WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 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 $302,923.88. 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 TO ACCEPT OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS DEEMED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED THE FIRST ONE IS LOCAATED AT 210 SOUTH GARDNER STEPHAN PADGET LIVES AT 213 SOUTH PARKHILL OFFERED $2,000 TO PURCHASE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS DEEMED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 610 S. SKELTON. JOHN MIZE HAS OFFERED HE WILL TRADE PROPERTY AT 103 W ST LOUIS IN WEST FRANKFORT FOR THE PRPERTY AT 610 S SKELTON. HIS BID IS HE WILL PAY THE $5500 TO DEMOLISH THE HOUSE AT 103 WEST ST LOUIS STREET; AND THEN GIVE US THE LOT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PROPERTY AT 610 S. SKELTON. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED IF HE (MIZE) IS TAKING DOWN THE TREES? CITY ATTORNEY RIVA STATED THAT EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BE DONE IN WRITING, WRITTEN DOWN WITH A TIME LIMIT ON IT. SO WE WILL WRITE UP AN AGREEMENT

FROM PRIOR DISCUSSIONS AS TO WHATS TO BE DONE AND GET MR MIZE TO AGREE TO THAT BEFORE THE TRANSFER IS DONE STATED COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. THIS IS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AND ADOPT A FORMAL CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUED COVERAGE OF KEY BENFIT ADMINISTRATORS AS THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OF RECORD FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT'S HEALTH INSURANCE. THE PRICE HAS ACTUALLY WENT DOWN 3% IN COST. WE ARE SELF MANAGED AND THEY MANAGE IT ALL FOR US. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DERKSEN BROS AG IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,555.00 FOR SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE SLUDGE THAT THEY REMOVE FROM THE COLLECTOR. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JULIE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,006.10 FOR ANNUAL CHARGES. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM PLANTSCAPE NURSERY IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,336.49 FOR THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION GREEN SPACE PROJECT. THESE FUNDS ARE BEING PAID THROUGH DONATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THESE ARE FOR TREE'S TO BE PURCHASED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,883.04 FOR REMOVAL OF USED PHOSPHORUS FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER

WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, 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 #13 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $194,778.90 REGARDING I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING. THIS IS OUR OVERPASS PROJECT ON THE INTERSTATE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, 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 AN INVOICE #9 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $31,050.00 REGARDING IL RT 149, KEN GRAY BLVD & BOB BURTON WAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING. EDA PROJECT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 TRANSFER LAKE LOT LEASE #0-176 FROM DAVID PATTON (DECEASED) TO THERESA PATTON, JEFF PATTON AND JENNY PATTON. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 TRANSFER LAKE LOT #115 FROM MICHAEL & ROSELLEN JONES TO DALE & JOANNE PRIEMER, AS JOINT TENENTS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AN EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO HIRE COURTNEY COX FOR LEGAL COUNCIL FOR THE MAYOR. THE MAYOR WAS SERVED WITH A LAWSUIT ASKING FOR $10 MILLION DOLLARS; AND $100,000 IN PUNITIVE DAMAGES FROM ROBERT SWAFFORD THAT INVOLVED A FATAL ACCIDENT ON RT 37 IN 2019.THE MAYOR WAS NOT A WITNESS TO THE ACCIDENT. SWAFFORD HAS ALSO FILED ONE AGAINST HIS OWN ATTORNEY AT THE TIME; ABIGAIL DINN. THE MAYOR HAS DISCUSSED WITH CITY ATTORNEY AND THE

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE HIRE COURTNEY COX TO DISMISS THIS LAWSUIT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~

PERMIT FROM BEN WYANT 610 NORTH LINCOLN WILL BE BUILDING A SHOP. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

610 NORTH MULBERRY DEREK SAILLIEZ IS BUILDING A POLE BARN. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. MAYOR'S REPORT ~

THURSDAY AT 8 AM BI COUNTY IS GOING TO BE GIVING COVID SHOTS AT THE VF MALL IN VF PORTION OF THE BUILDING. BI COUNTY HEALTH IS WORKING HARD TO GET THESE SHOTS OUT TO EVERYONE. THEY ARE MOSTLY DOING IT WITH VOLUNTEERS. THEY ARE GIVING CLOSE TO 830 SHOTS A DAY. IF YOU HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE GO DO SO.

NEXT THE GENERATOR STARTED UP ON ITS OWN AT 6PM MONDAY NIGHT AS A TEST. TOOK OVER THE BUILDING AND RAN FOR 30 MINUTES THEN SHUT OFF. THEN IT RAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 MINUTES THEN COOLED DOWN. THIS FACILITY NOW THRU A DONATION FROM WPS RECEIVED THE LARGE GENERATOR OUT BACK; TO KEEP THE CITY FUNCTIONING IN TIMES OF OUTAGES OR DISASTERS.

THEY TELEVISED 4TH AND COCHRAN AND FOUND A PLACE WHERE THE 31" AND 42" REGULAR WATER LINES ARE ABOVE A SEWER LINE THAT HAS GRAVEL IN IT; SO THEY ARE DIGGING THIS UP. LOOKING INTO THIS FOR THE ISSUE WITH THE BACKUP.

18. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN STAYING BUSY, AND HE NEVER GETS TIRED OF HEARING ALL THE COMPLIMENTS HE RECEIVES ON HIS DEPARTMENTS. THEY ARE VERY PROFESSIONAL AND HOW THEY HANDLE THEIR JOBS. WEST FRANKFORT IS PROUD TO HAVE THEM.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED HE HAS TO AGREE THAT THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPT DO AN EXCELLENT JOB, BUT SO DO ALL THE EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE ANDREA BOLEN HERE WITH US TONIGHT.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE STREET DEPT IS DOING A GREAT JOB. GOT THE BUILDING PART OF THE WAY CLEANED OUT ON FRIDAY AND GOT THE TREE DOWN AND PUT IN THE GARAGE AND CLEANED UP. THE GAZEBO IS GOING UP ON FRIDAY.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THE WATER AND SEWER IS WORKING WELL. SHE TALKED TO BOTH THE SUPERVISORS TODAY AND THE PROBLEM THEY HAD AT THE LIFT STATION AT 5TH AND MULBERRY, THEY ARE GOING TO CAMERA THAT TODAY AS WELL. 4TH AND MULBERRY THEY ARE WORKING ON CULVERT REPAIRS, AND FOUND A SINK HOLE AT CLARK & JEFFERSON. STREET DEPT SAID THEY ARE WORKING ON MAKING REPAIRS AND KEEPING BUSY AND HEALTHY.

19. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

    COMMISSIONER WARREN WAS ASKED TO ASK A QUESTION THAT A PERSON BOUGHT A LAKE LOT AND ITS A ½ LOT; IS THE COST THE SAME AS A FULL SIZE LOT FOR THE LEASE? THE MAYOR STATED THE PRICE OF THE LOT IS NOT DETERMINED BY SIZE. ALL LOTS ARE THE SAME COST NO MATTER WHAT THE SIZE IT IS.

20. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:39 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK