WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 22ND, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF $267,764.79. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARDS TO CAPTAIN CLINT WILLIS AND DEREK JORDAN. CHIEF SAILLIEZ STATED THAT ON APRIL 1, 2022 AT 8:33 HRS DERICK JORDAN WITNESSED A 3-CAR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF 149 AND KEN GRAY BLVD. WITHIN 1 MINUTE OF WITNESSING THE ACCIDENT, OFFICER JORDAN WAS ON THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT. OFFICER JORDAN NOTICED THAT THE PICK-UP TRUCK WAS ON FIRE AND THAT THE OCCUPANTS WERE UNABLE TO SELF-EXTRICATE FROM THE BURNING VEHICLE. WITHOUT HESITATION AND REGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY, OFFICER JORDAN BEGAN TO PULL THE JUVENILES FROM THE BACK SEAT OF THE TRUCK THAT IS NOW MOSTLY INVOLVED IN FIRE. AT THIS TIME CAPTAIN CLINT WILLIS ARRIVED ON SCENE AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO HELP OFFICER JORDAN REMOVE THE VICTIMS FROM THE VEHICLE. THESE TWO OFFICERS ACTED WITH THE UPMOST BRAVERY AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT IS A LEVEL ABOVE WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF CAPTAIN WILLIS AND OFFICER JORDAN THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE ALIVE AND WELL TODAY.
   CHIEF PRUDENT PRESENTED CAPTAIN CLINT WILLIS AND OFFICER DERICK JORDAN WITH A LIFE SAVING BARS AWARD FROM THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT.

THE MAYOR STATED I JUST WANT TO SAY, I GET REAL EMOTIONAL WHEN I THINK ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE THE BEST POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN EMPLOYEES EVER. I KNOW IN THEIR HEARTS THEY DON'T THINK THEY DID ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO. BUT IM TELLING YOU, THAT'S WHEN YOU DO YOUR BEST WORK. WHEN YOUR DOING IT SELFLESSLY WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT THE RISK. THE MAYOR STATED WITHOUT GOOD POLICE OFFICERS AND GOOD FIREMEN OUR COMMUNITIES WOULD CRUMBLE. SO, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR WEST FRANKFORT.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION. FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JIM WANGLER IS THE NAME ON THE LICENSE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE CLEARWAVE PROJECT. CLEARWAVE WANTS TO PUT IN A FIBER OPTIC LINE TO EVERY RESIDENT IN WEST FRANKFORT. THEY WANT TO MAKE US A GIGABYTE CITY SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE FIBER OPTIC AVAILABLE AT YOUR HOME. THIS IS AT NO COST TO THE CITY. THE QUESTIONS RAISED AT OUR LAST MEETING THERE ARE GOING TO PUT THESE LINES UNDERNEATH THE GROUND WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THEIR LINES ARE IN THE WAY? THAT PROCESS IN UNDER REVIEW NOW AND WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM ALREADY FOR BUSINESSES. AT THAT STATES THAT IF THEIR LINE IS IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING THEY MOVE IT AT CLEARWAVES EXPENSE. ALL HOME OWNERS DO NOT HAVE USE CLEARWAVE IT WILL JUST BE ANOTHER OPTION FOR INTERNET HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT. ITS UP TO THE HOMEOWNER WHO THEY USE. THEY HAVE STATED THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS TO HAVE IT RAN THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD. CHRIS VETETO IS GOING TO REPLACE ANGELA BAKER DEATON, AND DEREK SAILLIEZ IS GOING TO REPLACE RETIRED CHIEF JODY ALLEN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT POLICE PENSION

BOARD. CHRIS VETETO WILL REPLACE ANGELA BAKER DEATON IN THAT BOARD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY 911 BOARD. SINCE JODY ALLEN IS RETIRED DEREK SAILLIEZ IS APPOINTED TO REPLACE HIM. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT HIGH SCHOOL TO SPONSOR THEIR ANNUAL GRADUATION PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A DONATION OF $4,700.00 TO THE WEST FRANKFORT CITY PARK TO BE PAID FROM THE TOURISM FUND. THIS IS TO PAY FOR HALF THE COST OF THE FIREWORKS AT THE PARK ON THE 4TH OF JULY. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A BID FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A PROPERTY AT 317 E. 5TH STREET. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE LION'S CLUB TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK FOR THE ANNUAL FLAG DAY FUNDRAISER ON MAY 27, 2022 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND MAY 28, 2022 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY ESTIMATE 6 TO SAMRON MIDWEST CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $174,010.31 FOR THE EDA AWARD 06-01-06132 – CONTRACT 2. THE MAYOR STATED THAT THAT IS A 4 MILLION DOLLAR PRJECT. THE MAJORITY OF THE MONEY IS THROUGH EDA AND IDOT. THE CITY HAS WORKED VERY HARD FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS TO GET FUNDING FOR THIS. THEY ARE GOING TO REDO THAT PARKING LOT AT THE MALL, THE ROUNDABOUT, FIX THOSE ROADS, ALSO A RIGHT IN RIGHT OUT AT THE MALL, AND ANOTHER ONE AT THE MORELAND PROPERTY AREA. IT WILL ALL BE UPGRADED, ITS GOING TO BE A PAIN FOR A WHILE BUT WILL BE WORTH IT IN THE END. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,218.16 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING MALL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 1 – HVAC C.E. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,870.19 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING MALL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 2 – C.E. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $63,167.88 FOR THE I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING INVOICE #23 – BILLING PERIOD 3/4/2022 – 3/30/2022. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FOWLER HEATING AND COOLING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,582.48 FOR SERVICE CALL TO WF MALL UNIT 10 FOR PREVIOUS STORM DAMAGE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE MACQUEEN EMERGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,517.75 REGARDING REPAIRS TO ENGINE 3 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,699.55 REGARDING REPAIRS TO ENGINE 1 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ACCUMED GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,493.13 REGARDING ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DO OUR AMBULANCE BILLING AND SOFTWARE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SIDENER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,357.94 REGARDING ANNUAL MAINTAINENCE FEES FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SANDNER ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,860.78 REGARDING REPAIRS TO RT 37 NORTH 20HP FLYGT FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM LIBERTY GRAPHICS AND SIGNS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,860.00 REGARDING

REPAIRS TO SIGN AT WF MALL FROM STORM DAMAGE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

25. OFFICER'S REPORT ~

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022. CHIEF ALLEN REPORTED THEY HAD 164-AMBULANCE CALLS, 5- RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 10- BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 5 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 3 FIRE ALARMS, 2 VEHICLE FIRES, 3 FIRE EMERGENCY; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN), 5 STRUCTURE FIRES AND 1 SMOKE SCARE, 3 AMBULANCE CALLS TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL DUE TO NO THIRD AMBULANCE. 1 MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSE.
FOR A TOTAL OF 202 CALLS DURING THE MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 75,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $59,809.38 FOR MARCH AMBULANCE CALLS.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022. CHIEF PRUDENT REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 1,153 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 23 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 2 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 30 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 3 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 17 ALARMS, 3 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 7 BURGLARIES, 15 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 18 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 25 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 74 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES AND MADE 16 STREET CONTACTS.
OFFICERS CONDUCTED 83 TRAFFIC STOPS, ISSUED 35 CITIATIONS, 75 WARNINGS, AND 1 LW-27'S.
THERE WERE 41 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 5 JUVENILE ARRESTS, RESULTING IN 54 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.
DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,398 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 787 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 89 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 1,153 WERE FOR POLICE, 223 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE, 11 WERE FOR THOMPSONVILLE FIRE/EMS, AND 9 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS, AND 2 FOR UNITED AMBULANCE. AND FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, WE COLLECTED $1,150.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022. PERMIT: 1~BUILDING PERMITS, 0~SIGN PERMITS. RENTAL PROPERTIES:

17~RENTAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED. CASE ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 34 WHICH INCLUDES DOORS TAGGED VERBAL WARNINGS, VEHICLES TAGGED, INSPECTIONS OF VIOLATIONS, INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS ISSUED, LETTERS SENT, ETC. AND BROUGHT IN $400.00 IN FINES AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

26. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~ THERE WERE 2 BUILDING PERMITS

THE FIRST ONE IS AT 604 E. SUMMERS FOR JOHN THOMPSON. WHO IS WANTING TO BUY A PORTABLE STORAGE SHED FROM KLC RENTALS, LLC? HE IS HAVING THE OLD ONE REMOVED AND THIS ONE PUT IN ITS PLACE. THE COST IS $7,500.00 CODES OFFICER THAD SNELL SAID THIS MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE SECOND ONE IS AT 803 S. MCCLELLAND FOR CHERYL RIDDLE. WHO IS WANTING TO KEEP A TEMPORARY STEEL CONTAINER ON HER PROPERTY? CODES OFFICER THAD SNELL SAID SHE HAS ALREADY HAD THIS CONTAINER THERE FOR OVER A YEAR. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS AN ACTIVE CODES CASE ON THIS ONE THAT HE HAS HAD ABOUT FOUR MONTHS, HE WANTS TO SEE THIS PLACE GET CLEANED UP FIRST AND THEN THEY CAN RESUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL. IT IS HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COUNCIL DENY THIS PERMIT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

27. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: JEFF PORRITT OF 1883 ROLLA STREET WAS HERE TO SEE IF HE COULD GET AN ORDINANCE CHANGED DUE TO AN ALTERCATION HIS DOG HAD WITH A NEIGHBOR'S DOG. HE STATED THE SHOCK COLLAR BATTERY WENT DEAD AND THE DOG LEFT THE YARD. AFTER THE ALTERCATION WITH THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG MR. PORRITT'S WIFE PAID THE VET BILL WHICH COME TO FIND OUT WAS AN ESTIMATE AND THEY PAID THEM MORE THAN IT ACTUALLY COST THE PEOPLE. HE STATED THE WAY THE CODE READS NOW HE HAS TO MOVE HIS DOG OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; SINCE A COMPLAINT WAS MADE TO THE CITY. THE PORRITTS BROUGHT LACIE MORRIS WITH THEM TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF. SHE STATED THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DID NO INVESTIGATING INTO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOG, IF IT WAS

THE BITE WOUNDS OR THE FACT THAT IT HAD HEARTWORMS AND AN ENLARGED HEART, THAT THE DOG WAS PUT DOWN. SHE STATED IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WOUNDS SUSTAINED FROM THE DOG ALTERCATION. SHE HAS STATEMENTS FROM EVERY SINGLE NEIGHBOR AROUND THE PORRITT'S THAT STATE THEY DO NOT HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE DOG STAYING AT THE HOUSE. MS. MORRIS STATED THE NEIGHBOR COMMITTED FRAUD AND THEY ARE PRESSING CHARGES ON THE NEIGHBOR; FOR FALSE DOCUMENTS ON THE BILL AT THE VET. THE MAYOR STATED NONE OF THIS INVOLVES THE CITY. THAT IS BETWEEN YOU AND THE NEIGHBOR. MS. MORRIS STATED IT DID NOT INVOLVE THE CITY UNTIL SHE (THE NEIGHBOR) WENT AND FILED A NUISANCE COMPLAINT ON THE PORRITT'S. THE CODES OFFICER STATED THE CAUSE OF DEATH DOES NOT MATTER WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS ANY TYPE OF INJURY OR HARM. WE HAVE THE VET REPORT THAT THERE WAS IN FACT AN INJURY TO THEIR DOG. THE MAYOR ASKED MS. MORRIS WHAT SHE IS SEEKING? SHE STATED WE WANT THE NUISANCE COMPLAINT DROPPED. THE MAYOR STATED ALL WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS GO BY OUR CODE AND ORDINANCE. THE CITY'S POSITION, THIS IS MY POSITION AND THE COUNCIL CAN SPEAK IF THERE LIKE, IF I ALLOW YOU TO KEEP THAT DOG, THAT DOG BELONGS TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. IF AT ANYTIME THAT DOG GETS OUT, BITES ANYONE OR ANOTHER ANIMAL AGAIN, WE ARE LIABLE. YOU'RE ASKING THE CITY TO TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR DOG. THE CODE SAYS YOUR DOG IS NOT TO BE IN WEST FRANKFORT BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE. WE ARE BOUND BY OUR CODE. I'M NOT WILLING TO DO THAT. WE ARE JUST ASKING THAT THE DOG LIVE SOME WHERE OUT OF THE CITY LIMITS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CODES OFFICER AND OUR ATTORNEY, MR. COX, HAVE APPROVED A VARIANCE THAT IF YOU BUILD A PEN WITH A DOGHOUSE AND KEEP IT IN IT AT ALL TIMES SO IT CAN'T GET OUT, THEN YOU CAN KEEP THE DOG IN TOWN. BUT YOU ALSO HAVE TO GET THE PEOPLE ACROSS THE STREET THAT YOUR DOG ATTACKED THEIR DOG TO AGREE THAT IT IS OK WITH THEM. THE VARIANCE WILL ALSO STATE THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT DOG, NOT THE CITY SO IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AGAIN; IT FALLS ON YOU. WE WILL NOT BE LIABLE. YOU WILL HAVE TO BRING THAT SIGNED VARIANCE AGREEMENT TO A COUNCIL MEETING AND WE WILL HAVE TO VOTE ON IT. RIGHT NOW WE ARE NOT TAKING ANY ACTION WE ARE SUPPORTING THE SITUATION AND WHAT HAPPENED

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE ORDIANCE SAYS. THE MAYOR ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THEY HAD ANYTHING TO ADD, THEY ALL STATED NO. THE MAYOR STATED TO MR. PORRITT IM SORRY THIS HAPPENED ITS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION, YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME BACK WHEN YOU GET THOSE PAPERS SIGNED.

28. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, LAND ACQUISITION AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:50 P.M.

29. MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS~ THERE WERE NONE AS THEY WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

30. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:26 P.M.

Tom Jordan
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

Angela Baker Deaton
ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK