WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

1. COMMISSIONER HOWARD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER HOWARD, COMMISSIONER WARREN, AND COMMISSIONER STANLEY WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS AND MAYOR ARVIEW WAS NOT PRESENT.

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

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED WAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CITY HALL OFFICE STAFF AND OTHER NON-UNION EMPLOYEES TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2027. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE AVERAGE IS AROUND 3%.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL LOPINA AS THE FIRE CHIEF TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. LOPINA'S START DATE IS AUGUST 10TH, SO HE WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE NEXT MEETING. BUT WE DO HAVE TO PASS A RESOLUTION AND GET IT SIGNED TO AUTHORIZE HIS APPOINTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR'S

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION BOARD. THE CITY CLERK STATED HE IS ADDING THE NEW FIRE CHIEF, AND THEN HE DID NOT SEND ME THE SECOND PERSON. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW FIRE CHIEF, MICHAEL LAPINA, TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE FROM PELHAM SPECIALTY TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,400.00 FOR EMT PROGRAM FOR THE THREE (3) NEW HIRES OF THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE FROM FW ELECTRIC, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,782.34 FOR CONTROLLER AND REPAIRS TO A SIGNAL HEAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF EMMA AND MAIN STREET. COMMISSONER HOWARD STATED I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER STANLY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,276.48 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ALLMAX SOFTWARE LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,402.00 FOR THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AT THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FOWLER HEATING AND COOLING IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,116.25 FOR REPLACING CONDENSOR COILS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE

DEPARTMENT AND DISPATCH. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. TO PROCEED WITH INSPECTION OF THE NEW CITY LAKE DAM AS REQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED EVERY SO OFTEN WE HAVE TO HAVE THE LAKE DAMS INSPECTED AND IT'S TIME. SO, I'D ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE TO GREATER EGYPT IN THE AMOUNT OF $36,278.61 INVOICE #7 (4/1/2026-6/30/2026) FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON THE STORMWATER GRANT USING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THIS IS USING MONEY THAT WE HAVE OR WILL RECEIVED FROM THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY. WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY THIS OUT OF OUR POCKET. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.
    A. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.
    B. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,088.00 REGARDING SEPTEMBER 2026 WORKERS COMPENSATION.

COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~ CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED,

1. THE FIRST PERMIT WAS FOR A ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR PROJECT, 1307 DAFFODIL LANE FOR LAURA MCCULLOUGH. WE'VE GOT STAMP PLANS FROM THE ENGINEER AND REGISTERED CONTRACTOR. IT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE. I RECOMMEND

YOU GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

2. THE NEXT PERMIT WAS A ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR PROJECT, 1202 EAST OAK STREET FOR BRIAN MASON. REGISTERED CONTRACTOR, STAMP PLANS JUST THE SAME, FITS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR ORDINANCE. I RECOMMEND YOU GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT ONE AS WELL. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE LAST PERMIT WAS A ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR PROJECT, JUST THE SAME, 707 SOUTH ODLE STREET FOR VICKI SMITH. REGISTERED CONTRACTOR ON THAT ONE. STAMP PLANS FROM THE ENGINEER, JUST THE SAME. IT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR ORDINANCE. I RECOMMEND YOU GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED ABOUT HOW MANY SOLAR THINGS DO WE HAVE IN TOWN NOW AT HOUSES? MR. SNELL STATED ITS A LOT, SINCE WE HAVE STARTED DOING THIS ITS GOT TO BE A COUPLE HUNDERED PROBABLY.

15. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW WAS NOT PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS WAS NOT PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED AS FINANCE COMMISSIONER, I'M HAPPY TO REPORT WE'RE MOVING INTO JANUARY ON GETTING THE BOOKS RECONCILED. WE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. WE BELIEVE THAT BY SOMETIME IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS, WE'LL BE UP TO WHERE WE CAN GET THE NEXT DOCUMENTS TURNED IN FOR THE AUDIT.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S

DOING FINE. MICHAEL'S STREET GUYS ARE POURING SIDEWALKS AND FIXING POTHOLES AND PICKING UP LIMBS. SEEMS LIKE WE NEVER GET PAST THE LIMBS. THEY'RE KEEPING PRETTY BUSY

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I'VE KIND OF BEEN OUT OF COMMISSION, BUT I THINK EVERYTHING'S GOING PRETTY GOOD. TAKING CARE OF THE AIR CONDITIONING AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S ABOUT ALL I HAVE. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH BUT I HAVE'NT BEEN OUT.

16. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** NO NEWS TO REPORT

17. **THE CITY CLERK REPORT:** THIS IS AN AWARD FOR OUR MR. ROGER STANLEY. IT IS MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT THE 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD TO A MAN WHO HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY THROUGH THE YEARS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. ROGER STANLEY STARTED WITH THE CITY ON JULY 26,1976, WHEN HE WAS HIRED WITH THE GARBAGE TRUCK. ON JULY 21, 2009, HE STARTED WORKING WITH THE STREET DEPARTMENT. ON JUNE 20, 2011, HE BECAME THE STREET AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SUPERVISOR. ON MAY 12, 2015, HE BECAME THE STREET AND WATER SUPERINTENDENT. AND FINALLY, ON AUGUST 25, 2020, HE BECAME A COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. IT IS WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PLAQUE FOR YOUR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AND ITS RESIDENTS. YOUR DEDICATION, LOYALTY, HARD WORK ETHIC AND PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS HAS SET AN EXEMPLARY STANDARD FOR ALL OF US TO FOLLOW.

18. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**:

TOM JORDAN STATED WHENEVER ANDREA CALLED ME AND TALKED TO ME ABOUT THIS, I SAID, CAN I SPEAK? BECAUSE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY FRIEND. AND IN 1976, IN MAY, I WAS HIRED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND ROGER, IN THE SAME YEAR, WAS HIRED ON THE CITY GARBAGE TRUCK. AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY ABOUT ROGER IS HIM AND MICHAEL, NOBODY WORKED HARDER. AS A CITY EMPLOYEE, I HATED THEM. THEY KILLED IT EVERY DAY. THEY WENT OUT THERE AND PICKED UP TRASH. AND THEN THEY WENT AND BUILT HOUSES. AND IT WAS JUST SO AMAZING. THEY WORKED SO MANY YEARS AT THAT. AND WHENEVER WE GOT RID OF THE

TRASH TRUCK, THEY WENT INTO THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND ROGER WORKED FOR THEM. AND THEY DID SO MUCH WORK. GREAT JOB. AND THEN WHEN TARA FASOL ASKED HIM IF HE COULD BE STREET SUPERINTENDENT, I'M SURE ROGER WAS PROBABLY RELUCTANT AT THE TIME. HE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE THAT DOESN'T REALIZE HIS POTENTIAL. BUT HE TOOK THE JOB, DID A WONDERFUL JOB, AND I'M JUST PROUD OF HIM. THEN WHEN TARA DECIDED SHE COULD NO LONGER BE ON THE COUNCIL BECAUSE SHE MOVED OUT OF THE CITY, I ASKED ROGER, WITH MIKE SIMPSON, AND WE ASKED ROGER IF HE WOULD CONSIDER SERVING IN HER PLACE ON THE CITY COUNCIL. NEVER REGRETTED IT. HE'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. HE'S A PUBLIC SERVICE. HE'S NOT A POLITICIAN. HE'S A PUBLIC SERVANT. HE DOES WHAT HE THINKS RIGHT. HE'S PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT HE DOES. AND UNFORTUNATELY, MIKE SAID HE GOT MORE VOTES THAN HE DID. OF COURSE, NOBODY RAN AGAINST YOU, BUT I THINK THAT WAS IT. IF I TOLD YOU THE STORIES THAT MIKE AND I TALKED WITH ROGER ABOUT IN MY OFFICE, I'D PROBABLY GET KICKED OUT OF TOWN. BUT WE HAD SO MUCH FUN. WE LOVED THIS GUY. HE WAS JUST EASY TO WORK WITH. HE NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT SOMETIMES, BUT MOST OF THE TIME, I TOLD HIM, I SAID, YOU CAN BUILD A HOUSE FROM THE BASEMENT TO THE TOP OF THE ROOF, EVERYTHING IN IT, AIR CONDITIONING, HEAT AND EVERYTHING. I SAID, DON'T EVER THINK ABOUT YOUR POTENTIAL BECAUSE I CAN'T DO THAT. SO I WANTED TO COME. I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU HOW PROUD I AM OF YOU AND HOW HONORED I AM TO BE YOUR FRIEND. AND YOU NEVER LET ME DOWN. I ASKED YOU TO SERVE, AND YOU'VE DONE IT. YOU'RE STILL SERVING, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I JUST WANTED TO BE A PART OF THIS AND SAY SOMETHING TO YOU ABOUT HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOU.

DANNY LOEH STATED I'M VICE CURATOR OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT. AND THANK YOU, ROGER, FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US IN THE MUSEUM. APPRECIATE IT. I'VE ATTENDED SEVERAL MEETINGS HERE IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. I'VE DELIVERED UMPTEEN FLYERS ABOUT THE MILITARY MUSEUM. WE HAVE A SPECIAL EVENT THAT'S COMING UP HERE THAT I'LL LET YOU ALL KNOW LATER ON ABOUT. IT'S GOING TO BE HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM. YOU KNOW HOW I AM. I'M VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE MILITARY MUSEUM, VERY PASSIONATE. I BELONG TO THE DAV, NOW HELPING VETERANS. THAT'S MY LIFE RIGHT NOW, IS THE MUSEUM AND HELPING VETERANS. ANYTIME I CAN HELP SOMEBODY, I'M

THERE. IT'S A PASSION. I'VE BEEN BLESSED BY IT. I REALLY HAVE. WE'VE HAD A FEW ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE MUSEUM. FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BROUGHT IN TO US. WE'RE BLESSED. WE ARE REALLY BLESSED RIGHT THERE. IF ANYBODY WANTS TO COME TO THE MUSEUM, CALL ME. MY NAME'S ON THE BUILDING OUT THERE. IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT BY NOW, IT'S 932-4049. CALL ME, AND I'LL OPEN IT UP FOR YOU. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING, YOU WANT TO BRING SOMETHING DOWN, WANT TO COME DOWN TO THE MUSEUM, THIS IS OUR HISTORY HERE AT THIS MUSEUM. THIS IS FRANKLIN COUNTY'S HISTORY. ONE MORE THING, AND I'LL GET OFF THE BANDWAGON HERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN AROUND TOWN, AND A FEW WEEKS AGO BEFORE WE WERE HAVING VETERANS DAY, AND A YOUNG MAN WALKED UP TO ME. I HAD MY 250TH SHIRT ON AND MY HAT, AND HE SHOOK MY HAND AND THANKED ME FOR MY SERVICE. AND I MADE A COMMENT TO THE YOUNG MAN. HE WAS ABOUT 13 OR 14. AND I INVITED HIM DOWN TO THE MUSEUM. HIS MOTHER CAME UP TO ME, AND SHE SAID, MUSEUM? WHAT MUSEUM? I HAVE HEARD THAT SO MANY TIMES FROM PEOPLE. THIS IS PEOPLE IN OUR OWN HOMETOWN. I SIT AT THE MUSEUM AND WATCH CAR AFTER CAR AFTER CAR AFTER CAR COME BY. I HAVE MORE PEOPLE THAT COME IN THE MUSEUM FROM OUT OF TOWN, WHICH IS SAD. HAD A MARINE COME IN THE MUSEUM, HIM AND HIS WIFE. HE WALKED IN, THE DOOR AND HIS MOUTH FELL OPEN. HE COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT WE HAVE UP THERE. IT'S JUST SO DISAPPOINTING.IT REALLY IS. BUT I'LL BE THERE TO KEEP IT OPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19. 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), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (6), AND 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11). PERSONNEL. REAL ESTATE, LITIGATION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE DO NOT NEED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TONIGHT.
THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

20. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WARREN AT 6:20 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

Andrea Bolen
ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK