WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 TO PUBLISH THE 2026 MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, LAKE COMMITTEE, POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BOARDS, AND POLICE AND FIRE MERIT BOARDS. THE MAYOR STATED ONCE THEY ARE APPROVED, WE WILL HAVE THEM ON THE WEBSITE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN WHEN THOSE MEETINGS ARE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR DEMOLITION AT 208 SOUTH HORN AND 1109 EAST LINDELL. THE MAYOR STATED WE ONLY HAVE ONE BID ON EACH ONE AND IT'S FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE FOR 208 SOUTH HORN-THE BID IS $7,500.00 AND FOR 1109 EAST LINDELL. THE AMOUNT IS $4,500.00.
   COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
   ** *SECOND BID AFTER MEETING*- THE PUBLIC BID NOTICE DATE WAS

FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2025 AT 12:00 PM. WE FORGOT THE MEETING WAS THAT MORNING, AND THE DATE DID NOT GET CHANGED TO OPEN BIDS. WE OPENED THIS SECOND BID AFTER THE MEETING WAS OVER. THIS BID WAS NOT LOWER THAN THE BID THEY APPROVED.
FERKYS CONTRACTING LLC.
1109 E. LINDELL- $18,522.00
208 S. HORN- $23,153.00

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PARCEL NUMBER 12-19-304-002 AND PARCEL NUMBER 12-19-304-003 ON EAST POPLAR STREET AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT, SO I'LL KIND OF OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION AMONG THE COMMISSIONERS HERE. NOW ROGER YOU SAID THAT YOU THOUGHT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT ABOUT THIS PREVIOUSLY? COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED YES, I CALLED ANGIE LAST NIGHT, TO SEE IF SHE COULD REMEMBER ANY OF IT. AND SHE THOUGHT SHE REMEMBERED THAT WE MADE AN AGREEMENT THAT WE KEEP THE PROPERTY AND BROWNS COULD USE IT. SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE IN THE MINUTES. THE CITY CLERK STATED THERE'S NOTHING IN THE MINUTES, I DID CHECK. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SO WE KEEP IT, AND THEY COULD BUILD ON IT? COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THEY COULDN'T BUILD ON IT.THE MAYOR STATED HOW WOULD THEY USE IT? COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED TRUCKS AND WHATNOT. BACK IN THE DAY, SOME TYPE OF SEMIS BACK THERE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, NOW THEY'RE WANTING TO BUILD A BUILDING ON IT, BUT THEY WOULD BUY THE PROPERTY AND BUILD A WAREHOUSE ON IT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED MY LOOKOUT WAS FOR, THAT IS JUST A HALF BLOCK AWAY FOR OLD KING COAL AND FOR THE PEOPLE AT WIT & WISDOM TO BE ABLE TO PARK THERE AND WALK DOWN TO WIT WISDOM FOR THE THREE DAYS FOR OLD KING COAL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SO IT'S EITHER SOMEBODY ELSE PAY THE TAXES ON IT, OR WE PAY THE TAXES ON IT. THE MAYOR STATED CORRECT. $1,000.00 FOR ONE AND $345.00 FOR THE OTHER. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THIS IS FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO PARK AND WALK A HALF BLOCK. EVEN THOUGH WE MADE THAT PARKING LOT BEHIND THERE FOR WIT & WISDOM, FOR OLD KING COAL TO GET THEIR TRUCK STUFF IN THERE, IT STILL GIVES THE WIT & WISDOM TO GET THEIR VANS IN AND OUT. IT'S ALWAYS HECTIC FOR PARKING FOR THE OLD KING COAL. THE MAYOR STATED JONATHAN, JUST FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, IF WE DECLARE IT A SURPLUS PROPERTY, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN WE HAVE TO ACCEPT ANY BID ON THE PROPERTY, CORRECT? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED CORRECT IF YOU DECLARE IT AS SURPLUS, YOU

STILL HAVE THE TWO OPTIONS OF GETTING IT APPRAISED AND SELLING IT FOR 80% OF THE APPRAISED VALUE, OR JUST PUBLISHING NOTICES LATER AND YOU OPEN IT UP FOR BIDDING. THIS IS JUST DECLARING IT AS SURPLUS. THE MAYOR STATED SO THIS WOULDN'T NECESSARILY GET RID OF IT. WE WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO USE IT IF WE NEEDED TO UNTIL WE DID HAVE IT SOLD. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THEN YOU COME TO THE CONCLUSION DOWN THE ROAD THAT IT IS NOT WORKING OUT OR THEY ARE NOT REALLY USING IT OR WHATEVER, THEN PUT IT UP FOR BID. THE MAYOR STATED DECLARING A SURPLUS GIVES US KIND OF THE OPTION TO GET IT MOVED QUICK IF SAY THEY DECIDED TO MOVE OLD KING COAL AND THEN WE COULD OPEN IT FOR BIDS AT THAT POINT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SO PEOPLE COULD PARK ON THIS. IS IT GOING TO BE ALL ROCKED AND ALL THAT, THE PROPER WAY, AND SO IT WON'T SINK? THEY COULD GOLF CART PEOPLE TO LUNCH, MAYBE, OR SOMETHING, OR WALK. SO, YOU WANT TO KEEP IT, MAKE IT A PARKING LOT, JUST IN CASE DOWN THE ROAD WE COULD GET RID OF IT IF WE NEED TO. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I'LL JUST SAY, PERSONALLY, I'M IN FAVOR OF PUTTING IT UP TO ALLOW A LOCAL BUSINESS TO EXPAND. THE MAYOR STATED AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUARANTEE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET IT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED JUST DECLARING A SURPLUS DOES NOT REALLY ACCOMPLISH MUCH, PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, BECAUSE YOU WOULD STILL HAVE TO DECIDE LATER. IF YOU WANT TO PUBLISH NOTICES, SOLICIT BIDS, AND THOSE HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE? OR DO YOU WANT TO GET IT APPRAISED BEFORE YOU SELL IT? THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THAT FIRST STEP THAT WE DECLARE AS SURPLUS, AND THEN WE SAY ADVERTISE FOR BIDS. AND THEN WE ACCEPT A BID. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE PREVIOUSLY DID ALL OF THAT, AND SOMEBODY BID ON IT, AND WE TABLED IT. CITY ATTORNEY STATED I KNOW THAT'S HOW THE COUNCIL DID IT BEFORE I BECAME CITY ATTORNEY. THE FIRST STEP OF DECLARING A SURPLUS IS NOT REQUIRED UNLESS YOU GO ABOUT THAT ROUTE WHERE YOU TRY TO GET 80% OF THE APPRAISED VALUE. THE MAYOR STATED BUT IF WE DID DECIDE WE WANTED TO GET AN APPRAISAL AND GET THE 80%, THEN THIS WOULD BE THE NECESSARY FIRST STEP TO DO THAT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED I THINK WE WOULD HAVE TO GET THE APPRAISAL FIRST, BECAUSE IN THE RESOLUTION WE USUALLY PUT WHAT THE APPRAISED VALUE IS. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THE ADVERTISING OPTION, YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT APPRAISALS, THAT'S OPTION B. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I MEAN, WE DECLARED IT SURPLUS BEFORE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE AN APPRAISAL, THOUGH, IT DOESN'T MATTER. YOU

HAVE TO HAVE THE APPRAISAL. IF YOU GO OPTION A, FOR APPRAISAL. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE APPRAISAL, THE RESOLUTION, AND YOU PUBLISH THAT SO EVERYBODY SEES THE APPRAISED VALUE. OPTION B IS YOU JUST PUBLISH A NOTICE THAT SAYS WE'RE GOING TO OPEN BIDS NEXT MONTH, AND THE HIGHEST BIDDER IS GOING TO WIN. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE DID THAT, AND DIDN'T AWARD IT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED WHETHER YOU APPROVE, DENY, OR TABLE THIS, AS THE CITY ATTORNEY, I WILL DO NOTHING. UNLESS YOU TELL ME, YOU WANT ME TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE ADVERTISING BIDS OR YOU WANT ME TO GO GET AN APPRAISAL. YOU COULD ASK FOR A MOTION TO TABLE IT INDEFINITELY. THE CITY CLERK STATED I THINK IT WAS DONE IN THE PAST SO THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNEW THAT THIS PROPERTY WAS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO PURCHASE. OTHERWISE, THEY DON'T REALLY KNOW UNLESS THEY COME IN AND PICK UP A SHEET OR LOOK ON FACEBOOK. THE MAYOR STATED WE CAN MAYBE WORK OUT ANOTHER WAY TO DO THAT IF WE DO DECIDE TO SELL IT TO WHERE WE COULD STILL ADVERTISE BUT THEN ALSO MAKE MENTION OF IT IN MEETINGS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO EITHER APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION OR A MOTION TO TABLE THIS INDEFINITELY? COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO TABLE INDEFINITELY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS INCUBATOR A SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE OLD WEST FRANKFORT LAKE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS. THE MAYOR STATED NOW, I KNOW THERE WAS TALK THAT WE HAD DONE THIS BEFORE, BUT WE DIDN'T ACTUALLY SAY WE WERE GOING TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS LAST TIME, CORRECT? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED RIGHT. SO, WE DID OBTAIN AN APPRAISAL AND WE DID PASS A RESOLUTION. SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NOW THE INTEREST IS JUST ADVERTISING FOR BIDS AND SEEING WHAT BIDS COME IN. IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE A RESOLUTION, BUT I DO NEED TO KNOW ON WHAT DATE THE COUNCIL WANTS TO OPEN THE BIDS. BECAUSE THE NOTICE HAS TO BE PUBLISHED FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS, A WEEK TO GET IT

PUBLISHED, THE EARLIEST WOULD BE THE FIRST JANUARY MEETING. DO YOU WANT TO GO LATE JANUARY? COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I THINK BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS AND EVERYTHING, PEOPLE NEED TIME. THEY MAY NOT BE READING THE PAPER THAT SAME DAY OR SOMETHING. I'LL MAKE A MOTION THAT WE DO THE FIRST MEETING IN FEBRUARY. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED SINCE WE ALREADY DID THE APPRAISAL RESOLUTION BEFORE, YOU CAN JUST MAKE A MOTION TO PUBLISH A NOTICE ADVERTISING. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PUBLISH A NOTICE ADVERTISING., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR LIQUOR LICENSE HOURS ON GAB FEST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 2 A.M. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS SOMETHING WE'VE HISTORICALLY DONE. I SEE NO ISSUE WITH IT. 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 TO SCHEDULE A TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9TH, 2025 AT 5.30 P.M. REGARDING THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE. THE MAYOR STATED UNFORTUNATELY, PRICES ARE ALWAYS GOING UP, INCLUDING FOR US. WE HAVEN'T RAISED TAXES IN A WHILE. WE DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF RAISING TAXES. NOBODY UP HERE DOES. WE DON'T LIKE TAXES. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, FOR A MUNICIPALITY, TAXES AND GRANTS ARE THE ONLY WAY WE GET THINGS FUNDED. AND THE STATE WILL PASS THINGS, AND WE CALL THEM UNFUNDED MANDATES. WHERE THEY'RE REQUIRING US TO DO THINGS, BUT NOT GIVING US THE MONEY TO DO THOSE THINGS, SO WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO PAY FOR IT. AND SO, UNFORTUNATELY, TAXES ARE THE WAY THAT WE HAVE TO DO THAT. AND WE HAVE SOME PENSION FUNDS THAT NEED FUNDED, THAT THE STATE IS REQUIRING US TO FUND. BUT WE DON'T JUST SAY WE'RE RAISING TAXES. WE HAVE A HEARING. THE PUBLIC COMES OUT, PRESENTS ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THAT, AND THEN WE MAKE THE DECISION BASED ON THAT. BY PASSING THIS, WE'RE SCHEDULING THAT HEARING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9TH AT 5:30 P.M. 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 MAYOR STATED AGAIN, FOR THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE, WE DID NOT JUST RAISE YOUR TAXES. WE JUST APPROVED TO HAVE A HEARING ON DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. TO TALK ABOUT IT.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE LAKE LOT LEASE FEES AT THE WEST FRANKFORT LAKE. THE MAYOR STATED AGAIN, UNFORTUNATELY, OUR COSTS GO UP. AS FAR AS LEASES GO, THE LAKE LOT LEASES ARE REALLY LOW COMPARED TO OTHER LAKE LOT LEASES IN COMMUNITIES AROUND US. THIS IS NOT A BIG, SIGNIFICANT INCREASE. THE LAST TIME THEY WERE RAISED WAS IN 2013.
LAKE LOT LEASE FEES IN
2026 WILL BE $400.00.
2027 WILL BE $500.00.
2028 WILL BE $525.00.
2029 WILL BE $550.00.
2030 WILL BE $575.00.
THIS IS PER YEAR.
COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE HAVE PLANS TO WORK OUT THERE BETWEEN THE WORK THE STREET DEPARTMENT DOES. AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT THOSE FEES ARE FOR. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED JUST SINCE THAT ORDINANCE THAT YOU JUST PASSED REQUIRES NOTICE TO THE FOLKS OUT THERE. THE CITY CLERK & DEPUTY CLERK KNOWS THEY NEED TO GO OUT TODAY, TOMORROW, MONDAY.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED ITEM 11 AND 12 ARE BASICALLY THE SAME, WE WILL VOTE SEPARATLEY. WE'VE HAD ISSUES IN THE PAST WHERE PEOPLE COME TO WORK FOR US AND WE PAY FOR THEIR TRAINING, WE PAY FOR THEIR CLOTHING, ALL THESE THINGS, AND THEN WITHIN JUST A FEW MONTHS ,YEAR OR WHATEVER, THEY FIND GREENER PASTURES SOMEWHERE ELSE. WE'VE PAID FOR ALL THEIR TRAINING SO THEY CAN JUST WALK RIGHT INTO THAT JOB TRAINED AND FULLY READY TO GO. WE DON'T WANT OUR CITY TO BE A TRAINING GROUND FOR THE STATE POLICE OR FOR OTHER COUNTIES OR OTHER CITIES. WE WANT THEM TO

STAY WITH US. THIS PRE-EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THEY EITHER STAY EMPLOYED WITH US FOR THREE YEARS OR THEY PAY THOSE FEES BACK TO US. I THINK THAT'S REASONABLE. AGAIN, IF THEY WANTED TO GO TO WORK FOR ANOTHER DEPARTMENT, THEY COULD EITHER APPLY AT THAT OTHER DEPARTMENT OR PAY FOR THESE TRAININGS THEMSELVES AND THEN BE TRAINED. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT THIS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT POLICE 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.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATES FOR WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION, (TRASH PICKUP) SERVICE CHARGES FOR EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST, 2026. THE MAYOR STATED OUR RATES HAVE GONE UP, AND WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS PASSED THOSE ON. BUT AGAIN, COSTS GOING UP, COSTS US MONEY. WE HAVE TO RECOUP THOSE COSTS. AND REALLY, IN THE CASE OF THE TRASH. IT'S WHAT THEY'RE CHARGING US. WE'RE NOT MAKING MONEY OFF OF IT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. WE'RE JUST PASSING ALONG WHAT WE'RE BEING CHARGED. I WILL GO AHEAD AND READ THROUGH THESE JUST SO WE HAVE THEM ON THE RECORD.
INSIDE CITY LIMITS, WATER, FIRST 1,000 GALLONS WOULD BE $12.55 PER 1,000 GALLONS.
EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLONS UP TO 49,999 GALLONS WOULD BE $4.90.
EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 OVER 50,000 GALLONS WOULD BE $4.75. FOR SEWER, THE FIRST 1,000 GALLONS IS $8.06. EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLONS, $6.50.
OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, THE FIRST 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER, $18.65.
EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 UP TO 49,999 WOULD BE $6.43.
EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 OVER 50,000 WOULD BE $6.25.
SANITATION IS $17.
BULK WATER SALES FOR EACH 1,000 GALLONS WOULD BE $9.

TAP FEES FOR WATER, THE TAP FEE IS $850.00 FOR THREE-

QUARTER INCH OR $1,200.00 FOR ONE INCH.
SEWER TAP INSPECTION FEE IS $100.00 AND $1,000.00 DEPOSIT.
DEPOSITS FOR THE OWNER IS $50.00, FOR RENTER OR CONTRACT FOR DEED, IT'S $100.00
RETURN CHECK FEE IS $35.00, RECONNECT FEE WOULD BE $75.00
COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE COUNCIL AMENDED THIS ITEM TOWARDS THE END OF THE MEETING AFTER THE CONSENT AGENDA.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR COVERAGE FROM ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER AND COMPANY OR ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND REGARDING INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2026 TO JANUARY 1ST, 2027 REGARDING PROPERTY LIABILITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. THE MAYOR STATED THE PREMIUM FOR THAT WOULD BE $268,986. TAXES AND FEES $8,070.00, ESTIMATED COST $277,056.00. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR COVERAGE FROM ARTHUR GALLAGHER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR COVERAGE FROM ARTHUR J GALLAGHER OR CIRMA REGARDING ANNUAL COVERAGE FROM JANUARY 1ST, 2026 TO JANUARY 1ST, 2027. TOTAL PREMIUMS, LOOKS LIKE THE RENEWAL IS $451,406.00, WITH TAXES AND FEES OF $4,994.00, FOR A TOTAL OF $456,400.00, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 7.71%. THIS IS THE PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM INSTALLATION AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AND MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A MAINTENACE PROGRAM THAT THEY HAD BROUGHT TO US, THEY

SAID THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR US. TO HELP KEEP THE SEWER ON TRACK, AS FAR A MAINTAINING, AND CHECKING OFF THE LISTS. KEEPS TRACK OF ALL OF THAT FOR THEM ELECTRONICALLY. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE, EXCEPT FOR COMMISSIONER WARREN SHE VOTED NO. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGRADING A DONATION TO CANDY CANE LANE THROUGH THE TOURISM FUND. THE MAYOR STATED LAST YEAR WE GAVE THEM $4,000.00, $2,000.00 THE YEAR BEFORE. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE $4,000.00 FOR THIS YEAR. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE $4,000.00 DONATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY (2) INVOICES FROM EXECUTIVE OUTSOURCING IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,924.03 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AUDIT PREP FROM 11/3/2025-11/16/2025. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS PREPARING US FOR THE YEAR 2024. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED ARE WE APPROVED FOR GRANTS YET? THE MAYOR STATED AS COMMISSIONER HOWARD SAID LAST TIME, IT IS STILL THE SAME. SOME AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS; WE HAVE GOT THE FEIN LOCK REMOVED. WITH FEDERAL HAS NOT CHANGED YET. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ATLAS IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,965.60 FOR THE FINAL BILL OF THE PREPARATION OF 2023 AUDIT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE FROM COMPLETE EQUITY MARKETS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,481.55 FOR RENEWAL OF MUNICIPALITY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE PROGRAM REGARDING COVERAGE FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO JANUARY 1, 2027. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ESTIMATE FROM MIDWEST PETROLEUM & EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,000.00 FOR REPAIRS ON THE GRIT CHAMBER AT THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT-SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION 2022 PHASE I FUNDING FROM THE IEPA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM WITH 45% PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS (GRANT). MATT TOSH WITH BROWN & ROBERTS STATED THIS PROJECT WE HAD TALKED ABOUT THIS BACK IN AUGUST, THIS IS A RENEWAL. THE CITY RECEIVED AN OFFER FOR UP TO APPROXIMATLEY $1.54 MILLION DOLLARS. A COMBANATION GRANT LOAN 45% APPROXIMATLEY $697,000.00 WOULD BE GRANT, THE REST WOULD BE 1% LOW INTEREST LOAN FOR IMPROVMENTS REPLACING SOME SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN TOWN. TO KEEP THOSE FUNDS, THEY CITY HAS TO MEET CERTAIN DEADLINES, THEY ARE ASKING FOR AN UDPATE ON THIS. YOU HAVE TO OF OPENED BIDS BY MARCH 31, 2026. THERE ARE SOME OTHER ITEMS WE WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE ALSO, THE DESIGN/PLANS HAVE TO BE DONE AND BID DOCUMENTS TO BE PUT TOGETHER, AND AN AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE MARCH 31, 2026 DEADLINE. THEY ARE ASKING FOR AN UPDATE WHETHER YOU WANT THESE FUNDS OR IF YOU ARE GOING TO RELEASE THE FUNDS TO SOMEONE ELSE TO USE. THE MAYOR STATED WE WANT THEM.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

25. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S PAY ESTIMATE #7 TO HAIER PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT-STP EFFLUENT DISINFECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $55,867.37. MR. TOSH STATED THIS A PROGRESS PAY ESTIMATE; THEY ARE BASICALLY ALL DONE OUT THERE. THERE IS MAYBE A COUPLE SMALL PUNCH LIST ITEMS I WAS GOING TO MAKE SURE THEY GOT THEM ADDRESS, AS FAR AS SEALING HOLES FOR CONDUANT. WE ARE DOWN TO AT THIS POINT THIS PROGRESS PAY ESTIMATE AND THEN WE NEED TO LEAN WAVIERS FROM THE CONTRACTOR AND HAVE SOME DISCUSSION ON SOME LIQUIDATED DAMAGES BECAUSE THEY WENT PAST THEIR COMPLETION DATE. THE CITY IS NOW WITH HOLDING LIQUIDATIED DAMAGES THAT IS NOT IN THIS PAY. THESE FUNDS ARE BEING WITH HELD, THE CITY IS PROBABLY WITH HOLDING ABOUT $100,000.00 OF THE CONTRACTORS MONEY, PART OF THAT IS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

THE CITY CLERK STATED THERE IS A QUESTION ON THE WATER, SEWER RATES. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THE ORDINANCE YOU VOTED ON MAKES THE RATES YOU VOTED ON EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST. THE CITY CLERK STATED THEY ARE ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE JANUARY TO FEBRUARY USAGE BILLED MARCH 1ST THAT SHOULD BE THE WORDING NOT APRIL BILLING. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THE ORDINANCE SAYS THE RATES WILL BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST. WE COULD AMEND IT IF YOU WOULD WANT TO, YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER VOTE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED DO YOU WANT TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO SAY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 TO BE BILLED STARTING MARCH 1, 2026. THE MAYOR STATED WE NEED A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE RASING THE RATES FOR WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 TO BE ON THE BILL IN MARCH 2026. WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY

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

BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~

CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED I HAVE A SIGN PERMIT FOR TYLER BROY AT 302 W. 6TH ST. IT IS ANOTHER BILLBOARD SIGN LIKE YOU SEE ON EAST MAIN ST. IT WILL BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, NOT AS TALL. I THINK HE HAS HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH HIS IDOT PERMITING WITH THE HEIGHT. THIS ONE WILL BE SHORTER. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT YOU APPROVE IT, BASED ON IT FITTING OUR ORDINANCES. I KNOW THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION IF WE WANTED THOSE TO BE ALL OVER OR NOT. I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO SELL HIM THE PROPERTY WITH OUT DISCLOSING WE WERE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE.. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THAT IS A TURN AS YOUR GOING TO DENNING IS THAT GOING TO BE SET BACK WHERE YOU CAN SEE? CODES OFFICE STATED YES, IT WILL HAVE TO MEET ALL OF OUR SET BACKS. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO CHANGE MOVING FORWARD, THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN LOOK AT. LIKE WE DID WITH THE ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS, WE LIMITED THE AMOUNT OF THOSE. THE MAYOR STATED YES, THAT IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO DO. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

27. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW STATED I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GOOD THANKSGIVING. WE DO HAVE THE PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING TONIGHT. WE WILL BE THERE, AND INVITE YOU ALL TO COME OUT.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED OUR NEW GUYS WILL BE BACK NEXT WEEK. THEN THEY WILL BE ON A FTO PROGRAM FOR EIGHT TO TWELVE WEEKS. FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DOING OK, STAYING BUSY.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE ARE REALLY CLOSE TO HAVING 2024 READY TO GO TO THE AUDITORS. PARTS OF IT IS ALREADY READY TO GO. WITH THE HEARING FOR PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, WE REALLY DO NOT HAVE A CHOICE WITH THE STATE THAT HAS PASSED A LAW SAYING THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE UP THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY IN THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSIONS BY 2040 (I

THINK IS THE DATE). THEY TELL US HOW MUCH TAXES WE HAVE TO EXTEND AND THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING OK. THE STREET DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DEALING WITH ALL OF THE LIGHTS, SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN GIVING THEM A HARD TIME GETTING THEM GOING. I THINK THEY HAVE THEM ALL ON AND READY FOR TONIGHT. THE DOWNTOWN LOOKS GREAT.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED DON, DO WE KNOW ANYTHING GOING ON AT THE MALL, HOW ARE THE STORES DOING? DON GASS STATED THEY ARE BUSY, THE LIQUIDATION PLACE WILL BE OPENED EVERYDAY THROUGH DECEMBER 24TH. SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SALE: 404 E. 5TH, 301 E 4TH, 303 E 4TH, 306 E. 4TH, 712 N. JEFFERSON. BIDS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 9, 2025.

CITY CLERK STATED MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT PARK ON MAIN STREET TODAY FROM 12PM-8PM.

28. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** HE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT. POSITVE UPDATES FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

29. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**:

THE MAYOR STATED THE ORDINACE RULES.

MICHAEL ANDREW PERKINS STATED I COME TO YOU TODAY NOT WITH POLISHED TITLES OR PLATFORMS, BUT WITH REAL LIFE, REAL STRUGGLE, AND A REAL CALLING. A CALLING PLACED ON ME BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST -TO HELP RESTORE THE BROKEN, TO REACH THE FORGOTTEN, AND TO SPEAK LIGHT INTO DARKNESS. I CREATED LET ME OUT -FROM PAST GENERATIONS NOT BECAUSE I HAD ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT BECAUSE I HAD ENOUGH. I HAD LIVED ADDICTION. I HAD SEEN MENTAL ILLNESS PUNISHED INSTEAD OF TREATED. I HAD FELT THE WEIGHT OF POVERTY AND WITNESSED THE EFFECTS OF CORRUPTION. BUT THROUGH IT ALL, THE LORD WALKED WITH ME. HE PULLED ME OUT. AND HE CALLED ME TO HELP OTHERS RISE. THIS IS A MOVEMENT BUILT ON RESTORATION, HOPE, AND HEALING. IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITY COMING BACK TO LIFE. NOTJUST BUILDINGS AND BUDGETS- BUT PEOPLE. IT'S ABOUT SEEING THE IMAGE OF GOD LN EVERY PERSON, AND SAYING, "YOU MATTER."
HERE'S WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- •THAT NOBODY IS BEYOND HELP.
- •THAT ADDICTION IS A DISEASE, NOT A DEATH SENTENCE.
- •THAT MENTAL ILLNESS SHOULD BE MET WITH COMPASSION, NOT

CUFFS.

•THAT COMMUNITY WELLBEING DOESN'T CARE WHAT PARTY YOU VOTE FOR -IT'S BUILT WHEN NEIGHBORS HELP NEIGHBORS.

WE'VE LOST OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY, BUT WE CAN GET IT BACK. AND WE'RE DOING THAT BY:

•OFFERING MENTORSHIP BEFORE PUNISHMENT

•PROVIDING FAITH-INFORMED, TRAUMA-AWARE SUPPORT

•TEACHING FINANCIAL LITERACY AND AI TOOLS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES

•TRAINING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE PART OF A TEAM, TO LIFT OTHERS AS THEY WERE LIFTED IT'S ABOUT TRANSFORMATION. NOT TEMPORARY FIXES. IT'S ABOUT CREATING PLACES WHERE PEOPLE DON'T JUST SURVIVE -THEY GROW. LET ME OUT IS NOT A RELIGIOUS PROGRAM. BUT IT IS CHRIST-CENTERED IN ITS HEART. BECAUSE WITHOUT LOVE, TRUTH, AND GRACE, WE'RE JUST NOISE. AND I BELIEVE TRUE CHANGE ONLY HAPPENS WHEN GOD LEADS THE WAY. WE MUST ALSO BE HONEST CORRUPTION STILL EXISTS, AND IT POISONS OUR ABILITY TO TRUST, TO GROW, AND TO HEAL. WHEN POWER IS ABUSED - WHEN THE GOOD OLD BOYS WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER MORE THAN THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE -IT LEADS TO PAIN, NOT PROGRESS. BUT THAT'S NOT THE FOCUS OF THIS MESSAGE. THE FOCUS IS ON WHAT COMES NEXT. OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT BROKEN -IT IS READY. READY FOR RESTORATION. READY FOR HEALING. READY TO TURN PAIN INTO PURPOSE. AND THROUGH LET ME OUT, WITH FAITH, STRUCTURE, AND COMMITMENT, WE'RE DOING JUST THAT.LET US REMEMBER THIS: OUR GREATEST POWER LIES IN EACH OTHER. NOT IN POLITICS, NOT IN CONTROL - BUT IN OUR GOD-GIVEN CAPACITY TO LOVE, LIFT, AND REBUILD. SO I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. NOT JUST OF A PROGRAM- BUT OF A MISSION. A MISSION TO RESTORE WHAT HAS BEEN LOST. MAY GOD GUIDE US, MAY HE STRENGTHEN US, AND MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE WORTH OF A SINGLE SOUL. THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS THIS CITY, THIS MISSION, AND THE PEOPLE WE'RE CALLED TO SERVE.

COMMUNITY CRISIS SNAPSHOT:

MENTAL HEALTH & INCARCERATION

• NEARLY 1 OUT OF 5 U.S. ADULTS LIVE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

• OVER 44% OF PEOPLE IN JAIL AND 37% IN PRISON HAVE A DIAGNOSED MENTAL DISORDER.

• 25% OF FATAL POLICE SHOOTINGS INVOLVE SOMEONE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

• ROOT CAUSES: LACK OF EARLY INTERVENTION, TRAUMA, POVERTY, STIGMA, UNDERFUNDED MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS.

IMPRISONMENT & RECIDIVISM:

• U.S. HAS THE HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATE IN THE WORLD.
• 2 OUT OF 3 RELEASED INDIVIDUALS ARE REARRESTED WITHIN 3 YEARS.
• ILLINOIS: 39% RECIDIVISM RATE (IDOQ.)
• ROOT CAUSES: ADDICTION, LACK OF REENTRY SUPPORT, UNEMPLOYMENT, UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.
ECONOMIC HARDSHIP & POVERTY
• FRANKLIN COUNTY POVERTY RATE: -17.9% (US CENSUS).
• RURAL COMMUNITIES OFTEN LACK ACCESS TO HIGH-PAYING JOBS, TRANSPORTATION, AND EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE.
• YOUTH WITH LOW-INCOME FAMILIES ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.
• ROOT CAUSES: GENERATIONAL POVERTY, JOB LOSS, UNFUNDED EDUCATION, SYSTEMIC BARRIERS.
CORRUPTION & MISTRUST:
• ILLINOIS RANKS #3 IN THE U.S. FOR PUBLIC CORRUPTION CONVICTIONS (DEPT. OF JUSTICE).
• OPERATION GREYLORD UNCOVERED OVER 90 INDICTMENTS INVOLVING JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.
• TELLTALE SIGNS OF CORRUPTION:
• FAVORITISM AND NEPOTISM ("GOOD OLD BOYS NETWORK)
• LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN DECISION-MAKING
• RETALIATION AGAINST WHISTLEBLOWERS
• INCONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS
• CRONYISM IN CONTRACTING AND HIRING
SUICIDE & CRISIS RESPONSE:
• SUICIDE IS THE 10TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U.S.
• RURAL MEN AGED 25-54 HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST SUICIDE RATES.
• MANY OVERDOSES ARE UNREPORTED SUICIDES.
•ROOT CAUSES: UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS, ISOLATION, JOB LOSS, UNRESOLVED TRAUMA, STIGMA AROUND SEEKING HELP. THESE STATISTICS AREN'T JUST NUMBERS. THEY ARE RED FLAGS. THEY ARE A MAP OF WHAT IS BROKEN - WHERE WE MUST GO TO FTX IT.

BOBBY KOHZADI STATED I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CANDY CANE LANE COMMITTEE; WE JUST WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. THE CANDY CANE LANE CHIRSTMAS DISPLAY WILL BE STARTING UP THIS SATURDAY AT 6:00 P.M. THE CHRISTMAS DISPLAY BRINGS THOUSANDS OF VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY EACH YEAR. THIS ATTRACTION HAS BECOME A CHERISHED TRADITION FOR LOCAL FAMILIES AND DRAWS VISITORS IN THAT SUPPORT OUR SMALL BUSINESS THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON. AS WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE EXPIRENCE AT THE LEVEL OF OUR COMMITTEE HAS BECOME TO LOVE. WE REQUESTED A DONATION, AND WANTED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW WE DO

APPRECIATE THAT EVERY YEAR. WE TAKE THAT FOR A LOT OF NEW ITEMS THAT WE PUT OUT EVERY YEAR THAT PEOPLE SEE, AND WITH THE STORAGE FACILITY FEES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY OUR BILL TO KEEP CANDY CANE LANE ATTRACTION FOR EVERYONE. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US MAINTAIN A HIGH-QUALITY DISPLAY THAT REFLECTS THE PRIDE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNTIY, WHILE IT ENSURES FAMILIES OF ALL BACKGROUNDS CAN ENJOY A MAGICAL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE. LAST YEAR WE HAD SIX DIFFERENT NURSING HOMES CONTACT US AND BROUGHT THEIR RESIDENCE TO VISIT. WE MAE SURE THEY HAD THEIR EVENING MAGICAL. WE WENT ON THEIR BUSSES AND INTERACTED WITH THEM JUST AS WE DO WITH THE OTHER VISITORS THAT COME THROUGH. WE HAVE ADDED A WALK PATH THIS YEAR FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO WALK THE ATTRACTION. WE HAVE ALSO ADDED SOME MORE ANIMATRONIC CHARACTORS, AND WOULD LOVE TO KEEP ADDING TO THAT AS THE YEARS GO ON. THIS SUMMER WE HAD SO MANY IDEAS AND WOULD LOVE TO MAKE SOME MORE BIGGER AND SOME MORE INTERACTIVE PURCHASES TO ADD TO CANDY CANE LANE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND FOR THE DONATIONS. LAST YEAR WE DID HAVE ALITTLE OVER 15,000.00 CARS COME THROUGH. WE DO HAVE A CAR COUNTER AT THE END NOW, IDOT PROVIDED THAT FOR US. THE KIDS COME OUT AND VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, GET HOURS FOR BETA, NATIONAL SOCIETY CLUBS. FOLLOWING THE PARADE THIS YEAR, THE FFA IS DONATING A METAL ORNAMENT THAT THEY CREATED FOR THE FLOAT, AFTER THAT THEY WILL BE BRINGING TO CANDY CANE LANE.

30. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5), AND (6) ILCS 120/2 (C) (11). PERSONEL, REAL ESTATE, AND LITIGATION, AT 11:04 A.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

31. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 11:47 A.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK