WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK. THE MAYOR ATTENDED VIA ZOOM.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12TH, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF $193,419.87. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE VOORHEES/GOFORTH FAMILY TO SPONSOR THE FANTASY OF LIGHTS PARADE TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. THE CITY CLERK STATED THE ROUTE IS GOING TO STAY THE SAME AS IN YEARS PAST. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT APPLICATION FROM ER BROWN FURNITURE. THEY HAVE DONE A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT ON FOUR OF THEIR STORE FRONTS AT 401-403-405 407 EAST MAIN. WE ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE THEM $2,500.00 AS A MAX PER STORE FRONT. SINCE THEY UPDATED ALL FOUR, THEY WILL RECEIVE $10,000. THEY HAVE SPENT OVER $60,000.00 HAVING THEM ALL REDONE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WEST FRANKFORT ORDINANCE NO TJ3-088 TO AMEND TERRITORY OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY I-57 ENTERPRISE ZONE. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD A MEETING WITH THE ENTERPRISE ZONE BOARD WHICH CONSISTS OF WEST FRANKFORT, BENTON, WEST CITY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. THEY ARE EXTENDING AN AREA THAT WILL BE A CAMPGROUND. WE APPROVED THE BOUNDERIES, THIS IS THE CITY FINALIZING THAT. IT'S A LITTLE BIT SOUTH OF BENTON, THE WEST SIDE OF THE INTERSTATE AND WILL BE CALLED THE LAKE HOUSE RV PARK. THE OWNER RAY MINOR IS PAYING THE COST OF EXTENDING THE ZONE. THIS WILL AMEND THE CURRENT ORDINANCE FOR THAT AREA. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, THE CITY OF BENTON AND THE VILLAGE OF WEST CITY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS GOES ALONG WITH THE ENTERPRISE ZONE A LEGAL DOCUMENT WE HAVE TO SIGN IN ORDER TO DO THIS. THIS WILL CHANGE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION. WE NEED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERIES. 501 N. HORN; 604 W. JONES; 1104 W. ST. LOUIS; 206 E. 4TH; 1310 E. CLARK; 605 S. ODLE; 901 E. ELM; 712 N. PALMER; 1107 W. OAK; 207 N. MONROE; 314 N. HORN. THE PROPERTY AT 712 S. DOUGLAS WAS PUT ON HOLD SINCE THE CITY HAS NOT RECEIVED THE DEED YET. BUT ALL OTHERS WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL AND WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS INCUBATOR LIGHTING PROJECTS. DON GASS HAS IDENTIFIED A COUPLE OF PROJECTS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN WITH AMEREN. THE FIRST ONE IS PROJECT "A" AT

THE WF MALL REPLACING OLD LIGHTING WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT LED LIGHTNING. COST AFTER INCENTIVES $16,734.64. THIS WILL INCORPORATE THE WHOLE WF MALL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FORMER VF STORE. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN THERE DUE TO THE FACT OF NOT KNOWING WHAT A FUTURE CLIENT MAY OR MAY NOT DO WITH THE LIGHTING IN THAT SPACE. THE COMPLETE PARKING AREA WILL BE LED AS WELL. PROJECT "B" IS TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LIGHTING IN THE WF BUSINESS INCUBATOR WITH LED LIGHTNING AS WELL. THAT COST WILL BE $16,330.00 AFTER AMEREN INCENTIVES. MR. GASS STATED IF WE DO THESE PROJECTS IN 18 MONTHS, WE WILL GET OUR MONEY BACK THAT WE SPENT DUE TO THE ENERGY SAVINGS FROM THESE BEING INSTALLED. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPUTER WORK STATION FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,591.87. CHIEF PRUDENT STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THIS SYSTEM AND PLACE IT IN OUR SMALL INTERVIEW ROOM AND TURN THAT ROOM INTO A ZOOM COURTROOM AND OFFICE. OUR OFFICERS ARE ATTENDING COURT VIA ZOOM FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT JURY TRIALS AND THIS WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE. THIS WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH A QUIET SPACE TO CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THEIR JOBS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,475.00 REGARDING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT'S PORTION OF THE NIBRS INTERFACE WITH CENTRAL SQUARE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FERRELL ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,944.44 REGARDING ELECTRICAL WORK COMPLETED AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL.THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS WORK THAT WE HAD TO DO TO UPGRADE THE SPACE FOR DREAM ACADEMY SCHOOL. THEY ADDED THREE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND OUTLETS TO EXISTING WALLS. THIS WAS

SOMETHING THAT HAD TO BE DONE THAT THE SCHOOL REQUESTED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,176.02 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THIS IS FOR MINI BULK FREEZE CHEMICALS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,844.04 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS EMERGENCY APPROVAL OF SURPLUS LIST FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT INCUBATOR FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING THAT WAS TABLED. THE MAYOR STATED THERE ARE 15 ITEMS LSITED THEY ARE ANTIQUE ROAD GRADER, TILLER GRINDER, STREET/SEWER DEPARTMENT VACUUM TRUCK, SEWER DEPT DUMP TRUCK, DODGE JAMBOREE MOTORHOME, S-10 PICKUP TRUCK, CHEVY IMPALA, DODGE NEON, DODGE INTREPID, BACK HOE HIGH LIFT BUCKET, CUB CADET ZERO TURN RECON MOWER, FEMA TRAILER, FLOOR SWEEPER SCRUBBER, AND A FLOOR SCRUBBER BUFFER. THERE ARE FOUR OTHER ITEMS WE DO NOT HAVE TITLES TO. CHIEF PRUDENT RAN VIN NUMBERS ON THOSE VEHICLES AND COULD NOT FIND ANY INFORMATION ON THESE. WE WILL FIGURE THEM OUT ONCE WE RECEIVE BIDS. THE MAYOR ASKED WHATS THE COUNCILS CHOICE DO WE ADVERTISE THESE FOR SEALED BIDS OR DO WE HIRE AN AUCTIONEER? THE COUNCIL STATED THE EASIEST WAY WOULD BE TO HIRE AN AUCTIONEER. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE JUST DECLARING THEM SURPLUS SO PEOPLE CAN GO LOOK AT THEM AND THEN DECIDE IF WE WANT TO HAVE AN AUCTION OR DO SEALED BIDS AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

AS FAR AS THE CHRISTMAS TREE THAT WAS VOTED ON LAST MEETING, THEY HAD SOLD OUT OF THEM BEFORE WE COULD BUY THE EXTENSION. SO, NO EXTENSION FOR THE TREE WILL BE BOUGHT THIS YEAR.

16. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~

WE RECEIVED A SIGN PERMIT MELANIE AT ATOMIC VAPORS AT 606 W. MAIN. LIBERTY SIGNS WILL BE INSTALLING AT A COST OF $3,439.76. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

17. MAYOR'S REPORT ~ HAS BEEN HAVING SOME ISSUES SINCE HIS BLOOD CLOTS IN HIS LUNGS, HE IS ON ELIQUIST A BLOOD THINNERTHAT HAS CAUSED SOME SIDE EFFECTS. THE SIDE EFFECTS HAVE CAUSED ME TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. THEY'VE DETERMINED I HAVE A BLADDER INFECTION. BUT GODS BEEN GOOD, IM GOING TO BE OK, I'VE JUST GOT TO DEAL WITH THIS TAKE SOME ANTIBIOTICS, AND IN A WEEK ILL BE BACK IN THE OFFICE. I JUST THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH A GREAT COUNCIL WHO LET ME DO THIS REMOTELY.

TOMORROW IS OLLIES GRAND OPENING AT 8:30 THEY WILL HAVE ALL KINDS OF SALES GOING ON OUT THERE SO BE SURE TO GO OUT THERE. UNFORTUNATLY DUE TO MY HEALTH I CAN NOT GO TO THE OPENING; SO, IM SENDING THE COMMISSIONER HARKINS TO GO IN MY PLACE.

18. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THAT EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING FINE IN THE DEPARTMENTS. RIGHT OVER THERE SITS THE REASON WHY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND ROGER STANLEY AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR TEARING DOWN THE BUSHES AROUND MORTHLAND COLLEGE AND TAKING THAT SIGN DOWN. HE IS A BUSY GUY AND I APPRECIATE HIM. IT WAS LONG OVERDUE.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REALLY BUSY AND HELPED A LOT WITH THE MORTHLAND COLLEGE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED HER WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING WELL. WE ARE ALL WORKING WELL AND EVERYTHING IS FINE.

19. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

20. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:24 P.M.

Tom Jordan
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

Angela Baker Deaton
ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK