WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

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.

THE MAYOR STATED BEFORE WE GET STARTED TONIGHT, I DID WANT TO GO AHEAD AND READ THE ORDINANCE REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IS 2.06.025 OF OUR CITY ORDINANCES.

A. COMMENTS INVITED- COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BE INVITED AT EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT THE CLOSE OF EACH COUNCIL MEETING, OR AT SUCH TIME AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE MAYOR OR OTHER PERSON PRESIDING AT THE MEETING, SHALL ASK FOR AND PERMIT COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT. ALL STATE LAW AND CITY ORDINANCES RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS AND TO POSTING AND FILING COPIES OF THE AGENDA SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH.

B. DISRUPTIONS PROHIBITED- NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PERMIT ANY PERSON OR GROUP TO DISRUPT ANY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL. ANY PERSON DISRUPTING ANY MEETING SHALL BE ADVISED BY THE MAYOR OR PERSON PRESIDING AT THE MEETING, OR ANY POLICE OFFICER, TO CEASE THE DISRUPTION. IF THE PERSON FAILS TO CEASE THE DISRUPTION, THE PERSON MAY BE EJECTED FROM THE MEETING.

C. TIME LIMITS - PERSONS DESIRING TO SPEAK AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL OBTAIN RECOGNITION BY THE MAYOR OR PERSON PRESIDING AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL BEFORE SPEAKING. UNLESS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT, OR BY THE MAYOR, NO PERSON SHALL SPEAK TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES. NO GROUP OR ORGANIZATION MAY COLLECTIVELY SPEAK TO A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES, NOR SHALL ANY ONE MEMBER THEREOF SPEAK FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES.

D. CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES- NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT ANY MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM SPEAKING AT ANY TIME AND AT ANY LENGTH SUBJECT TO RULES OF ORDER, AND NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT ANY CITY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM ASKING FOR RECOGNITION AND MAKING A COMMENT OR SUGGESTION AT ANY TIME DURING THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDING.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD FOR THIS PARTICULAR MEETING, AND POSSIBLY EVEN FUTURE MEETINGS, I AM ADDING THIS RULE TO THE MEETING. ALL PERSONS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL DO SO IN A MANNER

THAT MAINTAINS ORDER AND ALLOWS THE MEETING TO PROCEED EFFICIENTLY. SPEAKERS SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN CONDUCT THAT ACTUALLY DISRUPTS OR PREVENTS THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING SHOUTING OVER OTHERS, REFUSING TO YIELD THE FLOOR, MAKING TRUE THREATS OF VIOLENCE, OR ENGAGING IN BEHAVIOR INTENDED TO PROVOKE AN IMMEDIATE BREACH OF THE PEACE. COMMENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNCIL AS A BODY AND NOT TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY INTERRUPT OR END A SPEAKER'S COMMENTS ONLY IF THE SPEAKER'S CONDUCT CAUSES AN ACTUAL DISRUPTION OF THE MEETING.

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. THE MAYOR STATED I DON'T KNOW OF ANY AMENDMENTS WE NEED TO MAKE TO THE AGENDA, I WOULD JUST ASK FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE USE OF THIS MEETING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED I DO APPRECIATE YOU, COMMISSIONER HOWARD, FOR RUNNING THAT MEETING WHILE I WAS GONE, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE MENTIONS AND THE FLOWERS AND EVERYTHING FROM THE CITY AND DIFFERENT ONES FOR MY MOM'S FUNERAL. IF THERE'S NO AMENDMENTS OR ANY ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES, I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THOSE MINUTES. 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 A RESOLUTION FOR THE VOORHEES-GOFORTH FAMILY TO SPONSOR THE FANTASY OF LIGHTS PARADE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. 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 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FLABBY DADDY DIPS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A MONTHLY LEASE PAYMENT OF $350.00 PER MONTH WITH FIRST AND LAST MONTH'S LEASE PAYMENT AT THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY

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

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A K9 DOG AND PROGRAM FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED I FEEL LIKE THIS IS SOMETHING WE'VE REALLY NEEDED FOR A WHILE WITH THE DRUGS AND CRIME PROBLEM IN WEST FRANKFORT. THIS WILL REALLY HELP US OUT AND THIS IS PAID FOR THROUGH FUNDS THAT WE GOT THROUGH THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT. AT VARIOUS MEETINGS IN THE PAST, YOU'VE HEARD US VOTE FOR DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THAT IS WHERE THE MONEY FOR THIS IS GOING TO BE COMING FROM. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 PROGRAM.THE MAYOR STATED THIS WOULD JUST BE SORT OF A DESIGNATED FUND FOR THAT USE. THOSE FUNDS THEY DO HAVE TO BE USED FOR THINGS PERTAINING TO DRUG ADDICTION AND THAT SORT OF THING. THIS FALLS INTO THAT CATEGORY.THIS WAY WE SEPARATE A FUND IN OUR ACCOUNTS JUST FOR THIS PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED DO WE HAVE A DESIGNATED TRAINER YET? OR DO WE KNOW WHO'S WORKING? DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED YES, IT'S OFFICER DAKOTA JOSTEN WHO AS OF NOW HAS AGREED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO IT. WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED CAN YOU DONATE TO THAT FUND LIKE YOU DO THE BEAUTIFICATION? DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED IF WE SET THIS FUND UP, I WOULD LIKE IT TO BE ADDED THAT ANY DONATIONS, ANY GRANTS THAT WE RECEIVE FOR DRUGS, ANY SEIZURES USING THE DOG, THE LW-27 COULD GO INTO THIS SEPARATE FUND. WHERE WE COULD USE IT IF WE NEED TO UPDATE OUR EQUIPMENT. IF IT GROWS THEN I WOULD HOPE THAT WE DO A COUPLE BENEFITS OR GET SOME MORE DONATIONS. WE WOULD BE IN THE MARKET TO REPLACE A DOG AND IF IT ALL GOES WELL IN FOUR YEARS, WE COULD HAVE FOUR OR FIVE DOGS. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED HOW OLD IS THAT DOG? DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIS STATED WE WON'T GET TO PICK THE DOG OUT UNTIL JANUARY 9TH. WE WILL GO DOWN AND THEN THE ACADEMY FOR THE DOG AND THE TRAINING BEGINS I THINK JANUARY 12TH. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM EXECUTIVE

OUTSOURCING IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,715.24 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AUDIT PREP FROM 10-6-25 TO 10-19-25. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOHNSON'S AUTO AND TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,697.88 FOR REPAIRS MADE TO THE 2016 RAM 5500 A1 AMBULANCE FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 FOR INVOICE #3 FOR THE BIG MUDDY WATERSHED NARP CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE TO GREATER EGYPT IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,343.57, INVOICE #4, FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON THE STORMWATER GRANT USING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY. THE MAYOR STATED THAT IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE, IT'S JUST PASSING THROUGH OUR HANDS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,972.00 REGARDING DECEMBER 2025 WORKERS' COMPENSATION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S PAY ESTIMATE #6 TO HAIER PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT STP

EFFLUENT DISINFECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $120,693.20. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #6 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT STP EFFLUENT DISINFECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,932.30. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500.00 FOR 2021 DCEO GRANT SEWER PROJECT NUMBER 21-242020, INVOICE #3, FINAL, FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT SEWER DEPARTMENT. MATT TOSH WITH BROWN & ROBERTS STATED IT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THAT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT EFFLUENT DISINFECTION, THE DCEO GRANT ADMINISTRATION ON THAT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST TINA LENORE ROSE. THE MAYOR STATED I WILL LET OUR CITY ATTORNEY SPEAK. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'LL HAVE MORE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC DURING THE CITY ATTORNEY REPORT REGARDING THIS, BUT I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH AND I'VE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CITY HAS A GOOD FAITH BASIS TO FILE LITIGATION AGAINST TINA ROSE. THE SHORT VERSION IS YOU CAN'T TURN AROUND AND SUE SOMEONE JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUED YOU ONCE. THERE'S A CERTAIN THRESHOLD YOU MIGHT REACH, AND THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT HAS SAID SUCH INSIDIOUS BEHAVIOR IS ACTIONABLE. ONCE THE LAWSUIT IS FILED, IT WILL BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM OR IF ANYONE WANTS TO POST IT ON THE INTERNET, THEY CAN. MY RECOMMENDATION IS, AND I WOULD LIKE BUT THE COUNCIL CAN'T DO THIS IN CLOSED SESSION. SO, I WOULD LIKE THE CITY'S PERMISSION TO FILE THIS LAWSUIT. THE MAYOR STATED YES, WE CANNOT MAKE DECISIONS IN CLOSED SESSION. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION, AND NOW WE HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE PUBLICLY IN OPEN SESSION REGARDING THIS. AND THEN REGARDING THE NAMING, TINA, IN THIS ITEM, HISTORICALLY YOU LOOK THROUGH ANY OF OUR AGENDAS ANY TIME THAT SOMETHING IS GIVEN TO OR THERE'S AN

INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED. FOR INSTANCE, WITH ITEM NUMBER THREE, WE MENTIONED THE VOORHEES AND GOFORTH FAMILY. WE SPECIFICALLY, IN THE INTEREST OF TRANSPARENCY, WE DO NAME INDIVIDUALS. WE HAVE DONE THAT HISTORICALLY, AND IF WE WERE TO CHANGE THAT, IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE GOING AGAINST PAST PRACTICE. HAVING SAID THAT THEN, DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST TINA ROSE? COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.

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

BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~ THE CODES OFFICER STATED THE FIRST PERMIT WAS FOR JAMES SCHENK, 19705 EAST OLD LAKE ROAD FOR A NEW HOUSE BEING BUILT ON ONE OF OUR LEASE PROPERTIES. I HAVE A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR BUILDING PLANS. I RECOMMEND WE GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT PERMIT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT ONE IS FOR A ROOFMOUNT RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PROJECT AT 316 EAST ELM STREET FOR MARK WEBSTER. I HAVE PLANS FOR THIS REGISTERED CONTRACTOR. I RECOMMEND WE GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT PERMIT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT PERMIT WAS A FENCE PERMIT, 2101 EAST CHARLES STREET FOR DAVID AND ROBIN REED. A FENCE ENCOMPASSING A SOLAR PROJECT. IT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR SOLAR AND FENCE PERMITING IN OUR ORDINANCES. I RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT PERMIT WAS A FENCE PERMIT, 1908 EAST OAK STREET FOR ROBERT BREALEY. THIS DOES ENCOMPASS PART OF THE CHURCH PROPERTY THERE, BUT HE DOES HAVE AN AGREEMENT ON FILE WITH THE

CHURCH TO USE THAT PROPERTY. IT IS SELF-CONSTRUCTION. IT DOES MEET ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS. I RECOMMEND APPROVAL. 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. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW STATED, I DO WANT TO ADDRESS SOME QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST ABOUT THE OLD LAKE. WE DID DECLARE IT SURPLUS PROPERTY. IT'S NOT, NOT FOR SALE, BUT WE ARE NOT ACTIVELY SELLING THE OLD LAKE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. WE DID GET IT APPRAISED, AND WE HAVE HAD SOME PEOPLE ASK ABOUT IT. NO ACTUAL OFFERS MADE THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING RIGHT NOW. I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO SETTLE THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S BEEN QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. HAVE WE SOLD THE LAKE? NO, WE HAVE NOT. IT IS DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND WE HAVE HAD IT APPRAISED.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE MOVING FORWARD. I AM GLAD TO GET THE K-9, GET THAT GOING. I WAS UP AT THE FIRE STATION TODAY WHERE THE KID WAS LEARNING ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION. IT'S GOOD TO SEE THEM THERE ASKING QUESTIONS. SOME OF THEM HAD SOME PRETTY GOOD QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I AM VERY HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE GOT A DRAFT COPY OF THE FY23 AUDIT TODAY. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH. FY24, THE YOUNG LADY WHO'S WORKING ON THAT, SHE'S GOT MOST OF IT DONE, WAITING ON THE AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS SO WE CAN ADJUST THE BOOKS TO START OFF, SAME AS THE AUDIT END OF THE YEAR BEFORE. I THINK IT'S LOOKING UP FINALLY. I'M HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I'VE BEEN OUT OF COMMISSION FOR A WHILE, BUT THE STREET, WATER, AND SEWER GUYS HAS DONE A GOOD JOB SINCE I HAVE BEEN GONE. EVERYTHING IS GOING GOOD. WE ARE GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS NOW. I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED REGARDING THE NEW LAKE, WE WERE PLANNING TO TRY TO LOWER IT THIS YEAR, MAYBE IN NOVEMBER, BUT WE'VE TRIED TO GET A COUPLE OF BIDS ON THE VALVE THAT I SAID SOMETHING ABOUT LAST TIME. WE DON'T HAVE TWO BIDS. WE NEED TO

DISCUSS THIS FURTHER BECAUSE WHEN WE DO LOWER THE LAKE, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO FIX THE DAMS, THE WORK THAT WE HAVE TO DO, AND EVERYBODY ELSE FIX THEIR DOCKS. IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE NEXT YEAR, BUT WE WILL KEEP IT ON THE AGENDA FOR DOING IT. WE JUST DON'T WANT TO OPEN A VALVE THAT'S GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. WE'RE TAKING OUR TIME WITH THE PLANNING. TODAY IS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND KEEPING US SAFE. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU.

19. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED I JUST WANT TO START BY REITERATING WHAT THE MAYOR SAID EARLIER. IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE THREATENING, BUT THE TRUTH IS, AND IN RECENT MEETINGS WE'VE HAD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC YELL FROM THE CROWD, INTERRUPT, AND THOSE THINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THERE ARE CITY ORDINANCES THAT BAN THAT, AND I BELIEVE IT QUALIFIES AS DISORDERLY CONDUCT. BUT THE REASON WE SAY THAT IS SOME PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND QUITE WHAT THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT MEANS AND THE PURPOSE OF IT. THE PURPOSE IS TO FORCE THE CITY TO MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE, SO TO SPEAK, AND TO ALLOW YOU TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. WHEN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COME UP HERE AND SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL HAS NO OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO YOU. THEY'RE HUMAN BEINGS. IF YOU ASK A SIMPLE, EASY QUESTION, THEY MIGHT QUICKLY RESPOND. SOMETIMES WHEN THEY FEEL THREATENED, INTIMIDATED, OR SOMEONE THAT HAS FILED MULTIPLE LAWSUITS AGAINST THEM DIRECTS COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS IN THEIR DIRECTION, YOU MAY NOT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR ME SAY I'D ADVISE YOU NOT TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. AND BECAUSE THAT HAS GONE ON FOR MANY MONTHS, I HAVE PREPARED SOME REMARKS TODAY. I REALIZE THERE'S A HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF PUBLIC INTEREST, AND MOVING FORWARD I'LL PROBABLY PROVIDE PERIODIC UPDATES ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY REASSURING THE PUBLIC, YOU'VE HEARD A LOT OF NEGATIVE THINGS PROBABLY ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL, YOUR MAYOR, YOUR CITY CLERK, YOUR CODES OFFICER, YOUR FIRE CHIEF, POLICE CHIEF, ETC. I WORK WITH ALL OF THESE FOLKS. NOW, I AM A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, SO I REPRESENT OTHER CITIES, OTHER VILLAGES, BUT I GET TO SEE THIS ON A DAILY BASIS. THESE FOLKS CALL ME AFTER HOURS SOMETIMES WHEN THEY HAVE PROBLEMS, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT EVERYONE HERE IS TRYING TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE CITY AND

ITS CITIZENS. ARE THEY PERFECT? NO. AM I A PERFECT LAWYER? OF COURSE NOT. BUT I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD TEAM UP HERE. I WORK MOST CLOSELY WITH THE MAYOR, THE CODES OFFICER, AND THE CITY CLERK. AS FAR AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS, THE MAYOR COMES UP WITH A LOT OF GOOD IDEAS. HE'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CODE OF ORDINANCES. HE HELPS ME DRAFT SOME OF THE ORDINANCES SOMETIMES. WE'VE GOT A CLERK THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING ALL KINDS OF DOCUMENTS, RESPONDING TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS. SOMETIMES THAT'S DIFFICULT. WORKS FROM HOME SOMETIMES BECAUSE SHE NEEDS TO KEEP UP WITH HER WORKLOAD. PREPARES THE AGENDAS FOR THESE MEETINGS. AND YOUR CODES OFFICER, IN MY OPINION, AND I'M SORRY TO THE OTHERS IF THEY DISAGREE, BUT PROBABLY HAS THE HARDEST JOB IN THE CITY. HE HAS TO KNOCK ON PEOPLE'S DOORS, TELL THEM WHEN THEY'RE NOT ABIDING BY CODES, ISSUE CITATIONS. NOT A PLEASANT JOB. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE DOES NOT ENJOY DOING THAT, BUT HE FEELS OBLIGATED TO DO IT TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE CITY TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. SO THAT'S MY PERSONAL OPINION. YOU'RE WELCOME TO DISAGREE WITH IT, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE A GOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM HERE. NOW, AS TO THE LAWSUIT THAT THE COUNCIL HAS JUST AUTHORIZED AGAINST TINA ROSE, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE PUBLIC A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION. I'LL POINT OUT IF ANY OF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, BUT I BELIEVE I'VE PULLED ALL OF THIS INFORMATION FROM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS. SHE PURCHASED HER HOUSE IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT IN NOVEMBER OF 2023. SHE'S BEEN A WEST FRANKFORT RESIDENT FOR LESS THAN TWO YEARS. BEFORE I BECAME A CITY ATTORNEY IN 2024, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PRIOR CITY ATTORNEY MET WITH HER, ALONG WITH THE MAYOR, THE CITY CLERK, AND THE CODES OFFICER, WHO TRIED TO ADDRESS SOME OF HER COMPLAINTS, WHICH WERE MOSTLY ABOUT NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES. HER COMPLAINTS WERE INITIALLY POLITE, AND OF COURSE THEY ESCALATED. AT ONE POINT, WE GOT TO THE POINT WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO GET A COURT ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF A HOUSE NEAR HERS. THOSE THINGS TAKE TIME. THE LAWYER'S GOT TO FILE A LAWSUIT, YOU'VE GOT TO SERVE THE OWNERS, YOU'VE GOT TO PUBLISH NOTICES IN THE NEWSPAPER, YOU'VE GOT TO GO TO COURT. AND AFTER YOU GET THE LEGAL ABILITY TO DO THAT, YOU TEAR THE HOUSE DOWN FINALLY, AND IT COSTS THE CITY MONEY. AS IT WAS BEING DONE, SHE VIDEOTAPED IT AND FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE ILLINOIS EPA. I HAD TO DEAL WITH THE EPA AT THAT POINT. THERE ARE CERTAIN

TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE TO DO ASBESTOS INSPECTIONS BEFORE YOU DEMOLISH BUILDINGS. YOU DO NOT FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES WHEN THE CITY IS DOING A DEMOLITION. THAT'S ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE. BUT I JUST FOUND THAT INDICATIVE OF A CERTAIN MOTIVE FOR WHEN WE'VE ASKED FOR THE BUILDING TO BE TORN DOWN, AND WHEN IT'S BEING TORN DOWN, YOU FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE STATE. SHE SENT AN EMAIL AS HER COMPLAINTS BEGAN ESCALATING, IN AUGUST OF 2024, "I LIVE HERE, I'M NOT LEAVING, AND I HAVE NO JOB AND A LOT OF TIME TO FOCUS ON WHY THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS BEING IGNORED. I AM NOT EVER GOING TO BE QUIET ABOUT IT OR JUST GET BORED AND GO AWAY. I'M NOT THE TYPE." YOU CAN INTERPRET THAT HOWEVER YOU'D LIKE. SHE HAS FILED TWENTY-SEVEN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO, AND WE'VE RESPONDED TO ALL OF THEM, I BELIEVE. I ALREADY MENTIONED THE EPA COMPLAINT. WHEN SHE DOESN'T LIKE OUR RESPONSES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS, BROADLY, I'LL JUST SAY SHE HAS FILED MORE THAN ONE COMPLAINT WITH THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THOSE COMPLAINTS LED NOWHERE. SHE FILED AN ATTORNEY REGISTRATION DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AGAINST ME. THAT COMPLAINT WAS DISMISSED. SHE FILED ONE AGAINST KEITH HILL, AN ATTORNEY THAT THE CITY'S INSURANCE COMPANY HAS HIRED TO REPRESENT US IN MANY OF THESE LAWSUITS. I'M NOT AWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT COMPLAINT. THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE, IF I'M COUNTING CORRECTLY, ORDERS OF PROTECTION INVOLVING HER. NOW, SOME OF THOSE WERE INITIATED BY OTHER FOLKS. SOME OF THOSE WERE INITIATED BY HER. SHE HAD SUCCESS IN AT LEAST ONE. MOST OF THOSE INVOLVED HER NEIGHBORS. WHEN THE MAYOR SOUGHT AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AGAINST HER, SHE FOLLOWED SUIT SHORTLY THERE AFTER BY SEEKING AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AGAINST THE MAYOR AND AGAINST THE CODES OFFICER. THE COURT DENIED ALL THOSE ORDERS OF PROTECTION. THE COURT ESSENTIALLY SAID, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH HERE TO BE A DANGEROUS STALKING THAT DANGERS SOMEONE. SO, ORDERS OF PROTECTION ARE NOT QUITE AS SIGNIFICANT AS THESE OTHER THINGS. IN 24 LA-47, IT'S A FRANKLIN COUNTY LAWSUIT. SHE SUED THE CITY AND THAD SNELL. THE COURT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY DISMISSED THAT LAWSUIT. SHE APPEALED IT. THE APPELLATE COURT AGREED THAT DISMISSAL WAS PROPER. IN 24 LA-48, SHE SUED ONE OF HER NEIGHBORS. THAT CASE HAS MOVED ALONG SLOWLY. THERE'S A HEARING ON A MOTION TO DISMISS HER CASE ON NOVEMBER 20TH AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE. SHE SUED

ANOTHER NEIGHBOR IN 24 LA-49. THERE'S ALSO A HEARING IN THAT CASE ON NOVEMBER 20TH. SHE SUED ANOTHER NEIGHBOR IN CASE NUMBER 24 LA-53, WHO IS NOW DECEASED. HER CASE WAS RECENTLY DISMISSED, BUT SHE COULD FILE AN AMENDED COMPLAINT AGAINST THE DECEASED INDIVIDUAL. IN 24 LA-54, SHE SUED YET ANOTHER NEIGHBOR. IN 25 CH-4, SHE SUED MAYOR ARVIEW. THAT CASE WAS DISMISSED. IN 25 LA-2, SHE SUED THE MAYOR AGAIN. SHE FILED A MOTION TO DISQUALIFY THE ATTORNEY THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY HIRED. THE JUDGE DENIED THAT MOTION, SAYS IT'S PERFECTLY FINE FOR KEITH HILL TO REPRESENT THE CITY. THERE'S NOW A MOTION TO DISMISS HER CASE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 21ST. IN 25 LA-3, SHE SUED THE CODES OFFICER. SHE ALSO FILED A MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ATTORNEY KEITH HILL, THAT MOTION HAS ALSO BEEN DENIED. THAT CASE IS SET FOR A HEARING ON NOVEMBER 21ST. IN 25 LA-14, SHE SUED WHOM I BELIEVE IS ONE OF HER NEIGHBORS. THE CASE APPEARS TO BE MOVING FORWARD SLOWLY. HE NEEDS TO FILE A RESPONSE TO HER LAWSUIT AT THIS POINT. IN 25 LA-19, SHE SUED ME. THE INITIAL COMPLAINT WAS DISMISSED. SHE WAS GIVEN TWENTY EIGHT DAYS TO FILE AN AMENDED COMPLAINT. SHE DID THAT. I'M DRAFTING A MOTION TO DISMISS; I EXPECT IT TO BE FILED THIS WEEK. THE COURT MIGHT RULE AGAINST ME. THE COURT MIGHT RULE IN MY FAVOR. I DON'T KNOW. IN 25 LA-20, SHE SUED THE CITY CLERK. SHE ALSO FILED A MOTION TO DISQUALIFY THE ATTORNEY KEITH HILL. THAT MOTION WAS DENIED. IN THAT CASE, IT'S NOW SET FOR A HEARING ON NOVEMBER 21ST. SHE ALSO WENT TO FEDERAL COURT. ALL THOSE CASES I JUST MENTIONED ARE FILED AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE. IN FEDERAL COURT, IN 25 CV-845, SHE SUED THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, TIMOTHY ARVIEW, AND THAD SNELL. THE FEDERAL JUDGE JUST RECENTLY GRANTED A MOTION TO STAY THE CASE. IN OTHER WORDS, TO PAUSE THE LITIGATION UNTIL THE STATE COURT LAWSUITS ARE RESOLVED. IN 25 CV-850, SHE SUED TWO OF HER NEIGHBORS. THAT CASE HAS BEEN DISMISSED BY THE FEDERAL COURT. THAT WAS ANOTHER FEDERAL LAWSUIT. IN 25 CV-1207, SHE SUED THE STATE OF ILLINOIS SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WHICH COMPRISES SEVERAL COUNTIES INCLUDING FRANKLIN COUNTY. AND SHE NAMED THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CAPTION OF THE COMPLAINT. IN THAT PARTICULAR COMPLANT SHE NAMES SIX JUDGES. SHE NAMES ME, SHE NAMES A NEIGHBOR BUT THERE IS NO REAL MOVEMENT IN THAT CASE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO TELL WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT CASE. WHEN FOLKS DO THIS, YOU START TO WONDER ABOUT THEIR MOTIVES. WE ARE DOING OUR DUE DILLIGENCE, WE HAVE FOUND THAT SHE LIVED IN WHITE

COUNTY BEFORE SHE LIVED HERE. ACCORDING TO JUDICI.COM SHE HAS AN UNPAID TICKET FOR SPEEDING FOR $326.36 IN WHITE COUNTY AND UNPAID SEAT BELT TICKET FOR THE SAME AMOUNT IN WHITE COUNTY. ACCORDING TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY TREASURES WEBSITE HERE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY SHE HAS NOT PAID HER PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. SHE WAS ASKED TO AMEND HER BUILDING PERMIT, IS MY UNDERSTANDING AND THAT WAS APPROVED AFTER SHE AMENDED IT ASKING PERMISSION TO BUILD A FENCE. SHE DID NOT PAY THE CITY; SHE OWES THE CITY $180.75 FOR THE BUILDING PERMIT. I HAVE ALSO FOUND IN MORGAN COUNTY INDIANA, WHICH IS I BELIEVE IS WHERE SHE LIVED BEFORE WHITE COUNTY. THERE IS A JUDGEMENT AGAINST HER FROM MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,979.50, THERE IS NO INDICATION IT HAS BEEN PAID. BUT IT COULD BE. THERE IS ALSO A JUDGEMENT AGAINST HER IN MORGAN COUNTY INDIANA BY CAPITIAL ONE FOR $1,129.00 FOLKS HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS; IT DOES NOT MAKE THEM BAD PEOPLE. I AM JUST READING TO YOU WHAT I FOUND FROM THE RECORD. THERE IS A RULE OF EVIDENCE THAT LAWYERS USE IN LAW SUITS THAT SAYS ESSIENTIALLY YOU SHOULD NOT REVEAL CONTENT OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THAT RULE IS TO PREVENT A JUDGE OR A JURY FROM INTERPURTING SETTLEMENT OFFER AS AN ADMISSION OF FAULT. IF THE DEFENDANT OFFERS MONEY TO SOMEONE, WE DO NOT WANT THE JUDGE OR JURY TO HEAR THAT BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO BE INTERPURTED AS THEM ADMITTING THEY ARE AT FAULT AS THEY ARE TRYING TO SETTLE A CASE. THE RULE DOES NOT APPLY IF THERE IS BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF ONE SIDE. IT IS DESIGNED TO BE APPLIED IN COURT; WE ARE NOT IN COURT. I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC ARE HERE AND ARE INTERESTED. SHE HAS OFFERED TO WALK AWAY, SELL HER HOUSE, WALK AWAY AND NEVER LOOK BACK IF THE CITY WILL PAY HER TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS. I SUSPECT THE FIANCE COMMISSIONER WILL CONFIRM FOR ME THAT THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED YOU ARE CORRECT. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO DEFEND OURSELEVES MOVING FORWARD. AS YOU HEARD ME EARILER IT HAS REACHED TIPPING POINT. I DO NOT RECOMMEND MY CLIENTS FILE LAWSUITS UNLESS I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THEM. NO BODY LIKES GOING TO COURT AND LOSING. NOW WITH THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION THINGS WILL HOPEFULLY MOVE IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. IF ALL OF THIS COULD BE PUT TO AN END, I AM SURE EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY.

20. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**: THE MAYOR STATED I WILL REMIND EVERYONE TO

FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ORDINANCE. I WILL ALSO CLARIFY EARILER WHEN I SAID I WASN'T GOING TO READ THAT PART. I EDITED OUT SOME OF WHAT THE ORDINANCE SAYS BECAUSE I DON'T INTEND TO ENFORCE PART OF THIS ORDINANCE. WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FINING FOR CERTAIN STATEMENTS BEING MADE. I WAS ALREADY TALKING WITH OUR CITY ATTORNEY ABOUT AMENDING THAT ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE CLEARER. I AM NOT GOING TO READ TO YOU WHAT YOUR RIGHTS ARE I AM ACTUALLY EXTENDING MORE RIGHTS, AND MORE FREEDOM TO INDIVIDUALS SPEAKING TO KNOW THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FINING. WE ASK THAT YOU FOLLOW THE RULES.

JEREMY STATED I RUN A PAGE CALLED SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ACCOUNTABILITY. THAT WAS QUITE IMPRESSIVE, WHAT IS YOUR NAME, IS IT CANTRELL? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED YES. JEREMY STATED I COULD PULL UP ALL OF YOUR CASES TOO, IM SURE YOU HAVE BEEN TO COURT AND HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF YOUR CASES ONLINE. HAVE YOU WON ALL OF YOUR CASES IN COURT? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED NO. JEREMY STATED THAT IS WERID BECAUSE YOU JUST TOLD THEM THAT YOU NEVER TAKE A CASE UNLESS YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING TO WIN. THE MAYOR STATED I WOULD REMIND YOU, YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE AND NOT INDIVIDUALS PLEASE. JERMEY STATED IM TRYING TO DO THAT, BUT HE IS SPEAKING TO SOMEONE AND DEGRADING THEM, THAT IS NOT FAIR. WHAT I AM HERE ABOUT IS ON THE 16TH I WAS AT A PUBLIC OFFICE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WORKING ON A STORY. I WASN'T INSIDE; THEY DIDN'T LIKE ME POINTING MY CAMERA AT THEIR WINDOWS. THEY CALLED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I WAS AT THE PARK BACK IN MAY AND HAD MY RIGHTS VIOLATED THERE. AT THAT TIME WE CAME TO AN AGREEMENT THAT I WAS NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG. TALKED WITH THE CHIEF THAT I WAS LEGALLY ALOUD TO BE THERE. THIS TIME THE CHIEF'S SON TRIED TO TRESPASS ME FROM THAT PROPERTY AND IT GOT HEATED. THE CHIEF HISELF TRESPASSED ME FROM A PUBLIC AREA IN A PUBLIC BUILDING. THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED ON THIS, YOU CAN NOT BE TRESPASSED FROM SOMEWHERE YOU ARE LEGALLY ALOUD TO BE. THERE IS A HUGE DISCONNECT BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRESPASS ANYONE, BEUCASE THEY DO NOT LIKE WHAT I AM DOING THERE. BY DOING SO THEY HAVE VIOLATED MY RIGHTS, WE ARE RIGHT BACK TO THE SAME SITUATION WE WERE BEFORE. I HAVE TRIED TO TALK WITH THE STATES ATTORNEY. I HAVE TALKED TO THE CHIEF ABOUT THIS I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO FILE A LAWSUIT BECAUSE THE CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS. I AM NOT TRYING TO DO

LAWSUITS OR CREATE A CONFRONTATION. I AM TRYING TO HELP YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE AT OUR BUILDINGS WE PAY TAXES FOR. I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO COMPLETE MY FOIA REQUEST. MAYBE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ON WHEN AND WHERE YOU CAN TRESPASS PEOPLE. I DO NOT WANT TO FILE A LAWSUIT. I HAVE NOT MADE UP MY MIND ABOUT FILING ONE ON THE PARK. YOU HAVE THREE YEARS TO FILE A LAWSUIT. I HAVE TWO MORE ONE ON THE FEDERAL COURT HOUSE AND ONE IN MOUNT VERNON. I AM HERE TRYING TO SPREAD AWARENESS ON OUR RIGHTS.

DANNY LOEH STATED I AM VICE CURATOR OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM. I BROUGHT A SMALL PIECE OF WHAT WE HAVE AT THE MUSEUM. THIS IS A WORLD WAR II HELMENT. SERGEANT TOMZIK LOST HIS LIFE IN 1944. I HAD BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCH; I HAD A GENTLEMEN CALL ME AND SAID I LEFT YOU A LETTER THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING. HE WAS KILLED BY A GERMAN GUARD; A GERMAN CITIZEN WAS FORCED TO BURY HIM AND TOOK THE HELMENT AND HIS TAG. IN 1946 HE WAS ABLE WORK WITH THE WAR DEPARTMENT AND A TRANSLATOR, AND THEY SENT A LETTER TO THE SERGEANT TOMZIK'S FAMILY. HE LIVED HERE ON EAST MAIN STREET. THIS IS OUR MILITARY HISTORY THAT WE ARE PROTECTING. WE HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS. I HAD A WORLD WAR II UNIFORM BROUGHT TO ME, THE SERGEANT THAT IT BELONGED TO WAS A SILVER STAR AWARD WINNER. I HAVE A PICTURE OF HIM GETTING PINNED FOR THE SILVER STAR. WE HAVE OVER 4,000 ITEMS. COME BY AND CHECK OUR MUSEUM OUT. WE ARE OPENED ON SUNDAYS 2:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.

TINA ROSE STATED IT WAS NICE OF CANTRELL TO LET YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THOSE CASES. ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY ARE AGAINST THEM AS INDIVIDUALS AND NOT AS THE CITY. I AM A DISABLED RESIDENT AND A FEDERAL PLAINTIFF, WITNESS, AND WHISTLE BLOWER IN THE CASE AGAINST THE CITY. ROBERT STANLEY CAME BEFORE ON AUGUST 27, 2024. ON VIDEO HE ADMITTED HIS STRUCTURE DOES NOT MET CODE, SAFETY OR ZONING. HE STATED HIS TENANTS WERE IN DANGER OF FIRE HAZARDS AND INABLILTY TO ESCAPE IN A FIRE. HE AGREED WHERE THE PROPERTY LINES WERE, HE SAID HE KNOWS EVERY RESIDENCE HAS A REQUIRED SET BACK OVER 15 FEET OR MORE. THEN BLAMED MY FENCE FOR BEING ONE INCH AWAY FROM HIS HOUSE. HE THEN CLEARLY ASKED ALL OF YOU TO TAKE MY YARD AND GIVE IT TO HIM. SNELL KNEW MY FENCE IS FAR ON MY SIDE OF THE PROPERTY LINE, SNELL KNEW THAT THE WINDOWS WERE GLASS BLOCKED SHUT AND NOT ESCAPABLE IN A FIRE. THAT HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH MY FENCE. INSTEAD OF ENFORCING THE LAW EQUALLY IN

THAT SAME VIDEO MR. SNELL SAYS THE CITY OWES IT TO HIM TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. STANLEY HAD JUST ADMITTED TO YOU OF HIS WRONG DOING. AND SNELL SAYS CEARLY ON VIDEO THE CITY OWES IT TO STANLEY. TAD SNELL MADE THAT STATEMENT EXCATLY SEVEN DAYS AFTER THREATING TO DEMOLISH MY HOME FOR NO EXISTENT ISUESS. NO, THE CITY DOESN'T OWE IT TO ROBERT STANLEY, THEY OWE IT TO ME AND EVERY TAX PAYER TO FOLLOW THE LAW. YOU CONTINUE TO PROTECT A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AND THREATEN ANOTHER RESIDENT BECAUSE ROBERT STANLEY IS RELATED TO ROGER STANLEY. THAT IS NOT FAIR OR LAWFUL. I WILL NOT STAND DOWN AS YOU THREATEN ME, AND ARE TRYING TO DEPRIVE ME OF MY LEGALLY OWNED AND LAWFUL HOME. SO, A CITY COUNCILS FAMILY MEMBER CAN TAKE WHAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM. IN YOU PROTECT YOU SHOW NO CONCERN OF THE SAFETY OF THOSE TENANTS. YOU CAN NOT THREATEN ME INTO SILENCE THE CITY OWES EVERY RESIDENT PROTECT FROM SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, RETAILIATION, FOR ASKING THE LAW TO BE FOLLOWED. YOU OWE ME AS A DISABLED HOME OWNER THE SAME DUE PROCESS YOU WOULD GIVE ANYONE ELSE. YOU OWE ME TO NOT ABUSE YOUR POWER AND THREATEN ME. YOUR DUTY IS CLEAR TO ENFORCE THE BUILDING AND ZONING CODES EQUALLY WITHOUT FAVORITISM. STOP THREATENING ME, STOP IGNORING MY WRITTEN REQUESTS, AND SCHEDULE AN INDEPENDENT ZONING BOARD HEARING WITH THE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE NOT MADE THREATS. ENFORCING YOUR OWN CODES PROTECTS THE ENTIRE TOWN. WHAT YOU ARE DOING INSTEAD SINGLING OUT ONE RESIDENT WHILE ALLOWING FRIENDS TO BREAK THE LAW, HARMS THE COMMUNITY, DAMAGES PUBLIC TRUST, VIOLATE THE PRINCIPALS YOU SWORE TO UP HOLD. CHANGING THE MUNICIPAL CODES TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS DOES NOT MATTER ANYMORE ARVIEW. AS OF JANUARY 1ST 2025, STATE CODE OVER RIDES LOCAL CODE EVEN IN HOME RULE CITIES. YOU ARE VIOLATING STATE CODE BY IGNORING THIS AND MY CIVIL RIGHTS BY IGNORING MY REQUEST. I WANT TO ADDRESS THOSE THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU DO NOT KNOW ME PERSONALLY AND YOU CHOSE TO SPEAK ABOUT ME HERE TONIGHT. (THE MAYOR STATED YOU CAN END YOUR COMMENTS NOW; YOU ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL ANYMORE; YOU ARE ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC.)

ROBERT STANLEY STATED I DO NOT KNOW ANYMORE HERE THAT AS A REGULAR CITIZEN WOULD DO ME A FAVOR. NO ONE WOULD STEP OVER BOUNDS INCLUDING MY COUSIN. I LEFT HERE WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD TO NEVER RETURN. I HAVE NEVER LIVED IN WEST FRANKFORT. I KNOW YOUR COUSIN BY THE SAME NAME OF YOU; I KNEW

HIM A LOT BETTER THAN I KNOW YOU. I STUCK A SIGN IN MY YARD FOR YOU BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE THAT RESPECTED YOU AND SAID YOU WERE AN AWESOME PERSON. I HAVE SEEN NOTHING BUT GOOD FROM YOU. I HAVE HAD ABOUT TEN CONVERSATIONS WITH ROGER SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN. EVERYONE IN THIS FAMILY IS PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR FAMILY IN THIS CITY. I DO NOT KNOW HIM ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING FOR ME. I CAME BACK AFTER SERVING MY COUNTRY WITH THE INTENT OF MAKING A BETTER AREA FOR MY FAMILY. MY INTENT WAS TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT GAVE TO ME. I STARTED IN ORIENT BUYING HOUSES, THEN BUYING HERE WITH A COUPLE OTHER INVESTERS. I AGREE WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN FOR THE TAX PAYERS OF WEST FRANKFORT. BUT THE LADY THAT WAS JUST UP HERE IS NOT A TAX PAYER, SHE IS NOT PAYING HER TAXES. I DO NOT CARE WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT ME, I HEAR IT EVERYDAY THAT I AM A SLUMLORD, I AM A TERRIBLE PERSON. BUT THE YOUNG LADY THAT RENTED FROM ME FOR OVER TEN YEARS, AND WOULD STILL BE RENTING FROM ME TODAY. I LOST AN AWESOME TENANT BECAUSE OF THE HARASSMENT SHE HAD TO DEAL WITH FROM THE NEIGHBOR. I WANT TO ANSWER SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE CITY. I HAVE NEVER BOUGHT A PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ONLY FROM INDIVIDUALS. I HAVE ASKED FOR ONE FAVOR FROM THE CITY, I CALLED ROGER BECAUSE A TREE FELL ON AN OLD LADYS HOUSE, I REMOVED THE TREE AND ROGER SENT THE CITY OVER TO THE HOUSE TO REMOVE THE DEBRIS. BACK TO THE HOUSE WAS BUILT BY A LOCAL BUILDER IN 1980'S. WHEN IT WAS BUILT IT DID NOT HAVE A GARAGE, THE GARAGE WAS ADDED LATER IN THE LATE 80'S EARLY 90'S. THEY PUT THE BLOCKED GLASS ON THERE BECAUSE YOU COULD GO IN ONE DOOR AND WALK OUT OF ANOTHER IN EVERY ROOM OF THE HOUSE. SINCE I PURCHASED THE HOUSE, I PUT IN $15,000.00 IN IT AND DONE A LOT OF WORK TO IT.

WILLIAM NOLAN STATED IT IS WORTH POINTING OUT THAT MS. ROSE'S CASE THAT ONLY ONE OF THEM IS AGAINST THE CITY. THE REST OF THEM ARE AGAINST CITY OFFICIALS IN THEIR PRIVATE COMPACITY AS CITIZENS. BEHAVIOR, MISCONDUCT THAT IS OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF ONES OFFICE BARES CIVIL CONSEQUENCES, THAT IS WHAT THAT IS ALL ABOUT. THAT WAS A VERY LENGHTY AND A COMPLETE SMEAR CAMPAIN THAT YOU RAN, THAT WENT FAR OUTSIDE OF SCOPE OF MATTERS AT HAND. YOU MUST BE A VERY THIN SKIN TO ENGAGE AT SUCH A LENGHTY SMEAR CAMPAIN. (THE MAYOR STATED PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT INDIVIDUALS)

IDA BROKSI STATED MY MADIEN NAME IS STANLEY. ROGER AND ABOUT HALF OF THOSE OVER THERE ARE ALL RELATED TO ME. I HAVE LIVED HERE ALL OF MY LIFE. I KNOW A LOT OF THESE FOLKS. I HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE MAYOR. MR. THAD HAS DEALT WITH ME MANY OF TIMES, HE KNOWS I CAN BE NOT NICE. THE COPS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RIGHT THERE TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. I AM PROUD ABOUT WEST FRANKFORT'S POLICE AND AMBULANCE. THERE ARE MANY TIMES MY ELDER FAMILY HAS NEEDED THEM AND THEY ARE RIGHT THERE. WE HAVE A GREAT COMMUNITY HERE. IT IS VERY DISAPPOINTING THAT ONE PERSON TRIES TO TAKE DOWN THIS WHOLE CITY THAT WE HAVE ALL WORKED HARD TO BUILD UP AND TO HELP ONE ANOTHER OUT. I AM VERY PROUD OF MY NAME. YES, I AM SORRY I HAVE HAD AN ISSUE WITH MS. TINA ONLINE RECENTLY. SHE DID MENTION AND CALLED NAMES. I DID HAVE A COME BACK FOR HER EVERYTIME. THAT IS ME AND MY PERSONALITY. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY I AM PROUD OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND THE MAYOR. I THINK IT IS AWESOME WE GOT THE K9 WE NEED THAT, WE NEED HELP FOR OUR HOMELESS, WE NEED HELP FOR ALL OF THAT. I AM GLAD I COME FROM A COMMUNITY THAT IS WILLING TO DO THAT.

DASIY STANLEY I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY YOU GUYS ALL DO A WONDERFUL JOB AND THESE ARE ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS UP HERE. THE CITY IS THE ONE WHO ELECTS THEM. IF ANYONE COULD DO IT ANY BETTER, THEN YOU NEED TO PUT YOURSELF ON THE BALLET AND SEE IF THEY WILL GET VOTED IN.

MINNIE STANLEY STATED I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT EVERYBODY HAS DONE THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, THANK YOU ALL YOU HARD WORKERS, AND THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY THAT ACTUALLY GIVES A DARN ABOUT UP BRINGING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES INSTEAD OF OUT TO GET SOMETHING.

GARICK STATED I REPRESENT THE WILLIS FAMILY. JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ANSWERED. HOW DO THESE TYPES OF LITIGATION AFFECT THE CITY AS FAR AS THEIR ABILITY TO PAY FOR THINGS, AND HOW DOES QUALIFIED IMMUNITY AFFECT INDIVIDUAL LAWSUITS AGAINST PEOPLE ON THE COUNCIL AS IT RELATES TO PAYMENT OF FEES AS WELL? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED QUALIFIED IMMUNITY GENERALLY APPLIES, IS MY UNDERSTANDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. WHEN IT COMES TO US, OUR INSURANCE DEFENDS US HIRES AN ATTORNEY THE INSURANCE COMPANY PAYS FOR THAT, THEY INCREASE OUR PREMIUMS. THERE IS AN INSURANCE DISPUTE AS TO THE

CASE I AM INVOLVED IN. BECAUSE OF THE ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT IMMUNITY ACT REQUIRES THE CITY TO INDEMNIFY ALL ITS OFFICERS, I AM BILLINGTHE CITY DEFENDING MY SELF I BELIEVE THE ACT REQUIRES, BUT ALSO LIMITS ON INSURANCE POLICIES. MOST INSURANCE POLICIES ARE LIMITED TO ONE MILLION, COULD BE FIVE MILLION, COULD BE TEN MILLION, ARE SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES DEFENDING THESE LAWSUITS INSURANCE ATTORNEY WORKS WITH ME A LOT, WE SHARE INFORMATION WE WORK TOGETHER HOW MANY HOURS THAT GOES. RESPONDING TO A LOT OF IT IS NOT ABOUT THE BILL THE CITY PAYS TO ME, THOSE ARE TAX PAYER DOLLARS OBVIOUSLY. MAN POWER HOURS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. THE AMOUNT OF TIME, I CAN NOT PUT A PERCENTAGE TO IT, ME WORKING WITH THE MAYOR, CODES OFFICER, CITY CLERK THE HOURS WE SPEND DEALING WITH TINA ROSE IS UNBELIEVABLE COMPARED TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE SPENT DOING EVERYTHING ELSE FOR THE CITY. IF WE ELIMINATED THAT PROBLEM, WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO DO THAT THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM AND DO IT CORRECTLY, IT WOULD ALLOW ALL OF US TO DO MORE THINGS THAT ARE BETTER FOR THE CITY. THAT IS WHY MY ULITIMATE OPINION IS THAT LITIGATION IS MOTIVATED BY BAD FAITH AND MY PURPOSE IN DISCLOSING OF WHAT I FOUND IN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS IS NOT TO SMEAR ANYBODY, IT IS TO DEMONSTRATE A FINANCIAL MOTIVE, FINANCIAL INCENTIVE THAT HAPPENS IN A LOT OF THESE CASES NOT JUST THIS ONE.

LEIGH CALDWELL STATED I KNOW ALL OF YOU UP HERE, I AM A CONCERNED CITIZEN THAT COMES FORWARD WITH MY ISSUES AND TALKS TO YOU ALL. I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN REALLY HARD FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS TO HAVE A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS MONOPOLIZING YOUR TIME. I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU WHAT THE REST OF THE CITIZENS IN THIS CITY DO, AND WHY IT IS SO GREAT HERE. I HAVE A GROUP OF WOMEN WHO VOLUNTEER TO TACKLE THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY WE DECIDED OVER THE WEEKEND WE NEED TO START A FOOD DRIVE. WE ONLY HAVE ONE FOOD PANTRY OPERATING IN TOWN. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL SNAP BENEFITS TO BE DELAYED. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR TWO DAYS AND HAVE RAISED $1,200.00, WE HAVE FOOD BEING DROPPED OFF OVER FLOWING. I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU ALL HOW MANY GREAT PEOPLE CAN COME TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE APPRICATE YOU ALL FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERING TO LEAD US.

LAUREN STATED I AM THE WOMEN IN THE GARAGE, THE WOMEN THAT

WAS THE STALKER, THE WOMEN THAT HAD CAMERAS POINTED AT HER WINDOW. I HAD LIVED IN THAT HOME FOR MANY YEARS. IT WAS UP UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF MAY I WAS SO SCARED FOR MY LIFE THAT I HAD MOVED OUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO. THE WOMEN CHASED ME DOWN THE ALLEY WHILE I WAS MOWING MY ELDERLY NEIGHBORS LAWN. THEY COULDN'T DO IT SO I DID IT. SHE WOULD CHASE ME DOWN THE ALLEY I WOULD HAVE TO GO AROUND THE BLOCK JUST TO GET AWAY. SHE WOULD SCREAM AT MY CHILDERN WHILE THEY WERE OUTSIDE. THE NEW PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE, SHE HAS THE SAME PROBLEMS. SHE TEXTS ME SAYING MY KIDS ARE TERRIFED, SHE IS OUTSIDE SCREAMING AND YELLING AT THEM WHAT DO I DO? I SAID I DON'T KNOW I HAD TO LEAVE. IT IS ALL ONE SIDED UNTIL YOU SEE THE OTHER SIDE. WHEN I LIVED THERE, SHE GOT PULLED OUT OF HER HOME BY HER BIG GERMAN SHEPARD, I STOOD OUT SIDE TO WAIT ON THE LOCKSMITH WITH HER. IT HAPPENED AGAIN, I LET HER IN MY HOUSE, THE HOUSE SHE IS COMPLAINING ABOUT SHE SAT THERE WHILE SHE WAS WAITING ON THE LOCK SMITH. THEN A MONTH LATER HER DOG RUNS OUT AND ATTACKS ME AND MY DOG I HAD NOTHING TO DO BUT TO PROTECT MY DOG I WAS INJURED FROM IT. A COUPLE WEEKS LATER SHE COMES TO THAD AND COMPLAINS ABOUT THE GRASS IN THE ALLEYWAY THAT I DIDN'T GET TO MOW BECAUSE I WAS INJURED FROM HER DOG. WE SEE ONE SIDE OF IT WHERE SHE COMPLAINS THAT THE HOUSE WAS BUILT UP TO HER FENCE. SHE DOESN'T MENTION THAT HOW THAT FENCE WAS BUILT BECAUSE HER DOG ATTACKED A NEIGHBOR. THEN BUILT IT UP AGAINST MY FENCE AND GETS MAD WHEN I CAN NOT MOW AROUND IT. THERE IS TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY. YOU GUYS KNOW WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH. WE ARE ALL STILL IN LAWSUITS, WE ARE ALL STILL DEALING WITH IT. I AM AS WELL I HAVE A COUPLE DISMISSED AND SOME STILL ON GOING BECAUSE IT IS A NEVER ENDING BATTLE. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ THE STORY AND UNDERSTAND BOTH SIDES OF IT I APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR TEN YEARS, MY CHILDREN GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

THE MAYOR STATED I DO WANT TO ADDRESS, ONE OF THE REASONS FOR OUR ATTORNEY GIVING THAT DETAIL IS BECAUSE WE ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE ARE FIDUCIARIES OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS, SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW WHEN YOU SEE AN ITEM ON HERE, WE ARE PURSUING LITIGATION AGAINST SOMEONE, WELL WHY? HE WAS GIVING YOU THE WHY. AS FIDUCIARIES OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW WHY WE ARE DOING THOSE THINGS.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5) (6), AND 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11). PERSONEL, BUYING AND SELLING PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION AT 7:10 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

22. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:53 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK