WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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 CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 25, 2020 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. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF $196,925.36. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS A PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS REGARDING ACTS OF COURAGE FROM AN OCTOBER 6, 2019 INCIDENT.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY 60 DAY APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS AN APPOINTMENT FOR JEREMY LINGLE. CHIEF ALLEN STATED THAT MR. LINGLE HAS PASSED HIS PARAMEDIC TEST ON THE FIRST ATTEMPT. HE HAS TAKEN THE NATIONAL REGISTRY SO HE HAS TO DO A HANDS-ON CLASS IN MICHIGAN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO A LEASE FOR CHEMSTREAM TO RENT ADDITIONAL SPACE, SUITE 17 A/C, AT THE WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS INCUBATOR. THE MAYOR STATED THE LEASE WAS $1,200.00 PER MONTH AND CHEMSTREAM HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO OUR BUSINESS INCUBATOR. THEY STARTED OUT IN A SMALL BUILDING AND HAVE EXPANDED INTO THE AREA THAT WAS OPEN AND NOW THEY ARE LEASING EVEN MORE

SPACE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION PROPERTY FOR THE CODES DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A STRUCTURE THAT IS ON ST. LOUIS STREET. THE CITY HAS THE DEED IN THEIR NAME AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TEAR THIS STRUCTURE DOWN. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A QUOTE FROM CAPE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND FERRELL ELECTRIC REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF ALL OVERHEAD LIGHTING AND LIGHT FIXTURES AT THE NEW CITY HALL WITH AMEREN INCENTIVES. THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE CITY HAS BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT THE LIGHTS IN THIS BUILDING. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET DISCOUNTED LIGHTING TO REPLACE ALL THESE LIGHTS WITH LED, INCLUDING THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS AND THE LIGHTS UNDER THE DRIVE THROUGH CANOPY. THE DISCOUNT FROM AMEREN WOULD BE $1,486.00 WHICH WOULD LEAVE A COST OF $3,283.75, PLUS INSTALLATION OF $3,600.00 FOR A TOTAL OF $6,883.75. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A PROPOSAL AND THE LIGHTS THAT WE PRESENTLY HAVE ARE NOT VERY ENERGY EFFICIENT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS FOR CROSSWALK FOR ANOTHER REHAB PROGRAM FOR WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SKUTA CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000.00 FOR THE SEWER

DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THAT HE THINKS THEY HAD SOME LINES TELEVISED AT LOCUST AND MADISON, THE INTERSECTION OF CHERRY AND FOURTH AND ALSO REMOVED SOME SLUDGE AND DEBRIS. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,064.75 REGARDING REPAIRS TO THE ALARM DIALER FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED APPARENTLY THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS AT THE SEWER DEPARTMENT AND THEY COME AND DID SOME REPAIRS TO THE FLOAT SYSTEM. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, 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 JOHNSON'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,410.92 REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF THE TURBO FOR UNIT 2403 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED UNIT 2403 IS THE NEW FIRE TRUCK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ENERGY CULVERT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,355.60 FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAM. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR A BUNCH OF CULVERTS THROUGH THE MOTOR FUEL PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,142.32 REGARDING THE I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON ASKED WHICH PROJECT THIS IS REGARDING. CITY ENGINEER, MIKE ROBERTS STATED THIS WAS REGARDING THE INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED

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

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,700.00 REGARDING THE IL RT 149, KEN GRAY BLVD & BOB BURTON WAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. OFFICER REPORTS:

    THE READING OF THE OFFICER REPORTS WERE SUSPENDED FOR THIS COUNCIL MEETING, BUT WILL BE ADDED TO THE RECORD.

17. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

    THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A BUILDING PERMIT FROM LAURA DOSSETT AT 306 N. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO BUILD A GARAGE/STORAGE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. MAYORS COMMENTS: THE MAYOR STATED HE THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY NICE CEREMONY TONIGHT AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO OUR POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PRUDENT, THERE WAS A LOT OF COORDINATION OUT THERE. THIS WAS A FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDAL OF COURAGE SITUATION THAT WAS GIVEN OUT, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO DIMISH THE FACT THAT THERE WERE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THERE. I REALLY WANT TO COMPLIMENT ALL OF OUR CITY WORKERS. THIS WAS A GROUP EFFORT BETWEEN MULTIPLE AGENCIES. WE HAD THE SAME THING THIS MORNING WHENEVER MIKE'S DRIVE IN WAS ON FIRE. WE HAD MUTUAL AIDE COMING IN TO HELP US. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT MIKE'S DRIVE IN, I AM GLAD NO BODY WAS INJURED. HOPEFULLY, THAT IS A BUSINESS THAT CAN REBUILD. I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE YOUNG GENTLEMAN FROM WILLIAMSON FRANKLIN NEWS AND HE ASKED ME WHAT MY MEMORIES OF THAT PLACE WAS. WHEN I DID LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, I WAS LIKE SEVEN YEARS OLD AND I PLAYED FOR A&W ROOT BEEN. WE NEVER WON ONE GAME, BUT AFTER

EVERY GAME WE HAD, AFTERWARDS WE WENT TO THE A&W AND GOT A ROOT BEEN AND A HAMBURGER, WINNING WAS NOT IMPORTANT.

THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. REGARDING THE STP EFFLUENT DISINFECTION. THE MAYOR STATED THAT UNDER THE PERMITTING FOR THE NEW SEWER PLANT, THEY CHANGED THE REGULATIONS BETWEEN THE TIME THE PLANT WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT AND OUR DISCHARGE LEVEL HAS CHANGED AND THEY CHANGED THE DESIGNATION FOR MIDDLE FORK CREEK. IT IS A NAVIGABLE WATERWAY NOW. YOU CAN PUT BOATS IN THERE, YOU CAN GO SKIING, ACCORDING TO THE EPA, YOU CAN GO SWIMMING IN THERE. I WENT TO CHICAGO AND TESTIFIED BEFORE THEM AND WE HAVE WORKED FOR A YEAR AND A HALF TO GET THIS VARIANCE BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLACE YOU CAN PUT YOUR BOAT IN THAT CREEK., BUT WE LOST. SO NOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO, WE HAVE UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO REQUEST A PLAN FOR REMEDIATION TO MAKE THE BRAND NEW SEWER PLANT MEET THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EPA. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING, SO IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE ENTER INTO A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BROWN & ROBERTS TO WORK ON THIS FOR US. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF THE MONTH. WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW OUR ENGINEERING FIRM TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO DO THIS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE A TITLE COMPANY AND BROWN & ROBERTS TO ACT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO NEGOTIATE FOR EASEMENTS AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A SEWER REHAB PROJECT FOR TAFT STREET AND UNDER THAT PROJECT, WE ARE GOING TO GO FROM PROBABLY AROUND DOUGLAS AND GO ACROSS INTO THE SEWER PLANT. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, IT HAS ALL BEEN DONE, BUT WE IN ORDER TO GO WHERE WE NEED TO GO, THERE IS PROPERTY THERE THAT THE CITY HAS AN EASEMENT ON AND THERE ARE BUILDINGS AND CARS AND SOME SITUATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE RESOLVED. WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND AUTHORIZE OF

BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT LOOK AT EXISTING EASEMENTS TO THE CITY AND THE SANITARY SEWER MAINS ON CERTAIN LOTS IN WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

    COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WELL, HE IS PROUD OF HIS BOYS.

    COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED HE THINKS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND THEY ALWAYS DO, AND BEING THE BACK UP COMMISSIONER BECAUSE JERRY IS NOT AVAILABLE ALL THE TIME, I AM REALLY PROUD OF THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE REST OF MY TIME TO ROGER SO HE CAN TALK ABOUT THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

    COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED HE THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT GUYS ARE DOING GREAT. THE DAM SPILLWAY HAS BEEN MOWED, LARRY SAW TO THAT.

    COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THE WATER AND SEWER IS DOING FINE. I HAVE HAD A DEPRESSING, BUSY WEEK SO I HAVEN'T REALLY FOLLOWED THROUGH ON STUFF THIS WEEK, BUT I AM GETTING READY.

    I DO JUST WANT TO SAY I ENJOY LIVING IN A SMALL TOWN, THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THERE IS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT A SMALL TOWN.

20. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

    SUSAN DRAGOVICH STATED THAT SHE MOVED AWAY AND THEN MOVED BACK AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN HELPING. I LIVE DOWN ON TAFT STREET AND WE SEE THE POLICE COMING BY. I WANT TO THANK ANGIE FOR STEPPING IN AND IT IS GREAT LIVING HERE.

    THE MAYOR SAID HE WANTED TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE AND, ANGIE ESPECIALLY, ALL THIS STUFF YOU SEE IN HERE, THE PRETTY STUFF AND THE CHAIRS. ROGER BUILT THE STAGE, THE SIGN OUT FRONT, ANGIE DOES A

GREAT JOB. WHEN WE STARTED THIS CITY HALL, I QUESTIONED ABOUT THE COLORS AND MIKE SAID, YOU ACTUALLY THINK THEY ARE GOING TO LET YOU PICK OUT THE COLORS. IT SAVED ME, I TOOK A STEP BACK, AND IT MADE THINGS GO A LOT BETTER.

21. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:44 P.M.

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MAYOR TOM JORDAN ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK