WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

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

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19, 2023 AT CITY HALL. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR ELEVATED ESTHETICS REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,500.00 UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND OPENING OF BUSINESS. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE AND HAD THEM APPLY FOR THE TIF. THEY WILL BE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 37 ACROSS FROM HUCKS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR FINALIZATION OF AN AGREEMENT INVOLVING STARBUCKS CONSTRUCTION / REAL ESTATE. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS SOMETHING THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED AWHILE AGO. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED, WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR BINDERS ARE THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE SIGNED. I JUST WANT

YOU ALL TO KNOW THEY DID ASSIGN TO A DIFFERENT BUYER WHICH DID LET THEM DO IN THE TIF, I DIDN'T SEE IT IN THE NORMAL SALE. BEFORE YOU VOTE I WANTED YOU ALL TO KNOW I DID TALK TO THE LAWYER THIS MORNING, HE SAID THAT PROOF THAT THEY CAN DO BUSINESS HERE WAS SENT TO THE TITLE AGENT. I WASN'T ABLE TO TALK TO HER TO KNOW FOR SURE, BUT I ASSUMED HE WOULD NOT LIE, AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DONE THE PROFORMA IF SHE HAD NOT SEEN IT. THE MAYOR STATED THESE ARE THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO THEM. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A CHANGE IN CLASS OF A LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR KROGERS. THE MAYOR STATED THE WAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND IS THEY WILL HAVE VENDORS COME IN, HAVE SAMPLES OF WINE AND DIFFERENT THINGS. THAT DOES REQUIRE A CHANGE IN THEIR LICENSE FROM JUST A PACKAGE TO A POUR, WE DO HAVE THAT AVAILABLE, AND ACTUALLY WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT PUTTING STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON THESE LICENSES WHEN WE APPROVE THEM FOR THE BUSINESS TO ACTUALLY GET THEM. WE HAVE HAD A FEW THAT HAVE APPLIED AND WE APPROVED IT, BUT THEN THEY HAVE'NT FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH IT. THAT MAKES THOSE LICENSES HELD UP FOR OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE WANTING TO GET THEM. WE WILL DO THAT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. BUT FOR TODAY WE ARE JUST VOTING ON KROGER CHANGING THE CLASS TO A POUR FROM A PACKAGE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WHAT DOES THAT MEAN PACKAGE TO POUR? WILL SOMEONE BE STANDING THERE GIVING SAMPLES? THE MAYOR STATED, YES POSSIBLY, THAT IS THE WAY WE UNDERSTAND IT. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE OPENING A BAR OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT IT IS THE SAME LICENSE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SO WILL THEY JUST BE ADVERTISING DIFFERENT FLAVORS? THE MAYOR STATED IT WILL KIND OF BE LIKE SAM'S CLUB HOW THEY DO WITH FOOD SAMPLES. THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BE DOING GAMING AS WELL., BUT IM NOT SURE HOW SOON THAT WILL BE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS ASKED ARE THEY STILL PUTTING IN A FUELING STATION OUT THERE? THE MAYOR STATED YES, AS FAR AS I KNOW THAT IS STILL THEIR PLANS. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED IF THAT WAS A KROGER

FUELING STATION, WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO MOVE THE KROGER POUR LICENSE TO THE STATION OUT OF THE STORE? THE MAYOR STATED NO THEY WOULD HAVE TO KEEP THAT IN THE STORE. CODES OFFICER STATED I BELIEVE HOW THEY SET THOSE UP IS A SEPARATE ENTITY. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYORS APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT POLICE PENSION BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED OUR TREASURER, CHRIS VETETO HAS ASKED TO STEP DOWN AS A VOTING MEMBER ON BOTH BOARDS SO THIS HAS LEFT A VACANCY. I AM NOT REALLY SURE THE URGENCY OF GETTING SOMEONE ON THEIR. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND A GOOD REPLACEMENT FOR HIM. THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS ME TO APPOINT MYSELF ON THEIR TEMPORARILY. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED, ARE YOU NOT ALREADY ON THIS ONE? THE MAYOR STATED NO NOT ON THE POLICE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

   THE MAYOR STATED AGAIN THIS IS JUST TEMPORARILY, UNTIL I FIND SOMEONE TO BE ON THEIR, I GO TO THE MEETINGS ANYWAYS. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THAT IS WHY I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALREADY ON THEIR.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYORS APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE PENSION BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED BY STATUTE AND ORDINANCE I AM ON THEIR AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER. WE HAVE HAD SOME CONFUSION, BECAUSE ON THE STATUTE FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE ARE KIND OF DIFFERENT. I HAD ASKED BRAD COLE THE EXCEUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR SOME GUIDENCE ON THAT, BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE THE CLERK, TREASURER, AND THE COMPTROLLER (IF WE DON'T HAVE A COMPTROLLER, WHICH WE DON'T, IT WOULD BE ME) ARE NAMED TO BE ON THAT BOARD, AND IT'S A SEVEN MEMBER BOARD WE ARE RUNNING A FIVE MEMBER BOARD. WE WILL NEED TO CHANGE OUR ORDINANCE TO

REFLECT THAT AT SOME POINT. SINCE I AM TECHNICALLY ON THIS BOARD, I CAN NOT APPOINT MYSELF. IT LOOKED LIKE TO ME FROM THE STATUTE THAT THE SENTIMENT WAS THAT THEY WANT SOMEONE REPRESENTING THE CITY AS FAR AS THE FINANCIALS GO. NANCY HOBSON HELPS TAKE CARE OF THE FINANCES FOR THE PENSION AND SHE IS AWARE OF A LOT OF THAT STUFF. I RECOMMEND NANCY HOBSON TO BE ON THE FIRE PENSION BOARD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH RETAIL STRATEGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF $130,000.00 PAID OVER THREE YEARS. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO TABLE THIS, WE WANT TO SEE THINGS COME TO WEST FRANKFORT, AND WE WANT THE HELP FOR SURE BUT WE HAVE SOME PROJECTS GOING ON RIGHT NOW SUCH AS THE INTERCHANGE PROJECT THAT COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE THE BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR WEST FRANKFORT. IF WE GOT SOMEONE IN RIGHT NOW WITH A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, THE INTERCHANGE COULD TAKE THAT LONG TO GET FINISHED. BY THEN THERE COULD BE OTHER OPPORTUNITES THAT WE MISSED OUT ON. I AM GOING TO TELL RETAIL STRATEGIES TO HOLD OFF UNTIL END OF 2024 INTO 2025, THAT WAY WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA. ITEM WAS TABLED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO THE FRANKFORT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL HIKING CLUB THROUGH THE VIDEO GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED THEY HAD ASKED FOR HELP AND WE TOLD THEM YES, WE WOULD, BUT WE NEVER GOT IT ON THE AGENDA UNTIL NOW. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT, THEY SAID ANYTHING WOULD BE APPRECIATED THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO WORK ON THEIR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. THEY DO TAKE TWO OR THREE TRIPS TO HIKE; I BELIEVE THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR THE BUS THEIRSELVES. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED THE MAYOR, YOU DID SAY YOU ARE WANTING TO DO POSSIBLY IN THE FUTURE AN UMBRELLA TYPE THING FOR ALL OF THE CLUBS AND LET THE DISTRICT DECIDE WHICH CLUB GETS HOW MUCH MONEY. THE MAYOR STATED YES. THE MAYOR RECOMMENDS

WE GIVE A $2,000.00 DONATION TO THE HIKING CLUB. 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DERKEN BROS. AG IN THE AMOUNT OF $21,103.00 FOR MAINTENANCE AT THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING BIDS RECEIVED TO REPLACE GARAGE DOORS ON A PROPERTY THE CITY OWNS. THE MAYOR ASKED WHICH PROPERTY IS THIS FOR? COMMISSIONER STANLEY SAID AT 605 W 7TH STREET, THE OLD BARN. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 ENERGY CULVERT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,018.08 TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE CITY BY THE RESIDENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500.00 TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE CITY BY CLEARWAVE FOR DAMAGES TO WATER LINES ON HORN STREET. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 THE CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $279,487.67.
b. APPROVAL TO PAY FINAL INVOICES FROM XYLEM IN THE AMOUNT OF $26,963.40 FOR PUMP RENTAL FOR THE CITY PUMPS.
c. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM NAPA AUTO PARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,598.00 FOR MOTOR OIL AND HYDRAULIC OIL FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER 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 WE HAVE ONE BUILDING PERMIT ON THIS AGENDA. A NEW HOME OVER ON WALNUT BEING BUILT FOR RYAN PATTON IT IS GOING TO BE 2,800 SQARE FEET, THEY HAVE STARTED ON DIRT WORK ALREADY. IT MEETS ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS I RECOMMEND WE GET THIS APPROVED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW STATED I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS; THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING FOR 2023. WE HAVE GOT SOME REALLY GREAT THINGS COMING IN THE NEW YEAR, WE HAVE SOMEONE IN LINE TO HELP US WITH OUR WEBSITE, GETTING THAT ALL UPDATED. WE HAVE SOME NEW BUSINESSES COMING IN. WENDY'S IS SUPPOSED TO BE OPENED DECEMBER 29TH, 2023.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS SEEM TO BE DOING ALRIGHT.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED MY GUYS ARE FINISHING UP THE YEAR DOING SIDEWALKS, AND ALL THE ODDS AND ENDS THAT THEY HAVE GOT GOING. THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB THIS YEAR WITH ALL OF THE MOTOR FUEL THEY HAD TO DO. WE HAVE BOTH PUMPS WORKING AGAIN, JUST HAVE A FEW ISSUES WITH THE POND WE WILL NEED TO GET TAKEN CARE OF.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WATER AND SEWER ARE DOING GOOD.

17. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**:

DANNY LOEH STATED I TOOK CHRISTMAS CARDS TO VETERANS; WE WERE ABLE TO GO AROUND TO THE ROOMS AND GIVE CARDS TO VETERANS PERSONALLY. IT WAS AMAZING, THE SMILES ON THEIR FACES WAS GREAT. WE TOOK FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE CARDS FROM THE SCHOOL KIDS IN TOWN. I WAS ABLE TO DELIVER MORE FROM ONES THAT CAME TO THE MUSEUM AND THAT I PICKED UP PERSONALLY, ALMOST FIVE HUNDRED CARDS DELIVERD TO THE VA.

MR. LOEH ASKED COMMISSIONER STANLEY TO LOOK AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE MUSEUM THE RAILROAD TIES ARE ROTTING OUT, ASKED IF HE HAD ANYTHING TO REPLACE THOSE WITH. THEY ARE PUSHING INTO THE PARKING LOT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY SAID THEY WILL LOOK INTO IT.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MAYOR ASKED DO WE HAVE ANYTHING WE NEED TO DISCUSS EXECUTIVE SESSION ON? THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE COUNCIL SAID THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DISCUSS.

19. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 10:24 A.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK