WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

1. MAYOR ARVIEW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.

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

3. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5) (6) AND 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11), WHICH HAS TO DO WITH PERSONNEL, BUYING AND SELLING REAL ESTATE, AND LITIGATION. AT 10:02 A.M. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. AT 10:44 A.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2025. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO HIRE ONE OR MORE FIRE FIGHTERS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED AFTER DELIBERATION, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT AT THIS TIME WE HIRE ONE FIRE FIGHTER AND THEN WE CAN HIRE MORE IN THE FUTURE AS NEEDED. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING ONE FIRE FIGHTER? COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT CHERRY AND HAYES, WHICH IS 12-20-151-007 AS SURPLUS PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. BIDS DUE BY JANUARY 13TH, 2026. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM LOCIS IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,891.00 REGARDING LICENSE SUPPORT AGREEMENT MEMBERSHIP. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS OUR ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE, SO UNLESS WE PLAN ON CHANGING IT, I THINK WE NEED TO PAY THIS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 EMS ACUMED GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,530.78 FOR EMS BILLING SERVICE FEE FROM 10-1-25 TO 10-31-25 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HINKLEY MEDICAL INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,750.00 FOR THE ONE-DOSE AGENCY PREMIUM SUBSCRIPTION 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.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BOUNDTREE MEDICAL, LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,890.00 FOR SUPPLIES NEEDED 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.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FLEET FAB IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,050.00 TO OUTFIT UNIT NUMBER 16 FOR THE K-9 VEHICLE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD JUST FOR PURPOSES OF EXPLANATION, WE WILL PAY THAT FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY THE LAST INVOICE FROM EXECUTIVE OUTSOURCING IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,269.47 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AUDIT PREP THROUGH 12-7-25. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,088.00 REGARDING FEBRUARY 2026 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.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOHNSON'S AUTO AND TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,575.35 FOR A-1 REAR LIQUID SUSPENSION REPAIRS 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.

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

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

BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~ NO PERMITS

18. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW STATED I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE OLD LAKE AND NOBODY'S REALLY HERE TO HEAR IT. AS FAR AS THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THOSE QUESTIONS ON FACEBOOK. AND I REALIZE WE'RE HAVING THIS MEETING IN THE MORNING AND PEOPLE HAVE TO WORK AND THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT BECAUSE IT IS LIVE STREAMED AND PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH IT LATER, I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND SAY SOME THINGS ON THE RECORD. ONE, WHEN WE APPROVED TO DECLARE THE LAKE SURPLUS PROPERTY, THAT WAS NOT AGREEING TO SELL THE LAKE. WE CAN STILL AT ANY TIME JUST REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS FOR THE LAKE. WE WERE APPROACHED BY ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT KIND OF STARTED THIS WHOLE CONVERSATION. BUT THE APPRAISAL VALUE OF THE LAKE IS MORE THAN WHAT THAT PERSON WAS WILLING TO BID IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE DON'T KNOW WHO WE'RE GOING TO SELL THE LAKE TO. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SET IN STONE. I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, IT'S NOT A DATA CENTER. I KNOW SOMEBODY BROUGHT THAT UP. I DON'T KNOW WHO PEOPLE THINK I AM OR WHAT KIND OF CONNECTIONS THEY THINK I HAVE, BUT I'M NOT IN THE ILLUMINATI. IF THERE'S A SECRET GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, I'M NOT PART OF IT. THEY DIDN'T INVITE ME. I'M JUST A MAYOR OF A CITY OF 7,000 PEOPLE. IT'S NOT THAT IMPORTANT, NOT THAT BIG. BUT WE WILL HAVE BIDS. IT IS OPEN FOR BIDS AND WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE EXPRESS INTEREST IN IT. AND WE WILL OPEN THOSE BIDS PUBLICLY AND WE WILL READ THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BIDDING ON THE LAKE AT THAT TIME. EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHO ALL HAS BID ON THE LAKE. I CAN TELL YOU WE'RE NOT GOING TO SELL IT FOR A DOLLAR. SO, IF YOU WERE THINKING YOU'RE GOING TO BID A DOLLAR FOR THE LAKE AND BUY IT, THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

WE WILL PROBABLY TAKE A BID THAT IS AS CLOSE TO OR MORE THAN WHAT IT APPRAISED FOR. BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO. THAT'S THE THING. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO. IF SOMEBODY BRINGS UP A SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE, WE GOT LIABILITY OUT THERE. WE GOT THINGS THAT IT'S BEEN A PROBLEM FOR THE CITY FOR A LONG TIME, WAY BEFORE I WAS MAYOR, WAY BEFORE ANY OF THESE PEOPLE UP HERE WERE ON THE COUNCIL. WE'VE HAD THAT LAKE FOR A LONG TIME AND IT'S BEEN A PROBLEM. SO IF THERE'S A SOLUTION OUT THERE ON HOW WE CAN KEEP THE LAKE AND NOT HAVE THIS LIABILITY ISSUE, I'M WILLING TO ENTERTAIN ANY AND ALL IDEAS. BUT THIS IS THE BEST IDEA THAT WE COULD COME UP WITH WAS TO SELL IT TO A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL OR WHOEVER AND LET THEM HANDLE IT FROM THERE. I WILL ALSO SAY I DID APPROACH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. I KNOW THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT UP. THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN IT. THEY DON'T WANT IT. SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT ON THAT. AND OTHER THAN THAT, I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY I DID AT THE LAST MEETING, BUT CITY BUSINESS LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31ST.MAKE SURE THAT YOU RENEW YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. OTHERWISE, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES. I DO WANT TO END MY PART OF IT BY SAYING MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY. HOPE EVERYBODY ENJOYS THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE PULLING THEIR OWN WEIGHT WITH WHAT THEY GOT. AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR A POSITIVE INPUT ON THE K-9. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING ME QUESTIONS, SO I'M SURE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE'RE GOING TO GET ONE GUY.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THE GOOD NEWS IS, AS YOU SAW, THAT WAS THE FINAL BILL. AND WE'VE GOT THE AUDIT PREP ALL DONE. THE WORKING TRIAL BALANCES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AUDITORS. WE'RE WORKING VIRTUALLY EVERY DAY. WE'RE SENDING THEM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS THEY REQUEST IT. THEIR LAST ESTIMATE WAS THAT BY THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, THEY WILL HAVE 2024 DONE. THEN WE'LL BE READY TO START ON 2025. IT SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR SO THAT WE'RE BACK ON TRACK. THE OTHER THING IS, JUST TO MENTION, I KNOW EVERYBODY DOES WHAT THEY CAN ANYWAY, BUT WE ARE GOING

TO TRY TO WATCH OUR SPENDING AS MUCH AS WE CAN BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SHOWING POSITIVE RESULTS THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE'VE SPENT MORE MONEY THAN WE'VE TAKEN IN. WE CAN'T ALWAYS DO THAT OR WE'RE GOING TO BE IN TROUBLE. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO MONITOR OUR SPENDING A LITTLE CLOSER.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED MIKE, YOU GOT ANYTHING GOING ON? STREET SUPERINTENDENT BONNER STATED EVERYDAY STUFF. THAT'S ABOUT IT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED JIM, YOU GUYS DOING ALL RIGHT? WATER SUPERINTENDENT WHITE STATED GOOD. MAINTENANCE AND THAT TYPE OF ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT, BUT I WILL SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CITY.

19. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** I JUST WANTED TO ADD A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE OLD LAKE. IT WAS BUILT 99 YEARS AGO IN 1926 TO PROVIDE THE CITY ITS WATER SUPPLY AT THE TIME. IT HAS NOT BEEN USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR MANY YEARS AT THIS POINT. AND FROM A LEAGAL PREPECTIVE MANAGING A LARGE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT IS SEVERAL MILES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, JUST CREATE LIABILITY, A LOT OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY TO THE CITY. SO I DO THINK THE DECISION TO SELL THE LAKE WAS THE RIGHT DECISION. BY LAW WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TRY TO GET THE HIGHEST PURCHASE PRICE POSSIBLE. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO DO JUST THAT.

20. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**:

    NO AUDIENCE COMMENTS WERE MADE

21. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 10:58 A.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK