WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

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

   THE MAYOR STATED BEFORE WE BEGIN, I JUST WANT TO SAY TO EVERYONE WE WELCOME YOU AND ARE GLAD YOU ALL ARE HERE. THIS IS THE AGENDA AND THIS IS A COUNCIL MEETING, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN AVAILABLE SINCE FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 AT 2 P.M. POSTED ON THE DOOR AND LATER ON WEBSITE SO IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE ITEMS YOU SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED THE CITY ABOUT THAT BEFORE HAND. NOW WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE LIST OF THE AGENDA AND WE ARE GOING TO GO DOWN AND VOTE ON THESE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AND YOU WILL LOOK DOWN ON NUMBER 16 THAT IS AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND OR COMMENTS SO I WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE THOSE AT THAT TIME.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 28th, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $177,087.04. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 DISCUSSION, APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR DEMOLITION.
   a. THE PROPERTY IS AT 1907 E. GARLAND WE PUT THIS OUT FOR BIDS AND WE ONLY RECEIVED ONE BID AND THAT WAS FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE. HE PUT IN A BID OF $3,000.00 AND WAS AWARDED THE JOB. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL

CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO THE TIPS ORGANIZATION FOR THE APRIL 14TH, 2023 CHRISTIAN CONCERT WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARD THE RENOVATION OF THE WEST FRANKFORT BANDSHELL. THE MAYOR STATED TREVIOR MINTON CAME AND TALKED WITH ME, THEY HAVE 3-4 BANDS THAT WILL BE PLAYING AT THE BANDSHIELD. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME KIND OF TRACTION GOING FOR YOUTH IN WEST FRANKFORT. THERE WILL BE CONCESSIONS AND THE REQUEST FROM HIM IS THAT HE NEEDS $600.00 FOR LIGHTS AND SOUND AND $400.00 FOR INCEDENTIALS AND CONCESSIONS. SO, HE IS REQUESTING WE GIVE HIM A $1,000.00 FOR THIS CONCERT. IT IS A DOUBLE BENEFIT BECAUSE NOT ONLY WILL IT BENEFIT OUR YOUTH; THEY ARE TAKING THE MONEY THAT THEY RAISE AND DONATE IT TO HELP RENOVATE THE BANDSHELL. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR DARLA SLOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $205.44. THE MAYOR STATED THE ACTUAL APPLICATION IS FOR $410.87. SIMPLE SOLUTIONS HAS MADE THEM A SIGN AND THEY HAVE FILLED OUT THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT IN WHICH WE PAY 50% OF THE COST. MRS. SLOAN HAS ALREADY PAID THIS IN FULL SO OUR PORTION TO REIMBURSE HER IS $205.44. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE OLD KING COAL COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR THEIR ANNUAL OLD KING COAL PARADE ON SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON. THE MAYOR STATED LINDA AND I WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT THIS AND WITH THE CONSTRUCTION THAT WE HAVE GOING ON ITS GOING TO BE UP TO THE CONTRACTOR'S AS TO WHERE THEY ARE STARTING AND ENDING THE PARADE. THEY USUALLY START AT THE ARMORY BUT

SINCE WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO BE STAGING WE NEED SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED. THEY NEED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE PARADE EVEN THOUGH THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION MAY CHANGE THE ROUTE. I RECOMMEND TO APPROVE THE PARADE AT THIS TIME BUT THERE ARE SOME LOGISTICS THAT NEED TO BE WORKED OUT BEFORE MAY 13, 2023. DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANDREA BOLEN STATED SHE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH IDOT AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO LET THE PARADE START FROM IDA STREET TO LINCOLN STREET. INITIALLY THE OKC COMMITTEE WANTED TO START IT AT SONIC TO LINCOLN BUT IDOT SAID THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION IN THAT AREA. THEY PREFER THAT IT STAYS THE WAY IT WAS LAST YEAR FROM IDA STREET TO LINCOLN. MR. MORRIS SAID HE WAS FINE WITH THAT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE LION'S CLUB TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK FOR THE ANNUAL FLAG DAY FUNDRAISER ON MAY 26, 2023 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND MAY 27, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FERRELL ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,744.74 REGARDING ADDITIONAL LIGHTING, OUTLETS, TO CHEMSTREAM PUMPING STATION AT WFBI. THE MAYOR STATED THIS BUSINESS IS EXPANDING AND THEY NEEDED MORE LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM XYLEM IN THE AMOUNT OF $39,758.24 TO RENT PUMPS FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF 11/2022 TO PRESENT TO BACK UP THE STORM WATER PUMPS FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED NORTH OF TOWN ON RT 37 BY THE SEWER PLANT WE HAVE A SET OF PUMPS OUT THERE FOR FLOOD CONTROL. ONE OF THOSE PUMPS WENT DOWN AROUND JULY 2022 AND WE HAD TO TAKE IT OUT AND SEND IT

OFF TO BE FIXED. THOSE PUMPS ARE MADE IN SWEDEN THEY COULDN'T GET THE PARTS AND THEY WERE LETTING US RENT A STANDBY PUMP TO HAVE ON HAND UNTIL IT COULD BE FIXED. THE PUMP WAS PUT BACK IN MARCH 2023 SO IT TOOK THAT LONG TO GET THAT PUMP REPAIRED. ONCE THEY GOT THAT PUMP REPLACED THEY TOOK OUT THE ONE BESIDE IT AND SOME OF THE PROPELLERS ON IT WERE GONE. SO THAT PUMP IS NOW BEING REPAIRED. THIS BILL IS QUITE A BIT, BUT ITS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. $39,785.24 IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH THE PUMPING OUT THERE. THE MAYOR ASKED SUPERINTENDENT PRESLEY IF HE WAS OK WITH THAT AMOUNT HE STATED "YES." THE MAYOR STATED JUST SO YOU KNOW WHEN THE OTHER PUMP COMES BACK YOU WILL HAVE A REPAIR BILL FOR THAT COMING SO YOU MAY BE LOOKING AT ANOTHER EXPENSE FOR THAT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR STATED HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY WHEN THOSE STORMS COME IN, THE WATER IS COMING UP, THEY HAVE THOSE PUMPS RUNNING AND ARE STANDING OUT THERE AND I HAVE BEEN OUT THERE WITH THEM, THIS IS A FLOOD AREA AND IF WE GET ENOUGH RAIN ITS GOING TO FLOOD. THERE IS NO WAY AROUND IT. THOSE PUMPS HELP, I KNOW WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE INTERSTATE PROJECT OUT THERE TO HELP TRY TP RELIEVE SOME OF THAT WATER THAT'S COMING INTO TOWN, BUT IM NOT SURE THAT THAT IS POSSIBLE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERINTENDENT LARRY PRESLEY AND HIS GUYS, AND ROGER STANLEY FOR WORRYING ABOUT THAT AND ALWAYS GOING OUT THERE TO CHECK ON IT DURING THE STORMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT FOR THE CITY.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE #31 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,505.07 FOR PHASE 1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION. MR. ROBERTS STATED THIS IS JUST THE MONTHLY BILL FOR THAT PROJECT ALTHOUGH WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO FINISHING THAT PROJECT UP. THE MAYOR STATED THAT'S PART OF A 1.5 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT THAT WE GOT AND WE ARE PAYING THIS OUT OF THAT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE #16 FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,297.02 FOR ENGINEERING

SERVICES FOR THE MALL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 2 -C.E. MR. ROBERTS STATED THAT IS THE FINAL ONE FOR THAT PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE FINAL FOR THE EDA GRANT THAT WAS 4 MILLION DOLLARS UPGRADES TO THE PARKING LOT, LIGHTS, AIR CONDITIONING, AND DOOR WAYS INTO THE MALL. MR. ROBERTS STATED I BELIEVE THE EDA IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT ON APRIL 24TH, 2023 TO CLOSE IT ALL OUT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS**:

CODE OFFICER SNELL STATED HE HAS ONE BUILDING PERMIT IT IS FOR JAMES JACKSON AT 705 S. EMMA FOR A DETACHED POLE BARN. THIS WAS BUILT BY TRU-BUILT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. **OFFICER'S REPORT ~**

THE MAYOR STATED THEY ARE NOT HERE I DO HAVE THE OFFICERS REPORTS HERE IF ANYONE WANTS TO SEE THEM. BUT THEY WILL GO INTO THE RECORD.

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023. CHIEF SAILLIEZ WAS ABSENT. THE REPORT STATED THAT THEY HAD 155-AMBULANCE CALLS, 1 RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 3- BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 4 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 3-FIRE ALARMS, 1-VEHICLE FIRE, 10 FIRE EMERGENCIES; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN, ETC.), 4 STRUCTURE FIRE, 0-SMOKE SCARES, 3- MUTUAL AID FIRE CALLS, 0-MUTUAL AID AMBULANCE, 5-AMBULANCE CALLS TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL AID. FOR A TOTAL OF 189 CALLS DURING THE MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 12,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $83,592.36 FOR MARCH AMBULANCE CALLS.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023. CHIEF PRUDENT WAS ABSENT AS WELL. THE REPORT STATED THAT THEY HAD A TOTAL OF 898 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 18 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 2 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 36 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 6 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 26 ALARMS, 0 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 23 BURGLARIES, 11 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 5 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 18 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 27 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 31 STREET CONTACTS.

OFFICERS CONDUCTED 267 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 73 CITIATIONS, 241 WARNINGS, AND 28 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 81 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 4 JUVENILE ARRESTS, RESULTING IN 122 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

COMMUNICATION ~ DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,049 CALLS. OF THOSE, 730 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 71 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 889 WERE FOR POLICE, 185 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE, 13 WERE FOR THOMPSONVILLE FIRE/EMS, 17 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS, 0 FOR UNITED AMBULANCE 1 FOR WILLIAMSON CO. AMBULANCE. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, WE COLLECTED $6,170.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023. 1~SIGN PERMIT. RENTAL PROPERTIES: 6~RENTAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED. CASE ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 27 WHICH INCLUDES DOORS TAGGED VERBAL WARNINGS, VEHICLES TAGGED, INSPECTIONS OF VIOLATIONS, INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS ISSUED, LETTERS SENT, ETC. THE CODES DEPARTMENT BROUGHT IN $150.00 FOR INSPECTION, REGISTRATION, AND PERMIT FEES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

15. **MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS~**

THE MAYOR STATED AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MIKE ROBERTS, ENGINEER OF BROWN & ROBERTS. THIS IS A PROJECT THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR QUITE A WHILE AND I WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO COME UP AND GIVE US AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS PROJECT.

MR. ROBERTS STATED STARTING AS YOU THE COUNCIL KNOWS AND THE PUBLIC IS AWARE IN ABOUT 2012, WE STARTED WORKING ON THE PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION TO REVIEW SOME SAFETY ITEMS AND TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT. WE RECEIVED A $1.5 MILLION GRANT TO DO THE PHASE 1 ENGINEERING WHICH HAS HAD A LOT OF WORK GOING INTO THAT OVER THAT PAST 2 1/2YEARS. THE ILLINOIS COMPETITIVE FREIGHT PROGRAM ISSUED A CALL FOR PROJECTS A FEW MONTHS AGO AND WE FELT IT WAS TIME TO APPLY FOR PHASE 2 ENGINEERING THIS PROJECT WILL COST SOME WHERE AROUND $24

MILLION DOLLARS. IDOT IS GOING TO MODIFY THE 149 INTERCHANGE WITH ROUNDABOUTS THAT WILL PROBABLY START IN 2024. THEY WILL REDO THESE RAMPS AND TEARDROP ROUNDABOUTS. THIS PROJECT WILL ACTUALLY BE A SPLIT DIAMOND WHERE YOU WILL HAVE ANOTHER ACCESS POINT DOWN SOUTH OF NORTH ROAD, THE NORTH ROAD BRIDGE WILL BE REMOVED. A BURLINGTON ROUTE WILL BE DEVELOPED ALL THE WAY FROM RT 149 TO TIE INTO CLEVELAND AND RT 37. RUSSELL ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO TIE IN TO NORTH ROAD, THEN JOINER STREET WILL BE EXTENDED ON THE EAST SIDE FOR ANOTHER AREA OF DEVELOPMENT. SO WE APPLIED FOR THOSE FUNDS IT'S A VERY COMPETETIVE APPLICATION YOUR COMPETING WITH PROJECTS ALL OVER THE STATE. IT HAS BEEN ON THE NEWS AND IN THE PAPER YESTERDAY BUT WE JUST FOUND OUT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAS APPROVED FUNDING FOR THE OVER $24 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT THIS NEW INTERCHANGE AT EXIT 65 ALONG INTERSTATE 57. THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE WORKED FOR A LONG TIME, THIS COUNCIL HAS PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO, AS WELL AS A LOT OF CITIZENS THAT WORKED ON AN ADVISORY BOARD. ITS GREAT NEWS FOR WEST FRANKFORT.

