WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

1. MAYOR ARVIEW 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 ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. THE MAYOR STATED NO CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED IF YOU ALL HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK THESE OVER, AND IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES OR ADDITIONS NEEDED, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THOSE MINTUES. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. EXCEPT FOR COMMISSIONER WARREN SHE STATED I ABSTAIN BECAUSE I WASN'T HERE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO OPEN BIDS AND POTENTIALLY APPROVE ORDINANCES SELLING REAL ESTATE AT 706 N. ILLINOIS AVE., PALMER STREET, 312 E. GARLAND, 507 W. 7TH, 609 E. ST. LOUIS, 1001 E. CLARK. THE MAYOR STATED I HAVE THE BIDS HERE, THEY ARE UNOPENED. WE WILL OPEN THEM NOW.
   312 E. GARLAND: DEPOSIT IN CASH OF $150.00 FROM JAMES AND BRIDGET JARVIS BID IS FOR $800.00. ADDITIONAL REMARKS IT SAYS WE HAVE BEEN MOWING AND CLEANING THAT PROPERTY FOR YEARS.
   1001 E. CLARK:
   CARLOS MENDEZ: $250.00 CASH IN ENVELOPE, AND BID IS FOR

$250.00. ADDITIONAL REMARKS IT SAYS MY PLANS ARE TO BUILD A HOUSE.
PETE AND LIZ WHITKEWIZ: DEPOSIT IS CHECK FOR $100.50 BID AMOUND IS $1005.00 ADDITIONAL REMARKS SAYS I PLAN ON USING AS GREEN SPACE AND GARDEN. THE PROPERTY WILL BE WELL MAINTAINED

609 E ST. LOUIS: 4 BIDS

HCB PROPERTIES: DEPOSIT IS A CHECK FOR $50.00 BID AMOUNT IS $500.00 NO ADDITIONAL REMARKS.
B&J CONSTRUCTION: DEPOSIT IS A CHECK FOR $150.00 BID AMOUNT IS $1,500.00
DEBBIE CASH: DEPOSIT CASHIERS CHECK FOR $50.10 BID AMOUNT IS $501.00, ADDITIONAL REMARKS SHE PUT I RESIDE AT 607 E. ST. LOUIS ST. THIS PROPERTY CONNECTS TO MINE. I PLAN ON USING THIS PROPERTY AS PART OF MY YARD AND FOR AN ACESS TO LOCUS STREET TO LEAVE MY PROPERTY. THIS WILL BE FOR MY FAMILY TO ENJOY.
NICANOR BELLO IBANEZ: $150.00 CASH AND THE BID IS FOR $150.00, ADDITIONAL REMARKS SAYS PLACE MY CAMPER ON THE PROPERTY.

THE MAYOR STATED ON 312 E. GARLAND WE HAVE ONE BID FOR $800.00 FROM JARVIS, DO WE WANT TO ACCEPT THAT BID? COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR STATED AT 609 E ST. LOUIS WE HAVE FOUR BIDS. THE HIGH BID IS FROM B&J CONSTRUCTION FOR $1,500.00. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE TO HIGHEST BID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR STATED 1001 E. CLARK WE HAVE TWO BIDS. THE HIGH BID WAS FROM PETE AND LIZ WHITKEWIZ FOR $1,005.00. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIGHEST BID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR DEMOLITION AT 1309 EAST OAK, 202 NORTH DOUGLAS AND 1216 EAST OAK STREET.
   1309 E. OAK: MIDDLE FOR CREEK BID FOR $3,950.00. JOPLIN SALVAGE BID FOR $3,250.00.
   202 N. DOUGLAS: MIDDLE FORK CREEK FOR $4,250.00. JOPLIN SALVAGE BID FOR $3,750.00.
   1216 E. OAK: JOPLIN SALVAGE BID FOR $4,000.00.
   THE MAYOR STATED MY RECOMMENDATION IS WE GO WITH THE LOWEST BID, WHICH IS FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE ON ALL THREE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE CENTERSTONE GROUP TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 714 E. 8TH, 505 S. BROWN, 210 S. PARKHILL, AND 404 E. CLARK IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, IL AS SURPLUS PUBLIC REAL ESTATE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE NAMED MICHAELANGELO SIRENA. HE HAS BEEN THE SEWER SUPERINTENDENT; WE ARE JUST RE-APPOINTING HIM TO THAT POSITION. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER MEGAN CORNAGLIA TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY BOARD. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS BILL LEVANTI, JILL PERROTTO AND NICK NOROVICH TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY BOARD. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPOINTING A MEMBER (ROB WILLIAMS) TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE PENSION BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE GOING TO SKIP THIS ITEM. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO VOTE ON. THAT IS FROM THE PENSION BOARD. THIS ITEM WAS SKIPPED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL MATCH CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT, SECTION 18-00060-00-SW. THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY COUNCIL HERBY APPROPRIATES $228,030.00 FROM THE T.I.F. FUNDS FOR THAT PROJECT. THIS IS FOR THE SIDEWALKS WE ARE DOING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE:ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LIMITED KENNEL LICENSE IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS.
THE CITY CLERK STATED FACEBOOK LIVE WAS NOT WORKING
THE MAYOR STATED APPOLOGIES FOR NOT BEING ON LIVE SOONER.

CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED THIS ESTABLISHES RULES FOR KEEPING OF DOGS OR BREEDERS THAT HAVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT HAS OBTAINED A KENNEL LICENSE FROM THE STATE FIRST. IT WILL NOT BE SOMETHING WE CAN JUST GIVE THEM.

THEY WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THE RULES FROM THE STATE AND THEN OUR RULES WE HAVE SET. EVERYONE CAN HAVE THREE DOGS IN THE CITY. THIS GIVES A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP WHAT THEY HAVE OR TO HAVE A SMALL HOBBY WITH OUT GETTING OUT OF HAND. THE MAYOR STATED THE RULES IN THE ORDINANCE IS: THE APPLICANT HAS OBTAINED A STATE KENNEL LICENSE; THE APPLICANT HAS GAINED APPROVAL FOR A VARIANCE OF A PERMITTED USE BY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; ALL ANIMALS ARE PROPERLY HOUSED, LICENSED, AND VACCINATED; THE APPLICANT HAS ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO CARE FOR ANIMALS IN A CLEAN, SAFE, AND HUMANE MANNER; THE PROPOSED USE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXESSIVE NOISE, ODOR, OR TRAFFIC; THE PROPERTY IS PROPERY FENCED AND MEETS ZONING REQUIREMENTS (SEE SECTION 17.54.010(L); THE KENNEL IS ENCLOSED BY A PRIVACY FENCE ON ALL SIDES BORDERING AN ADJOINING PROPERTY; AND THE APPLICANT AGREES TO ALLOW INSPECTIONS BY CITY PERSONNEL AT REASONABLE INTERVALS. MR. SNELL STATED KEEP IN MIND THERE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO ANY RULES OR HOME BUSINESSES AS WELL. IT IS NOT LIKE THEY CAN HAVE THIS MASSIVE OPERATION THAT IS OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOME. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IS IT FOR A DOG WALKER AND THEY NEED A KENNEL FOR THE AFTERNOON. SAY SOMEONE HAS SIX SMALL DOGS, AND THEY DO WHATEVER WITH THEM. THIS GIVES THEM TO KEEP THOSE DOGS BUT THEY ALSO CAN NOT HAVE A GIANT KENNEL LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOME. THEY ARE STILL SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF HOME BUSINESSES. THE MAYOR STATED IF THEY ARE BREEDER OR HAVE SHOW DOGS. MR. SNELL STATED WE ARE NOT TRYING TO CREATE A PROBLEM INSIDE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS. THE MAYOR STATED THE LICENSE GOES WITH THE PERSON AND THE PROPERTY. IF THE PERSON MOVES, THEY WILL HAVE TO GET A NEW LICNESE. IF SOMEONE MOVES INTO THEIR HOME EVEN THOUGH IT HAS A KENNEL OUTSIDE, THEY WILL STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE LICENSING PROCESS. THEY WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE STATE, THE ZONING BOARD, AND THAD HAS TO INSPECT IT BEFORE IT EVEN COMES TO US. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE EXCEPT FOR COMMISSIONER HOWARD; HE VOTED NO. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY. THE MAYOR STATED NICK NOROVICH BROUGHT ME A SUMMARY OF WHAT THE LIBRARY HAS DONE FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR. THEY HAD ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO PROGRAMS TO OFFER. THEY HAD TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR PARTICIPANTS. THE LIBRARY OFFERS PROGRAMS SUCH AS PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, SUMMER READING PROGRAMS, SUMMER COOKING CLASS, AND VARIOUS OTHER PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR CHILDERN. WE OFFER TEEN CRAFT DURING THE SUMMER AND RECENTLY HAD A PROM DRESS GIVE AWAY EVENT. OUR ADULT PROGRAMS INCLUDE LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY, TAX ASSISTANCE THROUGH AARP, GARDEN CLUB AND ADULT CRAFT NIGHTS. WE ALSO HOLD A FAMILY READING NIGHT IN THE FALL FOR FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVITY TOGETHER. ALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITES ARE OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY FOR FREE. THE LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN THE IHLS LIBRARY CRAWL IN OCTOBER EACH YEAR. LAST YEAR EIGHTY-FOUR PEOPLE FROM OTHER TOWNS AS FAR AWAY AS SPRINGFIELD VISITED OUR LIBRARY. THESE VISITOR WERE GIVEN A LIST OF PLACES TO EAT AND PLACES TO DO IN WEST FRANKFORT. THE LIBRARY'S GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY SECTION ALSO DRAWS OUT OF TOWN VISITORS EACH YEAR. THE LIBRARY CURRENTLY HAS TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED CARD HOLDERS AND PATRONS CHECKED OUT TEN THOUSAND AND TWENTY ITEMS THAT INCLUDES, BOOKS, E- BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS, MOVIES, VIDEO GAMES. THE SAVINGS TO THESE PATRONS WAS ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS FOR THE ITEMS CHECKED OUT. THE LIBRARY HAD APPROXIMITELY SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED VISITS. WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW OR ONLY PLACES IN TOWN THAT OFFERS FAX SERVICES, E- PRINTING, COMPUTERS, WIFI, AND PUBLIC COPIER. OUR WEBSITE HAD SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FOUR VISITS. THE LIBRARY HAS ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK. THE LIBRARY IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND IS UTILIZED BY MANY. THE MAYOR STATED THAT IS THEIR JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR BUDGET THAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR, WHICH IS A COMBINED TOTAL OF $245,900.00. THIS DOES INCLUDE MONEY FROM LEVIES. THE LIBRARY BOARD HAS APPROVED

THIS BUDGET AND SENT IT TO US. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.46 – ABANDONED INOPERABLE VEHICLES OF THE WEST FRANKFORT CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED THIS IS THE ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS THE PROCESS THAT WE USE TO REMOVE INOPERABLE OR JUNK VEHICLES FROM THE CITY. WHAT IT DOES IS ADDS A LAYER OF DUE PROCESS IN THERE. INSTEAD OF ME HAVING THE AUTHORITY TO GO SOMEWHERE AND SAY HEY THAT YOU HAVE A CERTIAN NUMBER OF DAYS TO DO THIS OR WE WILL REMOVE THE VEHICLE. WHAT THIS DOES IS IT ADDS A LAYER FOR THESE PEOPLE TO REQUEST A HEARING TO ASK FOR MORE TIME, OR WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER PERSON TO HAVE THAT SAY. IT WILL SLOW THE PROCESS DOWN, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I SHOULD NOT HAVE ALL OF THE AUTHORITY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WILL GIVE US A LITTLE MORE ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE. SOMETIMES THE CITY MAY HAVE AN ORDINANCE BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE COURT IS GOING TO UPHOLD THAT ORDINANCE WHEN IT COMES TO THEM. BY ADDING THE HEARING THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY OUR ATTORNEY, IT WILL GIVE US ANOTHER LAYER TO SAY WE HAVE GIVEN THEM THE OPPORTUNITY. MR. SNELL STATED THAT IS WHY WE DO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OR THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT GIVES ANOTHER LAYER TO SAY WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL RESOURCES BEFORE DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.12.040 – DANGEROUS BUILDINGS OF WEST FRANKFORT CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. MR. SNELL STATED THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS OUR CURRENT CODE FOR DANGEROUS BUILDINGS. THE WAY OUR CURRENT CODE IS WRITTEN, IT ONLY GOVERNS DANGEROUS OR BUILDINGS FOR DEMOLITION. IT DID NOT HAVE A WAY TO SITE OR REPREMAND A BUILDING THAT IS

JUST A NUISANCE. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS, IN ORDER FOR A BUILDING TO BE DEEMED DANGEROUS IN THE COURTS EYE IS IT HAS TO BE STRUCTURALLY INCORRECT FALLING IN FOR DEMOLITION. WHAT THIS DOES IS CAPURES THE OTHER GROUP OF HOMES THAT HAVE WINDOWS KNOCKED OUT, DOESN'T HAVE A DOOR, OR DOESN'T HAVE SUBSTANTIAL SIDING ETC. IT GIVES THE CITY A WAY TO SAY IT IS TIME TO REPAIR THE BUILDING BEFORE WE GET TO THAT POINT OF DEMOLITION. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED DOES THAT INCLUDE THE LARGER BRICK BUILDINGS THAT WERE BUSINESSES IN THE PAST, OR IS IT JUST HOMES? MR. SNELL STATED YES IT INCLUDES ALL DANGEROUS BUILDINGS IN TOWN. IT WOULD BE WHAT WE CALL NUISANCE BUILDINGS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION OF A VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 905 W. ST. LOUIS STREET. THE MAYOR STATED A PROPERTY OWNER HAS OFFERED TO DONATE THIS PROPERTY TO THE CITY. THERE IS NO BUILDING ON THE LOT, IT IS A CORNER LOT. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD POTENTIALLY THEN OPEN FOR BIDS TO SELL THE PROPERTY. I WANTED TO GIVE THE COUNCIL THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECEIDE WHETHER OR NOT IF WE WANT TO ACCEPT THAT DONATION. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO THE WEST FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THEIR SUMMER READING PROGRAM FROM THE VIDEO GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE THINGS THE LIBRARY DOES FOR THE RESIDENCE, AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A DONATION OF $3,500.00. THAT IS ALSO WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN IN THE PAST. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM UTILITY PIPE SALES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,774.00 FOR MATERIAL FOR A WATER TAP FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT WATER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES FROM EXECUTIVE OUTSOURCING IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,454.62 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AUDIT PREP FROM 4/21/2025-5/4/2025. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR THE PERSON, WE HAVE HELPING US GET OUR BOOKS READY FOR AN AUDIT. THIS HELPS WITH THE ISSUES WE HAVE HAD WITH THE AUDIT; IT IS HELPING US GET BACK ON TRACK.

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,174.00 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TIF III NEW DISTRICT PLAN. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD OUR JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING WITH THE TAXING BODIES. NONE OF THEM WERE HERE, BUT WE WERE HERE, JAROD FROM MORAN WAS HERE, AND WE HAD SOME PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC HERE WITH QUESTIONS THAT HE ANSWERED. WE ARE MOVING ALONG WITH GETTING THAT RESIDENTIAL TIF. I AM JUST REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE AREA. THE NORTH WEST SECTION OF TOWN TO HAVE A TIF DISTRICT FOR THINGS LIKE INFRASTRUCTURE, WE CAN REPAIR SOME STREETS, SEWER LINES, AND FOR RESIDENTS TO UPGRADE THEIR HOMES BY NEW ROOFS, WINDOWS, THINGS LIKE THAT. THE SPECIFICS OF THAT PROGRAM ON HOW THAT WILL WORK WILL COME LATER. THIS INVOICE IS FROM THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR US SO FAR. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM NOVACOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,198.40 FOR THE CITY OF WEST

FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TOUGH BOOKS. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED THIS IS STILL PART OF THE MOBILE CAB SOFTWARE THAT THE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO. IT'S BEEN A WORKING PROGRESS GETTING EVERYTHING SET UP THROUGH NOVACOM AND THE ACTUAL SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM IS ACTIVE AND READY TO GO; THIS IS THE NEXT STEP BY PURCHASING THE TOUGH BOOKS THAT WILL GO IN THE SQUAD CARS FOR THE OFFICERS. I REACHED OUT TO NOVACOM, THEY ARE THE ONES THAT INSTALLED FRANKLIN COUNTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS AROUND OUR AREA. THEY GAVE US A GOOD DEAL AS FAR AS GETTING REFURBISHED TOUGH BOOKS RATHER THAN BUYING BRAND NEW. THIS IS THE QUOTE THEY GAVE, THEY SAID THEY WOULD DO MONTHLY PAYMENTS IN A TWELEVE MONTH PERIOD IF THE CITY WANTS TO DO THAT OR PAY THE WHOLE AMOUNT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO CHARGE US ANYTHING EXTRA, I WOULD GO THROUGH THE PAYMENTS. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WITH A ZERO PERCENT INTEREST. DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIS STATED YES. THE MAYOR STATED BASICALLY IF WE DON'T DO THIS, WE ARE PAYING FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO A SERVICE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO USE. DEPUTY CHIEF STATED THE SERVICE WILL GO INTO EFFECT MAY 24, 2025. THEY AGREED IF WE GIVE THEM THE OK AND WE DO THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS THEY WILL DELIVER TOMORROW. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IF THE AUDIT GETS DONE, MAYBE WE CAN PAY IT OFF. THE MOTION IS TO MAKE MONTHLY PAYMENTS, AND APPROVE THAT SO WE CAN GET THEM TOMORROW. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM GREG WEEKS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,474.65 FOR REPAIRS ON A SQUAD CAR FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY CHIEF POLICE WILLIS STATED WE GOT THREE QUOTES; WEEKS GAVE US AN INITIAL QUOTE AND THEN ASKED TO RESEND IT AND GAVE US ANOTHER QUOTE THAT DRASTICALLY CHANGED AND WAS THE LOWEST QUOTE. IT IS A NEWER CAR WE WERE WANTING TO KEEP ON THE ROAD AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, IT IS STILL WORTH THE COST TO GET IT FIXED. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A

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

25. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ACCUMED GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,044.18 FOR THE BILLING SERVICE FEE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

26. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MES SERVICES COMPANY LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,973.64 FOR YEARLY TESTING OF AIR PACKS 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.

27. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,500.00 FOR THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS CONTRIBUTION. THE MAYOR ASKED FIRE AND DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF TO EXPLAIN. FIRE CHIEF SAILLEZ STATED I BELIEVE THIS IS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO NIXLE. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF STATED I AM UNAWARE. THE CITY CLERK STATED WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR. FIRE CHIEF STATED WE ARE ONE OF THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORS AND WE USE THE SYSTEM A LOT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

28. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HART CANTRELL & THOMPSON LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,356.85 FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

29. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,415.00 REGARDING

2024/2025 WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYROLL AUDIT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

30. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,972.00 REGARDING JUNE 2025 WORKERS COMPENSATION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

31. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A DESIGN ENGINEERING INVOICE #11 IN THE AMOUNT OF $737.66 FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT, SECTION 18-00060-00-SW. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER HOWARD ASKED CAN THAT BE PAID FROM TIF? THE MAYOR AND MIKE ROBERTS STATED YES.

32. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.
    b. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CIVIC PLUS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,612.96 FOR MUNICODE CODIFICATION ANNUAL FEE.

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

33. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ CODE OFFICER SNELL STATED THE FIRST ONE IS FOR A FENCE PERMIT FOR HAILEY WYANT AT 406 N. MADISON. THIS IS A RENTAL HOME THEY OWN, THEY ARE PUTTING UP A SMALL WOODEN FOUR FOOT FENCE TO ENCLOSE THE BACK YARD. EVERYTHING MEETS OUR REQUIREMENT, I RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT PERMIT WAS FOR A MANUFACTURED HOME FOR JAMES OCONNER AT 20076 NORTH SHORE LANE. THIS IS ONE OF THE LAKE PROPERTIES THAT HAD THE FIRE. THIS IS A HOME TO REPLACE THE ONE THEY LOST. EVERYTHING MEETS OUR REQUIREMENTS. I RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT PERMIT WAS FOR A ROOF MOUNT SOLAR PROJECT AT 605 E. CHARLES ST. FOR RICKY AND CHERYL HALL. IT MEETS ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS. I RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

34. **OFFICER'S REPORT ~**

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF STATED THAT THEY HAD 176-AMBULANCE CALLS, 1-RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 1-BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 3-FIRE ALARMS, 1-VEHICLE FIRES, 6 - FIRE EMERGENCIES; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN, ETC.), 2- STRUCTURE FIRES, 8-MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSES, 5-AMBULANCE CALLS TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL AID. FOR A TOTAL OF 213 CALLS DURING THE MONTH THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 10,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $55,514.45 FOR APRIL AMBULANCE CALLS.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025. DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIS REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 1,089 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 21 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 29 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 4 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 13 ALARMS, 0 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 1 BURGLARIES, 10 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 30 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 22 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 34 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 18 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 193 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 59 CITIATIONS, 133 WARNINGS, AND 13 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 58 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 1 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 72 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,598 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 485 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 129 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 1,089 WERE FOR POLICE, 204 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE, 4 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS, AND 1 FOR UNITED AMBULANCE. FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, WE COLLECTED $2,980.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025: PERMIT: 3~BUILDING PERMITS, 0~SIGN PERMITS. 8~ SOLAR PERMITS. RENTAL PROPERTIES:3~RENTAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED. CASE ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 61 WHICH INCLUDES DOORS TAGGED VERBAL WARNINGS, VEHICLES TAGGED, INSPECTIONS OF VIOLATIONS, INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS ISSUED, LETTERS SENT, ETC. THE MAYOR STATED THE TOTAL OF PERMIT FEES WAS $1,351.00

WATER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025: A TOTAL OF 23,696,841 GALLONS OF PORTABLE WATER WAS PURCHASED FROM RENDLAKE INTERCITY WATER SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL OF $55,676.54. THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT GALLONS USED – 23,162.84. CUSTOMERS WERE BILLED FOR 14,560,800 GALLONS OF WATER. ORIENT WAS BILLED FOR 574,200 GALLONS OF WATER, PLUMFIELD WAS BILLED FOR 692.200 GALLONS OF WATER, SEWER PLANT USED 226,300 GALLONS OF WATER, BUSINESS INCUBATOR USED 0, FIRE DEPARTMENT USED 10,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE BILLING FOR THE CURRENT MONTH THEY BROUGHT IN $226,136.35 WITH WATER, SEWER, SANITATION, PENALTIES, RECONNECT FEES, AND MISCELLANEOUS. IN THE MONTH OF MARCH BILLING WAS $214,898.49. THE MAYOR STATED FOR CLARIFICATION THE FIRST NUMBER IS WHAT WE ARE BILLING FOR WE HAVENT COLLECTED YET, THE SECOND AMOUNT IS WHAT WE COLLECTED IN APRIL.

35. **MAYORS REPORT~**

THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD OLD KING COAL, AND THAT WENT GOOD. APPARENTLY, THERE WAS SOME ALTERCATIONS, BUT FOR THE MOST PART IT WAS PRETTY PEACEFUL AND CALM. IT IS ALWAYS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LOCATION AND HOW IT IS AN INCONVIENCE. MAYBE IT IS SOMETHING WE CAN TALK WITH THE OLD KING COAL BOARD AND TRY TO FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT. WE ARE GETTING SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE LEGAL FRONT ON SOME OF OUR ISSUES; I CAN NOT TALK TO MUCH ABOUT THEM. BUT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HANDLED THINGS THROUGH THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS BUSY RIGHT NOW, OUT ON A CALL OF A GARAGE ON FIRE.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON GETTING THE BOOKS PUT TOGETHER. OUR TREASURER AND OUR CITY CLERK ARE WORKING ON A GETTING A BUDGET TOGETHER. WE MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS LAST WEEK AND GOT THEIR INPUT ON THINGS THEY MAY NEED FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS. THE MAYOR STATED WE GOT DELAYED ALITTLE BIT ON THAT TRYING TO GET THE AUDIT STRAIGHTENED UP. WE SHOULD HAVE A BUDGET DONE HOPEFULLY BY THE NEXT MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT'S ARE GOING GOOD. THE STREET DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING THINGS SET UP FOR THE OLD KING COAL. THE STREET SUPERINTENDENT STATED WE ARE WORKING ON MOTOR FUEL FOR THE YEAR, WORKING ON ROADS AND SIDE WALKS, DRAINAGE, ETC. WE WORKED WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR CLEVELAND STREET IT IS NOW TWENTY MILES PER HOUR IN FRONT OF THE PARK, CROSSWALKS AND SIGNS ARE UP.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED ONE OF OUR BUILDINGS IN TOWN DUE TO THE RAIN HAD A SMALL LEAK. WE CALLED THE ROOFERS AND THEY CAME OUT ON A RAINY DAY, CLEANED OUT GUTTERS AND PATCHED A SMALL TINY HOLE. THIS WAS OUT AT THE STORAGE BUILDING AT THE COLEMAN ROADS AREA. HOPEFULLY IF IT RAINS AGAIN THAT FIXED THE ISSUE. BULK TRASH PICK UP IS MAY 19TH-MAY 23RD ON YOUR REGULAR DAY OF PICKUP. PEOPLE HAVE CALLED THAD ABOUT MOSQUITOIS SPRAYING AND WE DO DONATE TO THE CAUSE; I THINK EVERY TOWN PAYS INTO IT OUT OF OUR TAXES. I TALKED TO THE GUY THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN TOWN, SET TRAPS FOR ADULT MOSQUITOS. OF COURSE YOU NEED TO CLEAN OUT TIRES THAT HOLDS WATER, AND CLEAN OUT DITCHES THAT BREED MOSQUITOES. THEY SAID IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, YOU CAN CALL KATRINA, SHE IS AT THE DENNING TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON HORN STREET, SHE GAVE ME HER NUMBER AND SAID I CAN GIVE IT OUT 618-922-5919, MOSQUITO ABATMENT NUMBER IS 618-932-6212. I THINK

THE MAYOR IS GOING TO POST IT.

THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE BEEN MEETING AND SET UP A COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, WITH MIKE FROM TAKE ACTION TODAY, DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS, DR. TARA CHAMBERS, AMD DIFFERENT ONES IN THE COMMUNITY. WHAT WE ARE DOING IS THE TASK FORCE IS TO CREATE THE COALITION WHICH THEN WILL BE A NOT FOR PROFIT. IT IS NOT AN ARM FROM THE CITY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I JUST WANTED TO BRING THEM TOGETHER TO ONE TABLE TO BE ABLE TO FORM A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION. I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF HOMELESS IN AND AROUND WEST FRANKFORT AND IT CREATES AN ISSUES NOT ALL OF THEM OF COURSE. THERE ARE ISSUES WITH DRUGS AND CRIME THAT CAN STEM FROM HOMELESS SITUATIONS. THEY WILL BE HAVING A PUBLIC MEETING NEXT MONTH IT WILL BE THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. I DO NOT KNOW A LOCATION YET. I WILL POST IT ON FACEBOOK WHEN I HAVE IT. I PERSONALLY FELL LIKE WE WANT TO GET BEHIND AND SUPPORT IN THE RIGHT WAY.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT WE DO HAVE AN ORDINANCE REGULATING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. YOU ARE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES, ONE TOPIC NO BACK AND FORTH. BE RESPECTFUL.

JEREMY STATED I THINK IT IS IRONIC THAT YOU GUYS SAID A PRAYER BEFORE THIS MEETING STARTED BECAUSE ON MAY 9TH, I WAS USING THAT SAME PROTECTED RIGHT IN THE PUBLIC PARK. THAT LIBERTY THAT YOU GUYS SUPPORTED IS PROTECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION THAT GIVES YOU THE ABILITY TO USE THAT RIGHT TO STAND UP IN HERE AND FACE THE FLAG AND PRAY. THAT RIGHT WAS TAKEN FROM ME THAT DAY YOUR OFFICERS CAME AND TRESPASSED ME FROM THE PUBLIC PARK. I WAS DOING NOTHING MORE THAN USING MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO RECORD IN THE PUBLIC PLACE. IT IS AN ICKY FEELING WHEN YOUR LIBERTIES ARE TAKEN FROM YOU. I WAS FILMING THE PUBLIC POND, LIKE I DO ALL OF THE TIME I WAS EXERCISING. THE TENTH CIRCUIT IN ILLINOIS GIVES US THE RIGHT TO FILM PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES AS I AM DOING RIGHT NOW. THEY CAN TELL ME I AM TRESPASSED FROM THE PUBLIC PARK, I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE IT SET UP AS THE PARK AS THEIR OWN BOARD. YOU GUYS KEEP

SAYING THE PARK IS NOT PART OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. I KIND OF GET THAT. THE THING IS THEY CAN TELL ME I AM TRESPASSED ALL DAY LONG BUT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT CAME IN AND THREATENED TO THROW ME INTO A JAIL CELL FOR DOING A CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RIGHT AND YOU CAN NOT DO THAT. MY CAMERA CAN NOT BE A DISTURBANCE, AND ME ASKING HIS NAME WAS NOT A DISTURBANCE. I HAVE TALKED TO THE CHIEF ABOUT THIS. I WENT BACK OUT THERE TODAY, AFTER THAT GUYS HAD TOLD ME TO, I AM NOT GOING TO SAY WHAT HE SAID BECAUSE IT IS ITCKY. WHEN I ASKED HIM IS NAME, HE GRABED HIS MIDDLE AREA. I AM TRYING TO GET THOSE CAMERAS. I KNOW YOU GUYS DENIED THAT, AND TOLD ME TO GO TO THE PARK BOARD.I CAN GIVE ANY CITY EMPLOYEE THAT REQUEST AND IT IS ON YOU GUYS TO FORWARD TO WHO I NEED IT FROM. I AM JUST LOOKING AT HAVING THAT TRESPASS TAKEN AWAY, WHERE I CAN GO BACK TO THE PARK.

36. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(5), 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(6), 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11). THE MAYOR STATED WHICH WOULD BE FOR BUYING AND SELLING PROPERTIES, EMPLOYEE ISSUES, AND ANY PENDING LITIGATION. OUR CONFERENCE ROOM IS CURRENTLY UNAVALIBLE TO US. WE WILL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT HERE. I REQUIRES THAT WE EVACUATE THE BUILDING EXPECT FOR THE ONES THAT NEED TO BE IN THE MEETING. WE WILL NOT BE MAKING ANY DECISIONS. AT 7:19 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

37. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:56 P.M. WHERE NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

38. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:56 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK