WEST FRANKFORT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.

2. THE NEXT ITEM WAS CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE DCEO REVOLVING LOAN SIDEWALK PROJECT, WITH POSSIBLE AWARD. THE REASON WE CALLED THIS MEETING IS WE TOOK BIDS FOR A SIDEWALK PROJECT ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TABLE THIS AND TAKE IT UP AT A LATER DATE. WE HAVE RECEIVED (3) THREE BIDS AND THEY WERE FROM E.T. SIMONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $446,961.92, SAMRON MIDWEST IN THE AMOUNT OF $413,329.30; PINOY CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $443,193.36. THE AMOUNTS OF THOSE BIDS ARE $80,000 MORE THAN WHAT WE EXPECTED THEM TO BE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE LOW BIDDER WHICH IS SAMRON. AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IS WORK WITH THEM TO ELIMINATE PARTS OF THE PROJECT. TO GET THE PROJECT COST DOWN SO THAT WE CAN USE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE HAVE ALOTTED IN OUR RESOLVING LOAN FUND. MR. ROBERTS HAS BEEN HAVING VERY GOOD CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM. DCEO SAID THAT THEY DO NOT WANT US TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS UNTIL THEY CAN APPROVE IT. ON A PROJECT LIKE THIS, THEY DON'T WANT TO REDUCE ANY UNIT PRICES, SO EVERYONE BIDS THE SAME. THEY WANT TO REVIEW ALL THE BIDS. SO, WE WILL BE TABLING THIS UNTIL DCEO CAN LOOK THIS ALL OVER.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF A SPECIFIC AREA OF THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL TO DREAM ACADEMY SCHOOLS. LEASE FROM KIMBERLY INGOLDSBY THEY ARE A NATIONAL AGENCY THAT PROVIDES ONLINE EDUCATION. THEY WANT TO RENT THE BONWORTH LOCATION FOR $1750.00 A MONTH FOR THE NEXT 3 THREE YEARS. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED HE CHECKED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO SEE IF THEY ARE LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS AND THEY DO NOT FIND A DREAM ACADEMY SCHOOLS LISTED SO IT MUST HAVE A LLC, OR INC. WE MUST NOT HAVE THE CORRECT FULL LEGAL

NAME OF THE SCHOOL. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS. MR. RIVA STATED WE NEED TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY WHO THE CONTRACT IS UNDER CORRECTLY OTHERWISE IT MAY MAKE INSURANCE COVERAGE INVALID IF NAMES ARE NOT CORRECT. WE NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHO WE ARE DEALING WITH. THE MAYOR STATED ARE THEY WANTING TO TAKE POSSESSION OF IT JULY 1ST? BECAUSE OUR NEXT MEETING IS NOT UNTIL THE 13TH OF JULY. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND AUTHORIZE THIS PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE NAME ISSUE, THAT WAY YOU ARE COVERED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE MAYOR ASKED THE CITY ATTORNEY ABOUT GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA. THE CITY ATTORNEY SAID YES, WE SHOULD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE DECISION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AT 4:17PM. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. RETURNED TO OPEN 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.

6. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 4:47 P.M.

Tom Jordan

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

Angela Baker Deaton

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