THE MAYOR STATED I THINK THIS IS SIGNIFICANT AND I WANTED MR. ROBERTS TO SHARE THAT BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN A PART OF THIS FROM THE START. AND I WANT TO SAY TO MARILYN SIMPSON THAT MIKE AND I SAT DOWN WITH JERRY HARKINS, AND ROGER STANLEY WAS ON THE STREET DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME AND WE WORKED WITH SCOTT WILLIAMS WHO HAD A VISION, AN OASIS OUT THERE SO ITS VERY FITTING THAT YOU ARE HERE TONIGHT. WE WORKED HARD ON THIS, WE HAD TO PROVE TO IDOT THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM OUT THERE SO WE DID AN ACCESS JUSTIFICATION REPORT IN WHICH THE CITY PUT $300,000.00 OVER THE COURSE OF A COUPLE OF YEARS, THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THEN WE GOT THE $1.5 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO DO THE PHASE 1 PROJECT THAT WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER TONIGHT. BROWN & ROBERTS ENGINEERING FIRM HAVE BEEN INSTRAMENTAL IN LEADING US THROUGH ON HOW TO DO ALL OF THIS. THEN WE WILL HAVE PHASE 2 AND 3 CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS WHAT THIS NEW GRANT IS FOR. IT WILL LOOK A LOT LIKE MARION WE WILL HAVE A COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE THAT WILL RUN UP THE SIDE THERE. IT WILL GO BEHIND THE OLD KMART AND RUN FROM WINERY ROAD ALL THE WAY BACK TO PAPA JOHNS. THIS IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. I WANT TO THANK YOU MIKE ROBERTS BECAUSE I

KNOW HOW MUCH WENT INTO THIS, I DID NOT DO THIS WORK, YOUR ENGINEERING FIRM HAS HELPED LEAD US THROUGH ALL THIS AND IM VERY PLEASED. THIS WILL BE SOMETHING TO CHANGE WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED MR ROBERTS WILL THIS HAVE SIDEWALKS? MR. ROBERTS STATED YES IT WILL HAVE 10-FOOT-WIDE MULTI-USE PATH ON ONE SIDE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ROAD.

THE MAYOR STATED WE ACTUALLY MET WITH IDOT A FEW MONTHS AGO AND THEY ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO REPLACE THE INTERSTATE BRIDGE. THEY ARE GOING TO COMPLETELY RESURFACE IT, WILL PUT THE MULTI-USE PATH ACROSSED THERE, AND SHE TALKED ABOUT WROUGHT IRON TYPE OF EXPOSURE ABOVE IT, IT WILL BE BLACK SO YOU CAN NOT THROW THINGS OVER ONTO THE INTERSTATE THAT WILL BE COMING IN 2025. BY THE TIME THIS IS ALL DONE FROM WEEKS CHEVROLET TO AT LEAST CVS IT WILL ALL BE BRAND NEW.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED A COUPLE OF MY GUYS ARE STANDING BACK THERE THEY ARE DOING THEIR JOBS AS ALWAYS. ALL OF OUR EQUIPMENT IS RUNNING ISNT IT HE ASKED THEM? FOR NOW, THEY STATED.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED HE DOES NOT HAVE A WHOLE LOT TO REPORT, WE ARE WORKING ON GETTING SOME THINGS STRAIGHTENED OUT AND WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS. EVERYONE HAS BEEN VERY GRACIOUS AND HELPFUL.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I HAVENT BEEN AROUND THAT MUCH BUT LARRY AND THE GUYS HAVE SOME THINGS GOING. OVER BY J&S PHARMACY THEY HAVE FIXED THOSE TWO BAD SPOTS AND REDONE THE CONCRETE THERE. WE HAVE A LOT MORE THAT NEED FIXED ONE BY BANTERRA AND A COUPLE OTHERS ON THE LIST. SUPERINTENDENT PRESLEY STATED HIS CREW HAS BEEN BUSY WORKING ON DITCHES, MOWING, FILLING HOLES, TREE TRIMMING, ETC.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SHE THE SEWER IS WORKING AND THE WATER IS FLOWING. SUPERINTENDENT WHITE STATED THEY ARE JUST KEEPING UP WITH CLEARWAVE AND READING METERS.

THE MAYOR STATED THE WATER WORKERS OFFICE STAFF HAD

TRAINING TODAY FOR THE NEW METER SYSTEM THAT WE ARE PUTTING IN. MATT TOSH OF BROWN & ROBERTS CALLED ME AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE THE ESTIMATES FOR PHASE 3 TO FINISH UP THAT PROJECT. THE WATER METERS IN WEST FRANKFORT ARE AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD. SO WITH LINDA'S LEADERSHIP AND THE COUNCIL THEY HAVE APPROVED THREE (3) PHASES TO INSTALL THE NEW WATER METERS IN WEST FRANKFORT, WE ARE CURRENTLY ON PHASE 2. THESE ARE ELECTRONIC READ METERS. WHEN THE OFFICE GIRLS COME IN EVERYDAY WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED, AND SOME OF THIS IS AVAILABLE NOW. THEY WILL GET ALERTS IF YOUR METER IS RUNNING AND YOU HAVE USED A TON OF WATER IN THE LAST 24 HOURS IT WILL BE FLAGGED AND YOU WILL GET A CALL OR A DOOR TAG TO LET YOU KNOW. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CAN GET RID OF ALL OUR WATER METER READERS WHAT THIS IS GOING TO DO IS FREE UP TIME FOR THEM TO DO THINGS THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DO. WE CAN FIX THE VALVES. THE WATER SYSTEM WAS PUT IN 1991 WE HAVE A RELATIVELY NEW SYSTEM BUT THE WATER METERS ARE BEING REPLACED AND THIS WILL FINISH UP WITH PHASE 3 WE WILL PUT IT OUT FOR BIDS AND GET THE ESTIMATES, CONTRACTORS SELECTED TO FINISH UP THIS PROJECT. ONCE THAT IS DONE ALL THE READINGS WILL COME INTO CITY HALL AUTOMATICALLY. THEY ARE HAVE LITTLE ROUND THINGS ON TOP OF THEM AND THAT IS THE TRANSMITTER THAT SENDS THE INFORMATION TO CITY HALL. THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO START ACTUATE THE VALVES, FLOW THE HYDRANTS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE THAT FOR US IN THE PAST, AND CHECK THE FLOW AND USAGE ON THOSE. WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO MUCH WITH THIS NEW SYSTEM. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER WARREN FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE FELT WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT TO PUT BACK INTO THE CITY.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I JUST WANT TO SAY ALL THESE LITTLE THINGS THAT YOU DO NOT SEE THAT ARE GOING ON. THIS IS JUST GOING TO DRAW PEOPLE IN. WHEN THE ROADS ARE ALL REPLACED AND WE HAVE GOOD ROADS, A GOOD WATER SYSTEM, GOOD SEWER PLANT, AND GOOD PEOPLE. YOU DON'T ALWAYS SEE THESE WATER AND STREET WORKERS OUT DOING STUFF BUT THEY ARE WORKING. EVERY DEPARTMENT WE HAVE IS GOOD. IM EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE NEW THINGS WE ARE GETTING COMING HERE TO HELP DRAW CUSTOMERS/PEOPLE HERE.

THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A LETTER OF INTENT TO SELL ANOTHER COUPLE OF LOTS, PLUS WE HAVE ALREADY SOLD ONE LOT TO A REAL ESTATE AGENT OUT OF ST. LOUIS AND A NATIONALLY KNOWN I WOULD NOT CALL IT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT BUT IT'S A RESTAURANT THAT IS GOING TO GO IN NEXT TO TACO BELL. WE'VE ALREADY BEEN DEALING WITH THEM. THEY TALKED ABOUT THE ROUNDABOUT AND HOW THAT IS GOING TO INCENTIVIZE THEM TO BE HERE BECAUSE THE TRAFFIC IS GOING TO FLOW MORE STEADILY. WHENEVER WE DESIGNED THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE MALL TO PUT THAT THROUGH WE ALSO PLOTTED OFF THOSE LOTS SO THAT WE COULD HAVE THOSE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. THEY ARE ACTUALL WANTING TO BUY THE OTHER 3.7 ACRES WE HAVE HAD ESTIMATES DONE. WE TOLD THEM WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ON THAT UNTIL WE HAD IT APPRAISED. SO NOW THE APPRAISALS ARE IN. SO THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE ENTIRE FRONT OF THE MALL COULD BE FILLED UP. THERE IS A BOX STORE THAT WANTS TO COME AND THEY ALSO HAVE PROBABLY ANOTHER RESTAURANT. SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON, THAT I WOULD SAY GOD WILLING IN THE NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS YOU WILL SEE BUILDINGS ALL ACROSS THERE.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED AND WENDY'S, A PIZZA PLACE, THE BARBEQUE PLACE ON 37 BLAZING TRAILS, WE RAN THE SEWER OUT THERE TO THEM SO WE ARE WORKING ON THAT. CODES OFFICER SNELL IS CLEANING UP AND WE ARE BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, IT'S A GOOD THING.

THE MAYOR STATED I SIGNED SOME DOCUMENTS FOR MATT TOSH TODAY FROM BROWN & ROBERTS. WE EXTENDED THE SEWER LINE TODAY FROM CROWNLINE BOATS TO BLAZING TRAILS. RYAN PURSELL THE OWNER HE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LIMITS. MR. RIVA DREW THAT UP FOR US. WE GOT THE SEWER LINE AND HE IS GOING TO HAVE A PRETTY NICE RESTAURANT THERE.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

DANNY LOEH WAS IN THE AUDIENCE STATED HE WAS HERE TO GIVE EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE MILITARY MUSEUM. IT MEANS A LOT TO ALL OF US GUYS THAT WORK UP THERE. HE TOLD US ABOUT A FLAG HE JUST RECEIVED FROM THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR FROM 1898 WITH ALL THE DOCUMENTATION WITH IT. HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE IS MORE PEOPLE THAT COME INTO THAT

MUSEUM FROM OUT OF TOWN THAN LOCALLY. IVE HAD THEM COME IN THERE OFF THE INTERSTATE FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS THAT HAD HEARD ABOUT US AND IT JUST BLEW HIS MIND HOW MUCH HISTORY IS IN THERE. WE HAVE SOME STUDENTS COMING BY ON MAY 1ST, 2023 TO HELP CLEAN IT UP ON THE OUTSIDE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WOULD YOU OPEN IT UP FOR A HISTORY CLASS TO COME BY SOMETIME? HE STATED HE WOULD GLADLY OPEN IT UP, DAY OR NIGHT. WE NEED OUR YOUNGER GENERATION INVOLVED IN THAT MUSEUM. THE MAYOR STATED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME UP THERE.

DAVID DREW AND MR. RAGO STATED THAT THEY LIVE ON SUNNYSLOPE STREET AND THAT THE CITY IS TAKING DOWN THE HOUSE AT 1907 E. GARLAND. THAT IS RIGHT BEHIND OUR HOUSE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU AND GIVE A LOT OF PROPS HERE TO YOUR CODES GUY MR. SNELL. IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM HELPING US TAKE CARE OF IT THIS WOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. HE STATED WE JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE SQUATTERS OR HOMELESS PEOPLE GOING IN THERE ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT CAUSING A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN WHAT WE ALREADY HAD TRYING TO KEEP THAT PLACE CLEAN. SO, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING IT DOWN, IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. THE MAYOR STATED THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW RARE THAT IS. WE DO THIS BECAUSE IT MAKES THE PROPERTY VALUE AROUND YOU BETTER. IT IS A GOOD THING BECAUSE PEOPLE GET INTO THOSE PLACES AND YOU CAN'T KEEP THEM OUT. THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SAYING THAT, IT REALLY MEANS A LOT. THE GENTLEMEN STATED THAT OUR PROPERTY VALUE DROPPED $15,000.00 WITH THEM LIVING IN THERE. THEY JUST HAD PEOPLE COMING AND GOING, DRUGS, EVERYTHING ELSE YOU CAN IMAGINE. THE MAYOR STATED SAVE YOUR MONEY BECAUSE IT WILL BE GOING UP FOR SALE BEFORE TOO LONG, THE MINIUM BID IS $1,000.00. THE GENTLEMEN STATED WE ALREADY HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT WANTS TO BUY IT. WE JUST DON'T WANT PEOPLE COMING IN THERE CAUSING PROBLEMS, BLOCKING THE ALLEYS, LIKE THEY USED TO. I COULD NOT EVEN GET IN MY GARAGE BECAUSE THEY HAD IT BLOCKED ALL THE TIME. THE MAYOR STATED IVE DONE A LOT OF THINGS OVER THE YEARS BUT ONE OF THE BEST THINGS IVE DONE IS HIRE THIS MAN RIGHT HERE MR. SNELL. HE IS TIRELESS, WORKING AT THINGS LIKE THIS, HE IS FAIR, HONEST, AND HE WILL WORK WITH YOU IF YOU WANT TO WORK WITH HIM, IF NOT THAT'S FINE TOO. WELL, THAT MEANS MORE THAN YOU KNOW FOR YOU TO COME UP HERE AND SAY THAT. HE HAS BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WE GAVE THE CODES DEPARTMENT THE ABILITY TO DO THEIR JOB. WE HIRED SOMEONE FULL TIME, WE TRAINED THEM, WE ALSO FOUND AN ATTORNEY, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO GO TO COURT ON THESE THINGS, SO WE PARTNERED WITH

A GENTLEMEN OUT OF BENTON AND THINGS ARE GETTING RESOLVED. I JUST THINK IT IS GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:37 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK