WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022

1. MAYOR JORDAN 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 JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 26th, 2022 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 THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $141,960.05. 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 NEGOTIATED WAGE REOPENER FOR PATROL OFFICERS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2022 AND PAID RETROACTIVELY, A PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED AS A POLICE OFFICER FOR ANOTHER EMPLOYER SHALL RECEIVE A BASIC WAGE THAT IS NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF THE BASE WAGE OF A PATROL OFFICER WHILE ATTENDING THE ACADEMY. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETELING THE POLICE ACADEMY, SUCH EMPLOYEE SHALL RECEIVE A BASE WAGE THAT IS ONE-HUNDRED (100%) OF THE BASE WAGE OF A PATROL OFFICER. EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2022 AND PAID RETROACTIVELY, A PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS A POLICE OFFIVE FOR ANOTHER EMPLOYER AND IS CERTIFIED AS A POLICE OFFICER THROUGH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS SHALL RECEIVE A BASE WAGE THAT IS ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE BASE SALARY WAGE OF A PATROL OFFICER. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES. WE HAVE ONE PROPERTY AT 1980 E GARLAND WE RECEIVED ONE BID IT WAS FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000.00. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING OFFERS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEEMED AS SURPLUS.

   THE FIRST PROPERTY WAS AT 901 E. ELM. WE HAD ONE BIDDER, THE BID WAS FROM WILLIAM GASS FOR $1,850.00 COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

   THE SECOND PROPERTY WAS AT 714 S. SKELTON. WE HAD ONE BID, RECEIVED FROM BRIAN THOMPSON FOR $825.00. THE MAYOR STATED HE DID NOT MAKE THE MINIMUM BID SO HE WOULD RECOMMEND REJECTING THE BID. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A MINI EXCAVATOR AND TRAILER FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. WE RECEIVED A BID FROM LITTLE TRACTOR COMPANY FOR A 2022 YANMAR SV40-CRCUS D WITH A TRENCH BUCKET AT A PRICE OF $61,573.75. THIS WAS THE ONLY ONE IN STOCK IN THE FOUR STATE AREA AROUND US. NO ONE CAN GET THEM OR HAVE THEM RIGHT NOW. WE ALSO RECEIVED A BID FROM DIAMOND EQUIPMENT FOR AN IMPERIAL SW14-20 TILT TOP TRAILER FOR $13,900.00 THAT WE WILL NEED TO HAUL THE MINI EXCAVATOR ON. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH

JONATHON RABY FOR A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THE BURGS BUILDING ON MAIN STREET HE HAS PUT IN ALL NEW WINDOWS AND HAS DONE QUITE A BIT OF WORK ON THOSE BUILDINGS. HE HAS THREE (3) STORE FRONTS THERE AND IS ELIGIBLE TO $30,385.00. 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, REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF A TIF APPLICATION FOR RV, BOAT AND SELF STORAGE FACILITY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR THE OLD BONNEFIELD TRUCK LINE BUILDING SOUTH OF TOWN ON 37. DANIEL RIEGEL AND JOE CRUMP WERE PRESENT AND STATED THEY ARE WANTING TO PUT IN AN RV, BOAT AND SELF STORAGE UNIT OUT THERE. MR. RIEGEL STATED WE ARE BETWEEN REND LAKE AND LAKE OF EGYPT AND NO ONE HAS ANYTHING BUILT LIKE THIS AND IF THEY DO IT IS FULL. WE WANT TO BUILD SOMETHING BIG AND PUT US ON THE MAP. MR. RIEGEL STATED THEY ARE WANTING TO HAVE AROUND 400 UNITS AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED YOU HAVE FOUR (4) PHASES YOU ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH AS IT STATES IN THE BUSINESS PLAN YOU HAVE GIVEN US. THE FIRST PHASE IS FOR DEMOLITION. MR. RIEGEL STATED YES, IT WILL BE MOSTLY CLEANING UP AND DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY, AND SOME PARKING. MR. CRUMP STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 200 OPEN PARKING SPOTS WITH PHASE 1. MR. RIEGEL STATED PHASE 2 WILL CONSIST OF FOUR (4) BUILDINGS THE WASH HOUSE, THE MAIN BUILDING THAT WAS THE TRUCKING COMPANY, THE TWO STORAGE BUILDINGS, AND ROCK DUST PLANT WE WOULD REDO AND CONVERT THOSE INTO ENCLOSED RV STORAGE. MAYOR STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO GET AN APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED WITH MR. RIEGEL AND MR. CRUMP AT A LATER TIME TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS THIS MORE. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF PAY ESTIMATE #10 TO SAMRON MIDWEST CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $256,265.87 REGARDING EDA AWARD 06-01-06132 – CONTRACT 2. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE #27 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,199.38 REGARDING I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE #10 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,012.19 REGARDING MALL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT – 2 C.E. 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 DUKE'S IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,047.00 REGARDING FOAMING ROOT CONTROL FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. 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 SKUTA CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,500.00 REGARDING SEWER VIDEO INSPECTIONS FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,937.08 REGARDING 1 LB BLK FREEZE 32F FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,612.14 REGARDING 1 LB BLK FREEZE 32F FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,745.01 REGARDING TASER EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUXILLARY POLICE TO BE PAID FROM AUXILLARY FUNDS FOR THE WFPD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON.

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

18. OFFICER'S REPORT ~

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022. CHIEF SAILLIEZ REPORTED THAT THEY HAD 170-AMBULANCE CALLS, 11 RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 2- BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 2 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 0 VEHICLE FIRES, 8 FIRE EMERGENCY; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN), 5 STRUCTURE FIRES AND 1 SMOKE SCARE, 1 AMBULANCE CALL TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL DUE TO NO THIRD AMBULANCE, 2- MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSES, AND 1- MISSING PERSON. FOR A TOTAL OF 200 CALLS DURING THE MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 21,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $41,139.58 FOR JULY AMBULANCE CALLS.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022. CHIEF PRUDENT REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 898 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 17 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 38 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 5 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 16 ALARMS, 1 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 8 BURGLARIES, 12 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 13 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 23 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 81 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND MADE 38 STREET CONTACTS.
OFFICERS CONDUCTED 210 TRAFFIC STOPS, ISSUED 83 CITIATIONS, 150 WARNINGS, AND 17 LW-27'S.
THERE WERE 60 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 4 JUVENILE ARRESTS, RESULTING IN 80 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.
DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1127 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 547 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 72 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 898 WERE FOR POLICE, 213 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE/EMS, 15 WERE FOR THOMPSONVILLE FIRE/EMS, AND 16 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS AND 1 FOR UNITED AMBULANCE. FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WE COLLECTED $2,880.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022. PERMIT: 0~BUILDING PERMITS, 0~SIGN PERMITS. RENTAL PROPERTIES: 22~RENTAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED. CASE ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 62 WHICH

INCLUDES DOORS TAGGED VERBAL WARNINGS, VEHICLES TAGGED, INSPECTIONS OF VIOLATIONS, INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS ISSUED, LETTERS SENT, ETC. AND BROUGHT IN $400.00 IN FINES AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

19. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~ THERE WERE NO BUILDING & SIGN PERMITS.

20. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: THERE WERE NO AUDIENCE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

21. MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS~

THE MAYOR STATED HE WAS ABLE TO TAKE A WEEK AWAY FROM HERE AND HE JUST WANTS TO THANK THE STAFF HERE FOR TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING WHILE HE WAS GONE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY DO EVERYONE HERE GETS ALONG AND IS VERY PLEASANT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY COMMISSIONERS WE COME WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE, AND WE ALL ARE ON THE SAME PAGE SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED WELL RIGHT NOW WE ARE DOWN TO ONE AMBULANCE HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE THE SECOND ONE GOING SHORTLY. IT WAS HAVING SOME COMPUTER PROBLEMS. THE MAYOR ASKED HAVE YOU HAD ANY REPORTS ON THE NEW ONE WE BOUGHT? CHIEF SAILLIEZ STATED YES, THERE IS STILL NO CHASSIS BEING BUILT. THESE CHIEFS DO A FINE JOB STATED MR. HARKINS.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IM JUST BLOWN AWAY WITH HOW MANY CALLS THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT GET. UNTIL I SAT UP HERE IN THIS CHAIR, I NEVER REALIZED JUST HOW BUSY YOU BOTH ARE. ITS UNBELIEVABLE. YOU GUYS DEFINITELY EARN YOUR PAY.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE STREET GUYS ARE PREPARING ALL THE ROADS FOR OIL AND CHIPPING. THEY ARE ALSO HELPING OUT BY THE PARK A LITTLE BIT. SO, THEY ARE KEEPING BUSY WITH THE ROAD WORK RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED ALL IS WELL IN THE WATER AND SEWER RIGHT NOW. THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS WORKING HARD

AND EVIDENTLY CHARLES AT THE SEWER PLANT IS BUSY DIGGING ROOTS OUT AT THE SEWER PLANT. WE ARE STAYING BUSY. ALSO, SCHOOL IS ABOUT TO START PEOPLE NEED TO DRIVE SAFELY, STOP AT THOSE STOP SIGNS AND WATCH OUT FOR THE KIDS GOING TO AND FROM THE SCHOOL BUS OR VEHICLES.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: THERE WERE NO AUDIENCE COMMENTS.

22. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, UNION GRIEVANCES, PERSONNEL, SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:36 P.M.

23. THEY RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:55 P.M. WHERE THEY TOOK NO ACTION. THE MAYOR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:55 P.M.

Tom Jordan
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

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