET THESE REPAIRS DONE AND THEN HAVE AN APPRAISAL ON IT AS WELL. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A SQUAD CAR FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IN THE AMOUNT OF $36,007.00 USING THE GAMING TAX REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS LAST MEETING AND TABLED IT BECAUSE THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER WE COULD USE DIFFERENT FUNDS OR IF WE HAD ANOTHER VEHICLE AVAILABLE. THE MAYOR STATED NOW

WE FEEL LIKE THE GAMING TAX REVENUE IS THE BEST AVENUE TO USE TO PURCHASE THIS VEHICLE.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED THAT COP CAR THAT THARP HAD ITS NO GOOD? POLICE CHIEF PRUDENT STATED NO SIR WE TRIED TO TRADE THAT IN BACK WHEN WE GOT THE TRUCKS AND THEY WOULD NOT TAKE IT BECAUSE IT WAS NOT WORTH ANYTHING. WE HAD TO TAKE IT OUT OF SERVICE, IT IS BASICALLY GOOD FOR PARTS. IF THE CITY HAS A SURPLUS AUCTION; WE CAN BRING IT OUT THERE AND AUCTION IT OFF AS IS.

COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED SO IF YOU USE GAMING MONEY FOR THAT CAR THAT'S FOR KIDS ONLY DOES THAT CAR ALWAYS STAY WITH THE SRO? CHIEF PRUDENT STATED IT WOULD BE HIS PRIMARY USE I WOULD SAY IN THE SUMMERTIME WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT, WE COULD USE IT IN AN EMERGENCY. BUT IT WOULD BE DEDICATED TO THE SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED HAVE WE ALREADY PURCHASED THAT CAR? CHIEF PRUDENT STATED WE HAVE. WHAT HAPPENED IS WE WERE NOT SURE HOW LONG IT WAS GOING TO TAKE TO GET ONE. I TALKED TO JUSTIN AND HE WAS ABLE TO FIND IT SO BELIEVING WE WOULD HAVE THE BACKING OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE PURCHASE WE WENT AHEAD AND HAD IT ORDERED. THE MAYOR STATED IT WAS KIND OF ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO BE THERE IF WE WAIT. CHIEF STATED IF WE WANT TRUCKS; WE WOULD HAVE TO ORDER THEM NOW TO GET THEM BY 2025. EVERYTHING IS GETTING HARDER TO OBTAIN. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY IT HAD ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED USUALLY ITS UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON THAT. CHIEF STATED THIS WAS APPROVED BACK IN DECEMEBER BY THE PREVIOUS MAYOR TO BUY ONE SO THAT'S WHY WE WENT AHEAD. MAYOR ARVIEW STATED WE DO HAVE A CHAIN OF EMAILS FROM CHIEF PRUDENT, COMMISSIONER HARKINS AND MYSELF ABOUT ALL OF THIS.

CHIEF PRUDENT STATED THEY HAVE QUIT MAKING THE CHARGER THIS YEAR SO EVERYTHING ELSE MOVING FORWARD WILL BE SUV OR TRUCKS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONER AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $49,990.00
    b. APPROVAL OF TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF $17,500.00 FOR ANNUAL MAINTAINENCE AT THE SEWER DEPARTMENT.

c. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM KODY'S ASPHALT PAVING & SEALCOATING IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,500.00 FOR ASPHALTING THE PARKING LOT AT THE MILITARY MUSEUM.
d. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. TO EXECUTE AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR BURTON SUBDIVISION UTILITIES.
e. APPROVAL TO GET AN APPRAISAL ON 222 EAST MAIN.

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

20. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ WE HAVE THREE PERMITS. THE FIRST ONE IS FOR KYLE STROUD WHO IS PUTTING A PORTABLE BUILDING STRUCTURE TO BE LOCATED AT 603 S ODLE STREET. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

    THE SECOND ONE IS FOR BUILDING PERMIT FOR BEN & HAILY WYANT B&J CONSTRUCTION AT 206 EAST LINDELL. THEY ARE BUILDING A POLE BARN/GARAGE AT THEIR SONS RESIDENCE. IT IS JUST GOING TO BE A RESIDENTIAL GARAGE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

    THE LAST ONE IS FOR CHERYL RIDDLE AT 803 S. MCCLELLAND FOR A PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINER. IT WILL BE TEMPORARY WHILE SHE IS DOING A REMODEL OF PULLING ALL THE FLOORS OUT AND PIPES. THIS WILL BE TWO WEEK PROJECT BUT I PUT IN FOR A MONTH JUST TO MAKE SURE SHE HAD ENOUGH TIME. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. **MAYORS REPORT**~

    THE MAYOR STATED THE ONLY THING I REALLY HAVE TO DISCUSS IS SOMETHING ANDREA GAVE ME TONIGHT, THERE IS A SOLICITOR THAT WILL BE IN TOWN NEXT WEEK. HE HAS GOTTEN PICTURES WITH THE OFFICE STAFF AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CASE

SOMEONE THINKS HE IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO GO DOOR TO DOOR, HE DOES HAVE THE CITIES APPROVAL. HE WILL BE IN TOWN NEXT WEEK; HIS NAME IS MICHAEL RICHEY AND HE IS SELLING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. SO, HE WILL BE AROUND SO IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO US; NOT THE POLICE STATION. HE DOES HAVE A PERMIT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

22. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS~**

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE ALWAYS BUSY. HE ASKED CHIEF PRUDENT TO TALK ABOUT HIS PRESS RELEASE.

CHIEF PRUDENT STATED I ACTUALLY HAD TWO PRESS RELEASES TODAY. HE STATED YESTERDAY WE HAD AN 8 YR OLD GIRL HIT BY A CAR DOWN BY THE PARK. THERE WERE STORIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT THE DRIVER FLED THE SCENE THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. BASED ON WITNESS INFORMATION SHE DID RUN A STOP SIGN AND WAS SITED FOR THAT AS WELL AS FAILURE TO REDUCE SPEED TO AVOID AN ACCIDENT. THE 8-YEAR-OLD WAS TRANSPORTED TO CARBONDALE AND THEN AIRLIFTED TO ST. LOUIS. FOR NON-LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES, WE BELIEVE. SHE SHOULD BE FINE.

LAST NIGHT MY OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO STOP A VEHICLE ON MAIN STREET, IT FLED TO THE INTERSTATE NORTHBOUND THEN TURNED AROUND BACK SOUTH SPEEDS OVER 100 MPH WENT PASSED THE WEIGH STATION TURNED BACK AROUND NORTH AGAIN IN THE MEDIAN OF SPEEDS OVER 120 MPH AND GOT IT STOPPED JUST NORTH OF BENTON WITH THE AIDE OF WILLIAMSON CO, MARION, JOHNSTON CITY, BENTON, WEST CITY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, AND ILLINOIS STATE POLICE. THREE INDIVIDUALS OUT OF FLORIDA HAD COMMITTED A BURGLARY OUT OF MARION, THEY HAD STOLE A PURSE AND MADE ILLEGAL PURCHASES WITH IT, WE BELIEVE THEY ALSO STOLE A PURSE OUT AT THE CITY PARK. THE CALL WE GOT ON THEM WAS FOR DRIVING RECKLESSLY THROUGH THE PARK. WHEN MY OFFICERS SAW THEM, THEY HAD THEIR LICENSE PLATE COVERED SO YOU COULD NOT SEE THEM AND THE CHASE WAS ON. NO VEHICLES WERE DAMAGED AND NO ONE WAS HURT.

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DOING A GOOD JOB DOWN THERE. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYDAY THERE IS SOMETHING BREAKING DOWN THEY ARE TRYING TO FIX OR

PUT A BANDAID ON. WE, NEED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE EQUIPMENT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THAT HE WANTED THE REST OF THE COUNCIL TO KNOW AND THE PUBLIC TOO THAT HE IS IN TALKS WITH A POTENTIAL AUDIT FIRM. THEY HAVE ASKED ME FOR SOME INFORMATION AND I HAVE SENT IT TO THEM. THEY ARENT MAKING ANY PROMISES AS THEY ARE SHORT HANDED LIKE EVERY BUSINESS RIGHT NOW.THE CITY IS LOOKING INTO HIRING A NEW AUDIT FIRM BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH LUCK. EVERYONE IS SHORT HANDED RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WE HAVE A NEW STREET SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL BONNER. HE GOT BROKE IN REAL GOOD WITH ALL THE RAIN AND THE PUMPS ACTING UP SINCE HE TOOK OVER FROM LARRY PRESLEY RETIRING. I THINK HE IS GOING TO DO A REAL GOOD JOB HE HAS BEEN WITH THE CITY FOR A LONG TIME. THEY STARTED TODAY ON THE ROAD WORK. MR. BONNER STATED WE HAVE AN OIL AND CHIP DATE OF AUGUST 14TH, 2023. WE ARE TRYING TO CATCH UP THE RAIN HAS PUT US BEHIND. BUT THE GUYS ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.

COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WATER SUPERINTENDENT JIM WHITE HOW THINGS WERE GOING. HE STATED WE ARE INSTALLING PHASE II WATER METERS THEY ARE HALF WAY THRU AND SHOULD BE DONE INSTALLING BY THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST. THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IS WORKING THEY HAVEN'T REPORTED ANY ISSUES.

CHIEF SAILIIEZ STATED MR. WHITE, HIS GUYS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL START WORKING ON FLUSHING THE FIRE HYDRANTS. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CHECKED EVERY THREE (3) YEARS. MR. WHITE AND OUR GUYS ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A PROGRAM AND WE ARE GOING TO FLUSH EVERY HYDRANT IN OUR FIRE DISTRICT THIS YEAR WITH THE HELP OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND MY GUYS. THEN AFTER THIS YEAR WE WILL DO A THIRD OF THEM EVERY YEAR AFTER. IT'S BEEN OVER FIFTEEN YEARS WITH NO DOCUMENTATION. WE WILL ALSO GO TO THE ISO STANDARD OF PAINTING THE CAPS OF THE COLOR OF FLOW RATES. SO DON'T GO OUT AND PAINT YOUR FIRE HYDRANT, THE COLOR MEANS SOMETHING TO US. PLEASE WEED EAT AROUND THEM ONLY.

MRS. WARREN STATED THEY HAD A LAKE MEETING ON JULY 20TH

WITH A LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE. THEY ARE DISCUSSING DRAINING THE LAKE SOMETIME THIS FALL TO LET PEOPLE AT THE NEW LAKE WORK ON THEIR DOCKS, MAYBE AFTER LABOR DAY. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO LOOK INTO THE POLICE DEPT SELLING STICKERS FOR THE LAKE SINCE THEY ALREADY SELL SIDE BY SIDE STICKERS, THEY ARE OPEN ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS AS CITY HALL IS NOT. SOME PEOPLE CAN NOT MAKE IT UP THROUGH THE WEEK TO BUY THEM AND THEY WORK UNTIL 5 PM. CHIEF PRUDENT STATED WE WOULD JUST HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE OFFICE STAFF THAT CURRENTLY HANDLES THE STICKERS.

MRS. WARREN STATED SHE AND THE CITY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK JEREMIAH CALDWELL FOR VOLUNTEERING TO SEAL THE DOCK AT THE NEW LAKE. HE HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME TO REPAIR SOME WOOD ON THE DOCK AT THE OLD LAKE. WE WOULD THANK HIM; WE NEED MORE CITIZENS WILLING TO HELP LIKE HIM.

23. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**:

DANNY LOEH, STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSION WARREN FOR MEETING WITH HIM AND A GENTLEMAN THAT HELPED TELL THEM WHAT THEY CAN AND CAN NOT DO TO GET THE MUSEUM ON THE HISTORICAL SITE LIST. WE CAN NOT PUT VINYL SIDING ON IT, ALUMINIUM FACIA TRIM HAS TO COME OFF. THIS GIVES US TWO OPTIONS THE WOOD THAT IS ON THERE NOW HAS TO BE DOWN TO ITS ORIGINAL RESURFACING, SANDED AND SEALED AND PAINTED AGAIN. OR REPLACE IT WITH THE ORIGINAL WOOD SIDING AGAIN. WE HAVE TO LEAVE IT JUST LIKE IT IS. WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE DOORS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL METAL, THEY HAVE TO BE WOOD. WE DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE INSIDE. THEY ARE WORKING ON BOTH PRICES FOR RESURFACING AND REPLACING THE WOOD. AS SOON AS I GET THEM ILL BRING THEM TO YOU ALL. WE ARE WORKING ON IT. HE ALSO SHOWED THE AUDIENCE A BEAUTIFUL FLAG QUILT SOMEONE HAS MADE FOR DONATIONS TOWARD THE MILITARY MUSEUM. THIS IS THE FOURTH ONE SHE HAS MADE FOR US. SHE WANTS TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS. SO; B STOP BY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE QUILT. WE ARE WORKING WITH 773 LABORS UNION TO HOLD A BBQ FUNDRAISER LATER ON IN THE YEAR TO HELP RAISE MONEY AS WELL.

NEXT UP WAS HEATHER ELLIS WHO LIVES AT 308 NORTH HORN STATED SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT HER YARD. SHE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY EIGHTEEN MONTHS

AGO. SHE STATED PEOPLE ARE THROWING TRASH AND ANIMAL FECES IN HER YARD AND THEY ARE POISONING HER DOG. SHE HAS CALLED THE POLICE AND THE CODES OFFICER. SHE WAS INFORMED TO GET A SURVEY DONE WHICH SHE DID. SHE NOW REALIZES THAT THE ALLEY IS ACTUALLY ON HER PROPERTY. SO, SHE IS ASKING SINCE SHE PAYS TAXES ON IT AND IT IS HER PROPERTY HOW CAN YOU TELL HER WHAT SHE CAN DO WITH IT? JUST BECAUSE YOU CAME AND PUT ROCK ON IT DOESN'T MEAN IT IS YOUR PROPERTY. LEGALLY IT IS MINE, I HAVE A DEED AND SURVEY THAT SAYS THAT. IM WANTING TO PUT UP A FENCE TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF MY YARD AND FROM POISONING MY DOG. THEY HAVE PUT SALT IN MY YARD WHICH RUINED MY GARDEN, FLOWERS, AND MY BUSHES SOMEONE IS PUTTING SALT OR SOMETHING ON THEM. THIS IS MY NEIGHBORS DOING ALL OF THIS. I HAVE INSTALLED CAMERAS TO CATCH THEM AND I CAUGHT ONE AND THEY FINALLY MOVED OUT. I WANT THAT ALLEY VACATED SHE STATED. CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED WE ARE IN A POSITION WERE THE CITY HAS AN ALLEY THERE OBVIOUSLY AND THE WAY OUR CODE IS WRITTEN WE HAVE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE BACK OF THE PROPERTIES FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES ETC. WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENED SOME OF THESE BUILDINGS WERE BUILT INTO WHERE THE ALLEY SHOULD BE. SO, THEY HAVE COVERED UP SOME OF THAT ALLEY AND THAT ALLEY NOW RUNS INTO HER PROPERTY. I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HER THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG PROCESS TO HAVE PEOPLE MOVE BUILDINGS. AND AT WHAT POINT ARE WE ABLE TO MAKE THESE PEOPLE MOVE THESE BUILDINGS. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR SIXTY YEARS. PLUS, IF THERE IS SEWER RUNNING DOWN THAT ALLEY HOW DO WE VACATE THAT ASKED CODES OFFICER SNELL? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED SHE IS SEEING SOME ISSUES WITH ALL OF THIS SO SHE WILL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT MORE AND ASKED FOR THEM TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WE WONT GIVE UP ON FINDING OUT WHAT WE CAN DO, LETS SEE WHAT OUR ATTORNEY COMES WITH AND WE WILL GET BACK WITH YOU.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, UNION GRIEVANCES, PERSONNEL, SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. MAYOR ARVIEW STATED WE HAVE SOME THINGS TO TALK ABOUT THAT WE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON LATER SO WE NEED TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT. AT 7:23 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.

25. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:10 P.M. WHERE NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

26. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 8:12 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK