WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

1. MAYOR ARVIEW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.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. THE MAYOR STATED I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE USE OF THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 26,2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER HOWARD, FOR RUNNING THAT. I HAD SOME FAMILY OBLIGATIONS THAT I ALMOST HAD TO MISS TONIGHT, TOO, BUT MADE IT. PROBLEMS WITH THE BABYSITTER. BUT COMMISSIONERS HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THOSE MINUTES, AND I WOULD ASK FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THOSE MINUTES TO BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD. 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 APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED THESE WOULD BE MR. JOHN DIMMICK, KAREN YORTY, AND JUDY LITTLE, AND THEY WOULD BE APPOINTED WITH THEIR TERM EXPIRING IN 2029. 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 DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF A TIF APPLICATION FOR WIT & WISDOM SENIOR CENTER. THE MAYOR STATED THEY ARE REQUESTING $25,000.00 TOWARD A PROJECT COST BETWEEN $40,000 AND $45,000, SO ROUGHLY FIFTY-FIVE TO SIXTY TWO PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COST. OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPER HAS SUGGESTED THAT'S A FINE REQUEST FOR THE $25,000.00.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED HE WAS SUGGESTING MAYBE THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET A NEW QUOTE, TOO, BECAUSE THE OLD QUOTE HE SAYS IS ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS OLD. IS THAT ACCURATE? KRISTY BUSSLER WITH THE WIT & WISDOM WAS IN THE AUIDENCE AND STATED THAT'S CORRECT, YES. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WOULD BE COMING FROM TIF 2, WHICH HAS PLENTY AVAILABLE IN IT, SO THERE'S NO ISSUE THERE. IT'S TO GIVE THEM A WALK-IN COOLER AND A FREEZER TO REPLACE THE ONE THEY'VE GOT. AND BECAUSE THIS IS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, IT'S TIF ELIGIBLE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SO, YOU'VE GOT A PRIVATE DONATION, TWO GRANTS, AND JUST NEED A LITTLE EXTRA? MS. BUSSLER STATED THAT'S CORRECT, YES. COMMISSION WARREN STATED WILL THAT COVER ALL OF IT? MS. BUSSLER STATED I THINK SO, UNLESS WE RUN INTO SOME UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS. THAT WALK-IN FREEZER AND COOLER IS QUITE LARGE. I BELIEVE IT IS ORIGINAL TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING IN THE 1980S, AND ONCE WE REMOVE IT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT BE UNDERNEATH. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IT'S LIKE REMODELING A HOUSE. MS. BUSSLER STATED THERE COULD BE A LITTLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I WOULDN'T BE ABOVE GIVING THEM MORE THAN $25,000.00 COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY. I WOULDN'T BE ABOVE GIVING THEM WHAT THEY NEED, BECAUSE IT SERVES A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT'S NOT MONEY WASTED. I THINK WHATEVER THEY NEED. IF WE'VE GOT MONEY IN THAT TIF, WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR BUILDING. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WELL, THEY'RE RECOMMENDING THAT WE DO UP TO $25,000.00 THAT'S WHAT THEY REQUESTED. WE COULD START THERE AND ADD MORE LATER IF WE NEEDED TO. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO ANOTHER REQUEST OR BE MORE PAPERWORK, I GUESS, AND WE JUST SAY YES. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I JUST DON'T WANT TO BLANKET IT AND END UP BEING AT $70,000.00. THE MAYOR STATED WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND, MAYBE, THEN, IS TO SAY UP $40,000.00 THAT WOULD BE THE MAXIMUM. COMMISSIONER WARREN AND COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I WOULD GO WITH THAT. THE MAYOR STATED SOMEBODY WANT TO MAKE A MOTION FOR THAT? COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED, AT LEAST A $25,000.00 AND UP TO $40,000.00, I'LL MAKE A MOTION THAT WE DO THAT, FOR THE WIT AND WISDOM. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04, WATER UTILITY, SECTION 13.04.340, OWNERSHIP,

MAINTENANCE, REPAIR OF WATER METERS, BOXES, AND LIDS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. THE MAYOR STATED IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT WITH THE NEW METERS, THE EQUIPMENT THAT THE METERS THEMSELVES HAVE ON THEM THAT ALLOWS THEM TO REMOTELY READ THE METERS SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DAMAGING THOSE. THAT'S PRETTY COSTLY TO THE CITY. AND IT'S AN EASY FIX OF JUST DON'T RUN OVER IT WITH A MOWER OR, WHAT HAVE YOU. JUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO HIT THE LID LIKE THAT. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD BASICALLY JUST MAKE THAT A VIOLATION OF OUR ORDINANCES. AND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO THEN PAY FOR THAT REPAIR. MR. CANTRELL STATED SINCE THERE ARE TWO ORDINANCES ON THAT TOPIC. THE FIRST ONE TECHNICALLY ESTABLISHES THAT THE HOMEOWNERS OWN THOSE COMPONENTS OF THE WATER METERS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, THEY BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE HOMEOWNER, THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. THE SECOND ORDINANCE THAT YOU WILL VOTE ON NEXT IS THE ONE THAT LAYS OUT THE CHARGES AND THE FEES IF THOSE COMPONETS ARE DAMAGED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER TJ2-07, AN ORDINANCE SETTING CHARGES FOR REPLACEMENT PARTS AND LABOR FOR WATER METERS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED WHAT I SAID BEFORE ABOUT THE ORDINANCE, THAT'S WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS. WHAT'S THAT LITTLE GRAY THING ON TOP CALLED A PUCK? THAT'S WHAT MOSTLY GETS DAMAGED? MR. SNELL STATED YEAH THAT'S WHAT TRANSMITS THE SIGNAL. I HAVE A QUESTION, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, JON. WHEN YOU EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE BEFORE, YOU SAID THAT NOW THEY'RE GOING TO OWN THE COMPONENTS IN THE METER? THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. MR. SNELL STATED THEY WON'T OWN THEM. MR. CANTREL STATED WELL, THE WAY. WE DESCRIBE IT, I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ORDINANCE TO GIVE YOU THE EXACT ONE. MR. SNELL STATED I DON'T THINK WE WANT THEM TO HAVE ANY SORT OF OWNERSHIP OF THEM. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IT SAYS ALSO BROKEN OR STOLEN. MR. SNELL STATED RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM IN A SENSE OF MAKING SURE THEY DON'T GET DAMAGED. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IT SAYS HEREBY PROPERTY OF THE LANDOWNER. MR. SNELL STATED WE DON'T WANT THAT. MR. CANTRELL STATED THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS DRAFTED. IT ALSO SAYS THAT ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE TO ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE LANDOWNER.

WE COULD CHANGE THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I THINK THAT NEEDS CHANGED. MR. SNELL STATED IT SHOULD BELONG TO US, BUT THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE IT DOESN'T GET DAMAGED BECAUSE IT SITS ON THEIR PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IF YOU MOW OVER IT, YOU'VE GOT TO FIX IT. MR. CANTRELL STATED YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE. I'M SURE THAT WAS TAKEN FROM ANOTHER ORDINANCE, BUT YOU CAN STILL HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO OUR PROPERTY. MR. SNELL STATED YEAH, BECAUSE IF THEY OWN IT, THEN THEY CAN GO OUT THERE AND TURN IT ON AND OFF AS THEY PLEASE. MR. CANTRELL STATED WELL, YOU CAN, SO DON'T BE GIVING PEOPLE BAD IDEAS THERE. TAMPERING WITH YOUR WATER METER IS A CRIME. MR. SNELL STATED I'M JUST SAYING, WE NEED TO OWN IT. MR. CANTREL STATED WE CAN AMEND THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED WE CAN GO AHEAD AND APPROVE ITEM SIX. WHICH IS JUST THE CHARGES. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MID-AMERICA FIRE AND SAFETY LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,475.92 FOR FOUR CUSTOM TURNOUT COATS, PANTS, AND SUSPENDERS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THESE ARE CURRENT GEAR THAT'S EXPIRED THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. IT WILL BE FOR FIREFIGHTERS HORRELL, MURPHY, ECK, AND DAVIS. THEY ARE EXPENSIVE, BUT THEY SAVE LIVES. 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 APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM KEY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,947.66 FOR TWO SETS OF GUTTER BROOMS AND TWO MAIN BROOMS FOR THE STREET SWEEPER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND ROBERTS FOR DESIGN OF HOT MIX OVERLAY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION 26-00064-00-RS.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THIS IS A MOTOR FUEL TAX PROJECT, CORRECT? MR. TOSH WITH BROWN AND ROBERTS STATED THAT IS CORRECT. IT WOULD BE USING PART OF THE MOTOR FUEL. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP FOR PREPARING THE FY24 ILLINOIS GEMT COST REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,936.09 PER GEMT PAYMENTS FROM 1-1-25 TO 12-31-25 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN AND PLANNING ENGINEERING BILL NUMBER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $121,640.30 FROM BROWN AND ROBERTS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB PHASE 1 PROJECT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THIS IS BEING PAID FROM EPA, EITHER PARTS OF GRANT AND PARTS OF LOW-INTEREST LOANS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.
    COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

14. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ CODE OFFICER SNELL STATED THE FIRST ONE IS FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, A PORTABLE BUILDING FOR A RANDALL PALMER, 602 NORTH CHERRY STREET. IT'S JUST A LITTLE PORTABLE BUILDING HE'S HAVING MOVED IN THERE. HE'S ALREADY GOT HIS HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION INSTEAD OF HIS CONTRACTOR FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING THAT IN. HE'S GOOD TO GO. SITE PLANS APPROVED. I RECOMMEND WE GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THAT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO

APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. **OFFICER'S REPORT ~**

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026. NO REPORT WAS GIVEN

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026. OFFICER YUNKER REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 841 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 13 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 2 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 31 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 3 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 14 ALARMS, 4 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 12 BURGLARIES, 6 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 29 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 37 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 49 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 21 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 244 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 81 CITIATIONS, 172 WARNINGS, AND 22 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 101 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 8 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 167 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,069 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 655 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 165 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 841 WERE FOR POLICE, FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, WE COLLECTED $3,690.00 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026. CODES OFFICER SNELL REPORTED NEW CASES STARTED, 21. CODES AND VIOLATION INSPECTIONS, 29. VEHICLES TAGGED, 9. VEHICLES TOWED, 4. RENTAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED, 1. NEW RENTALS REGISTERED, 5 OF THEM. BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED, 5. ZONING AND PLAN REVIEW, 6. BUILDING PERMITS INSPECTIONS PERFORMED, 5. AND TOTAL FEES COLLECTED, $571.00

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026: THE STREE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED WORKING ON A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. OVER THE PAST MONTH, MUCH OF OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON PREPARING AND CLEANING UP THE DOWNTOWN AREA FOR THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. CREWS HAVE BEEN MOWING, WEED EATING, PATCHING PARKING LOTS, AND PERFORMING STREET SWEEPING TO HELP IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE AND SAFETY OF THE FESTIVAL AREAS. ADDITIONAL WORK COMPLETED FOR FESTIVAL

PREPARATION AND DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION INCLUDED CUTTING A SECTION OF SIDEWALK FOR INSTALLATION OF A MONUMENT, ASSISTING THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE WITH INSTALLING BRACKETS ON POLES, HANGING FLOWER BASKETS THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN, DIGGING OUT BUSHES AND HAULING DIRT TO MINER'S PARK, INSTALLING A SIGN AT THE VETERAN'S MUSEUM, AND REMOVING A DAMAGED SECTION OF SIDEWALK TO BE REPOURED BEFORE THE IBEW PAINTING PROJECT BEGINS. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO COMPLETED THREE SIDEWALKS POURS IN FRONT OF RED ROBN LUMBER YARD AS PART OF MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAM. CREWS HAVE CONTINUED REGULAR CITY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITES INCLUDING BRUSH PICK UP THROUGHOUT TOWN, ALLEY CLEARING, ROCK JOBS, TILE JOBS, GRINDING ROADWAYS IN PREPARATION FOR OIL AND CHIP WORK, POTHOLE PATCHING, BUSH HOGGING AND SIDE MOWING, AND RESPONDING TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS. EQUIPMENT MAINTENACE HAS REMAINED A PRIORITY AS EMPLOYEES HAVE CONTINUED MAKING REPAIRS, PERFORMING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENCE ON DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN STACKING AND ORGANIZING ROCK MATERIALS BEING RECEIVED FOR UPCOMING MOTOR FUEL TAX PROJECTS.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026: THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 180 JULIE LOCATES REQUESTS, INCLUDING 16 EMERGENCY JULIE REQUESTS, ALL OF WHICH WERE ADDRESS EFFICIENTLY. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO COLLECTED AND PROCESSED 169 WATER SAMPLES IN COMPLIANCE WITH EPA GUIDELINES, AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUED PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY STANDARDS WERE MAINTAINED. A TOTAL OF SIX SEWER SERVICE CALLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTH. AFTER INSPECTION NONE OF THE REPORTED ISSUES WERE FOUND TO BE RELATED TO PROBLEMS ON THE CITY'S SEWER LINES. COMPLETED ONE TAP INSPECTION FOR DEMOLITION AND ONE RESIDENTIAL TAP INSPECTION DURING THAT REPORTING PERIOD. TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR APRIL 2026 WAS $72,240.65, AND THE SEWER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CONTINUE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO MAINTAIN THE SEWER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE WHILE PROVIDING DEPENDABLE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026:

COMMISSIONER WARREN READ THE REPORT FOR ROGER HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS GLASSES. THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT WAS NOT PRESENT DUE TO A WATER BREAK. REPAIRS, TWO INCH LINE ON BENCIE LANE, THREE- AND THREE-QUARTER-INCH OLD TAPS ON BENCIE LANE, THREE-QUARTER INCH SERVICE RED ROBN. ONE INCH TAP AT 904 NORTH CRAWFORD, ONE INCH TAP ON AVERY ROAD, AND CHANGED OUT THREE-INCH METER AT THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR. THEY TOOK SAMPLES THIS MONTH. 60 CHLORINE SAMPLES WERE TAKEN. THAT'S A DAILY ROUTINE. 72 SAMPLES FOR NAP. CUSTOMER REQUESTS, THERE WAS 37 DISCONNECT ORDERS, 46 CONNECT ORDERS, 15 RECONNECTS. 171 METER CHANGE OUTS, 137 METER CHECKS, 10 TRANSFERS, 180 JULIE LOCATES. WATER TAP FEES COLLECTED $0, AND SEWER TAP FEES $0. BULK WATER SOLD, $0. RECONNECT FEES OF $1,500.00, 24 SHUTOFFS DUE TO NONPAYMENT. THEY COLLECTED $1,650.00 IN FEES. BILLING A TOTAL OF $18,215,352 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER WAS PURCHASED FROM REND LAKE WATER SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL OF $43,268.23.00 THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT GALLONS USED $17,835,352. THE SOUTH TOWER USED $380,000. WEST FRANKFORT CUSTOMERS WERE BILLED FOR $14,003,300 GALLONS OF WATER. ORIENT WAS BILLED FOR $641,000 GALLONS OF WATER. PLUMFIELD WAS BILLED FOR $786,700 GALLONS OF WATER. THE SEWER PLANT USED $23,900 GALLONS OF WATER. BUSINESS INCUBATOR USED NOTHING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD ZERO. THEY COLLECTED $223,265.36 FOR WATER, SEWER, SANITATION, PENALTIES, RECONNECT FEES, AND NSF. LET'S SEE. UNDER COLLECTIONS, TOTAL CUSTOMERS BILLED INCLUDED $3,699.00 FOR WATER, $3,125.00 FOR SEWER, AND $2,726.00 FOR SANITATION SERVICES. TOTAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE MARCH BILLING PERIOD AND COLLECTED IN APRIL WAS $223,490.83. UNDER DELINQUENT, THERE WERE 199 CUSTOMERS ON THE PAST DUE LIST FOR A TOTAL OF $46,582.03. WE RECEIVED A FEW RETURN CHECKS AND CHECK FEES. ADJUSTMENTS WERE 44.

MAYORS REPORT~

THE MAYOR STATED SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED THIS. I GOT IT IN THE MAIL, I BELIEVE, YESTERDAY. THE HOME FIELD CARD THEY SENT OUT FOR THE OPTING OUT. YOU HAVE UNTIL MAY 29TH TO OPT OUT IF YOU WANT TO OPT OUT. IT'S ALWAYS KIND OF A TRICKY SITUATION BECAUSE IT'S SORT OF LIKE THE STOCK MARKET WHERE YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO DO. WE DON'T HAVE

AMERENS PRICES. IT'S HARD TO DO A COMPARISON TO SAY WHAT YOU SHOULD DO. THEY GENERALLY RELEASE THOSE ON JUNE 1, WHICH IS TWO DAYS OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE OPT OUT DEADLINE. YOU'RE KIND OF GOING IN BLIND A LITTLE BIT. BUT WE DO HAVE HOME FIELD'S NUMBERS. HOME FIELD'S TOTAL FIXED PRICE IS 11.378 PER KILOWATT HOUR. IT WOULD BE GOOD UNTIL MAY 20, 2027. YOU CAN MAKE THE CALL YOURSELF OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO STAY WITH HOME FIELD IF YOU ARE WITH HOME FIELD, OR WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO OPT OUT. NOW, I BELIEVE, AND SOMEONE CAN CLARIFY THIS FOR ME, IF YOU HAVE OPTED OUT IN THE PAST, YOU STILL HAVE TO OPT OUT NOW. IS THAT CORRECT? SO EVEN IF YOU OPTED OUT LAST YEAR, YOU STILL WANT TO OPT OUT THIS YEAR IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO BACK ON. I'VE SEEN SOME PEOPLE SAY, WELL, WHY ISN'T THE DEFAULT TO NOT BE ON IT, AND THEN YOU HAVE TO OPT INTO IT? WELL, THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE ON IT WOULD PROBABLY ARGUE THE OPPOSITE, AND SAY, WHY DO I HAVE TO OPT IN? I JUST WANT IT. SO EITHER WAY YOU GO, SOMEBODY IS NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THE WAY WE DO IT. I MEAN, WE'RE NOT THE ONLY MUNICIPALITY THAT DOES THIS, SO IT'S A NORMAL THING. SO JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS, MAKE SURE YOU HIT THAT DEADLINE BY MAY 29TH. WE'LL BRING IT UP AGAIN, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF IT. JUST LIKE THE BULK PICKUP, WE WANT TO BE AWARE OF THOSE THINGS EARLY, SO THAT PEOPLE AREN'T SAYING, OH, I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. I FORGOT ABOUT THAT. THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO ANNOUNCE THEM.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED, I THINK WE MADE IT THROUGH THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. JASON, DIDN'T EVERYTHING RUN PRETTY SMOOTH?

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT, EITHER. WE'RE JUST, AS USUAL, WORKING ON TRYING TO GET ALL THE BOOKS RECONCILED, SO WE CAN GET ANOTHER YEAR'S AUDIT DONE. AND IT'S NOT AS FAST AS I'D LIKE IT TO BE, BUT IT IS WHAT IT IS AT THIS POINT. WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I APPRICATE THE STREET DEPARTMENT DOING ALL THEY DID FOR THE OLD KING COAL. THEY WENT ABOVE OF WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE TO DO. THEY DID A

GREAT JOB. GETTING IT ALL CLEANED UP AFTERWARDS, THEY DID FINE. ALL THE DEPARTMENTS DOES GOOD.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I'M PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING RIGHT NOW. WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE STUFF FOR THE LAKE. WE ARE GOING TO ADVERTISE FOR THE BIDS FOR FIXING THE VALVE AT THE NEW LAKE AND DOING SOME MAINTENANCE ON THE SPILLWAY AND STUFF. MAYBE NEXT MEETING WE'LL HAVE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DUE DATE'S GOING TO BE, BUT ABOUT A MONTH. WE'LL HAVE INFORMATION. SO HOPEFULLY THIS SUMMER WE'LL START SEEING SOME THINGS HAPPEN AT THE LAKE. BULK PICKUP FOR THE CITY IS NEXT WEEK. ON YOUR DAY OF PICKUP, THAT'S WHEN THEY SHOULD BE THERE. AND IF THEY MISS IT, THEY'LL COME BACK. YOU CAN'T PUT IT OUT AFTER YOUR DAY. YOU'VE GOT TO PUT IT OUT ON MONDAY IF YOUR DAY'S MONDAY, BUT YOU CAN'T PUT IT OUT ON FRIDAY IF YOUR DAY'S MONDAY. I WANT TO SAY THAT DOWNTOWN LOOKS BEAUTIFUL. EVERYBODY WORKED HARD. AND I HEARD THE PROGRAM WAS GREAT ON SATURDAY. I'M SORRY I MISSED IT. I HAD SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN LIFE YOU KNOW. BUT I'M GLAD EVERYTHING TURNED OUT WELL. IT WAS GREAT WEATHER FOR THE CARNIVAL AND THE OLD KING COAL PARADE. EVERYBODY DID A GOOD JOB.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

MR. CANTRELL STATED THEY ONLY THING I WILL ADD, COMMISSIONER WARREN MENTIONED ABOUT WORK ON THE SPILL WAY TO BE DONE AT THE NEW LAKE. BIDS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED AT THE NEXT MEETING MAY 26TH 2026.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

DANNY LOEH STATED I AM THE VICE CURATOR AT THE MILLITARY MUSEUM HERE IN TOWN. I WANT TO THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT, ROGER STANLEY FOR ALL HE'S DOING. HE IS HELPING US GET READY FOR THE 25TH, ITS GOING TO BE AWESOME. THE MUSEUM IS GOING TO LOOK JUST LIKE WASHINGTON D.C. WHEN EVERYTHING IS DONE. THERES NOTHING BEEN DONE IN OVER TWENTY YEARS THERE. I HAVE HAD SEVERAL FAMILES THAT HAVE CAME IN AND BROUGHT ME THEIR GREAT GRAND FATHERS METALS AND SO FORTH THAT HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE MUSEUM. I HAD

SOME ITEMS BROUGHT IN ON SUNDAY, THEY WERE AWARDED THE BONZE STAR. HE SERVED IN KOREA, AND VIETNAM. THERE IS EVEN A CARD IN THERE FROM THE SOUTH KOREA PRESIDENT IN THE EARLY 90'S. A LETTER OF APPRICATION FOR HIS SERVICE TO HELP IN THIS CONTRY. I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO COME BY ON THE 25TH, ANY OTHER SUNDAY. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO COME IN DURING THE WEEK JUST CALL ME.

LEIGH CALDWELL STATED I AM ON THE BOARD OF THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. WE HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT IT TODAY, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY FROM THE BOARD THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL. THANKS TO ALL OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES THAT WERE INVOLVED. IT DID NOT GO UNNOTICED HOW MUCH WORK WAS DONE DOWNTOWN TO CLEAN THINGS UP BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT. OUR PARAMEDICS AND EMTS WERE THERE, OUR POLICE THERE WAS AN INCREASED PRESENCE THIS YEAR AT THE CARNIVAL. I DID TALK TO DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS ON MONDAY MORNING, HE AND I AGREED THAT EVERYTHING WAS VERY SMOOTH. HE CALLED IT VERY DECENT. I BEILEVE THERE WAS ONLY ONE FIGHT, AND NOT A LOT OF OTHER NEGATIVE THINGS HAPPENING DOWN THERE. JUST A REALLY SPECIAL TIME, AND IMPORTANT WE CONTINUE THOSE TRADITIONS IN OUR TOWN. I APPRICATE YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING IT TO KEEP GOING.

RICHARD FITTS STATED FOR THE MAJORITY OF MY ADULT LIFE I HAVE WORKED IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, SECURITY TECHNICAL WORK. MY WIFE AN I ALSO OWN A WOMEN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS AI FIRM HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT, AND WE ARE PROUD OF THAT FACT. I ONLY MENTION THAT BECAUSE MY BACKGROUND HAS TRAINED ME TO LOOK THROUGH PROBLEMS AND SEEK EVIDENCE, REPEATABILITY AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS. AND THAT IS IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH I AM SPEAKING TONIGHT. I AM NOT HERE TO MAKE AN EMOTIONAL COMPLAINT; I AM HERE TO PRESENT DOCUMENTED NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS AND ASK FOR A WORKABLE PATH FOR IT. THE ISSUE IS REPEATED ACCESSIVE LOW FREQUENCY BASE. I WANT TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS NOT ABOUT ORDINARY LOUD MUSIC, THIS IS NOT A ONE TIME INCONVINCE, AND NOT ABOUT TRYING TO TAKE AWAY ANYONES RIGHT TO ENJOY THEMSELVES. THIS IS ABOUT BASE SO STRONG THAT IT ENTERS NEARBY HOMES, VIBRATES THROUGH WALLS/WINDOWS, DISTRUPTS SLEEP, INTERFERS WITH PEOPLE

ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY LIVE INSIDE THEIR OWN HOMES. IT AFFECTS THE ELDERLY, THE SICK, THOSE WITH PACE MAKERS. WE ARE SUBMITTING A PETITION SIGNED BY TWENTY-NINE AFFECTED RESIDENCES. ALONG WITH THREE PAGES OF DOUMENTED DATES AND TIMES, A COPY OF THE CITY'S EXISTING NOISE ORDINACE, AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION ABOUT HOW LOW FREQUENCY BASE BEHAVES AND WHY ITS SO DIFFICULT TO CAPTURE WITH ORDINARY PHONES/CAMERAS. BASE IS DIFFERENT THEN ANY OTHER NOISE. INSIDE A HOME IT MAY NOT SOUND LIKE RECOGNIZABLE MUSIC, IT MAY COME THROUGH AS THUMPING, PRESSURE, RUMBLING, BUZZING GLASS, VIBRATION IN WALLS/WINDOWS. AND IT CAN BE FELT AS MUCH AS IT CAN BE HEARD. THIS MATTERS BECAUSE IT CREATES A REAL ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM. BY THE TIME AN OFFICER ARRIVES THE VEHICLE MAY OF ALREADY BEEN GONE. THE DISTURBANCE MAY HAVE STOPPED. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR OFFICERS TO STAND OUTSIDE HOMES FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIMES, OR WAIT INSIDE RESIDENCE HOMES HOPING TO WITTNESS IT FIRST HAND, THAT IS JUST NOT PRATICAL. WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR IS CLEAR GUIDANCE, AND A WORKABLE STANDARD. CHIEF WILLIS HAS TOLD US HE SUPPORTS OUR PROPOSAL, AND HAS SPOKEN WITH THE CODES OFFICER WHO ALSO SUPPORTS IT. WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY PROFESSIONAL, RESPONSIVE AND ATTENTIVE THROUGH THIS PROCESS. THE PROBLEM IS NOT LACK OF CONCERN FROM THEM; THE PROBLEM IS THEY NEED DIRECTION FROM THIS BOARD ON HOW REPEATED BASE DISTURBANCES LIKE THIS SHOULD BE HANDLED WHEN IT IS SO DIFFICULT TO CATCH IN REAL TIME. SO TONIGHT, OUR REQUEST IS STRAIGHT FORWARD, YOU ALL HAVE A PACKET OF OUR DOCUMENTED SIGNATURES OUR MEASURMENTS THAT WE USED. WE USED LENNOX, AND A SOFTWARE RECORDING-SOFTWARE CALLED RAW, IT RECORDS THE LOW SIDE OF BASE. TO MAKE IT A SHORT DESCRIPTION, WHEN YOU ARE IN A FACTORY YOU HAVE TO WEAR HEARING PROTECTION, BECAUSE OF DBA, DECIBEL A WEIGHT C WEIGHTED Z WEIGHTED ARE WHAT YOU HEAR AS A THUMP, THUMP, THUMP. IT IS VERY DISTRUCTIVE, AND CAN TEAR UP CAMERAS, SENSITIVE MACHINES, IT CAN DO A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE HUMAN BODY. WE ARE ASKING TO PLEASE HELP ESTABLISH WHAT TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION THE CITY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER WHEN OFFICERS CAN NOT PERSONALLY WITNESS EVERY INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENS. RESIDENTS NEED TO

KNOW WHETHER DOCUMENTED DATES AND TIMES REPEATED COMPLAINTS FROM MULTIPLE HOUSE HOLDS, VIDEOS SHOWING RATTLING OR VIBRATION WHEN VISIBLE, AND OTHER RESONIBLE EVIDENCE OF A CONTINUING PATTERN CAN BE CONSIDERED IN ADDRESSING THIS KIND OF NUSISANCE. WEST FRANKFORT ALREADY HAS A NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE THAT PROHIBITS AMPLIFIED SOUND USED IN A MANOR THAT DISTURBS THE PEACE AND ORDER OF A NEIGHBORHOOD, FAMILY OR PERSON. WE ARE ASKING THE CITY TO MAKE SURE THE ORDINANCE CAN BE MEANINGFUL APPLIED TO REPEATED ACESSIVE BASE ATTROUSION OR IF CLEAR LANGUAGE IS NEEDED HELP CREATE IT. RIGHT NOW OUR RESIDENTS ARE DOCUMENTING IT, RESIDENTS ARE SIGNING THEIR NAMES TO IT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS LISTENED, THE CODES OFFICER HAS SUPPORTED. WHAT WE NEED IS A PRACTICAL PATH FOR IT FROM THIS BOARD. NO RESIDENT SHOULD HAVE TO REPEATEDLY SIT INSIDE THEIR OWN HOME, WHILE SOMEONE ELSE'S BASE SHAKES THROUGH IT. A PERSON'S RIGHT TO ENJOY MUSIC OR WHAT SOMEONE MIGHT CALL MUSIC SHOULD NOT OVER RIDE ANOTHER FAMILY'S RIGHT TO PEACE INSIDE THEIR HOME. WE BELIEVE IN LOUD MUSIC WHEN IT IS APPROPRIATE AND DOESN'T AFFECT OUR NEIGHBORS. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE A BUSINESS HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT, WE HAVE BEEN HERE FIFTEEN YEARS AND NEVER HAVE HAD A PROBLEM. OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST I THINK ANYWHERE. THEY ARE AWARE OF IT, AND WE JUST WANTED TO BRING IT TO YOU TO SEE WHAT YOU THINK. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED IS IT CERTAIN PEOPLE COMING DOWN THROUGH THERE, SAME VEHCILES? MR. FITTS STATED YES SAME VEHICLE. MR. STANLEY STATED SO YOU KIND OF KNOW WHO IT IS? MR. FITTS STATED YES. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO STEP UP AN DO SOMETHING WITH THE GUY OR LADY DOING IT. THE MAYOR STATED WE JUST NEED AN ORDINANCE SOMETHING WITH TEETH TO DO IT. MR. SNELL STATED WE WILL LOOK INTO SOME THINGS. MR. CANTRELL STATED I THINK HOW THE ORDINANCE IS READ YOU CAN ISSUE CITATIONS ALREADY; YOU CAN ISSUE CITATIONS BASED ON PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS. THIS LIST DOESN'T IDENTIFY THE PERSON RESPONISBLE OR THE VEHICLE, THAT KIND OF STUFF. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CATCH THE PERSON IN ACT SO TO SPEAK, IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO KNOW THAT THEY VIOLATED THE ORDINANCE. WITH THE COMPLAINTS THE MORE

DETAILED IT COULD BE THE BETTER. WHAT COULD HAPPEN IS THE PERSON DOESN'T PAY THE FINE SO THEN WE WOULD END UP IN COURT. WE WOULD WANT SOME OF THESE FOLKS TO TESTIFY SO THEY CAN TELL THE JUDGE THIS IS WHEN I HEARD IT, WHAT I HEARD. ANY INFORMATION THEY CAN PROVIDE TO CONVINCE A JUDGE TO FIND A PERSON GUILTY. IT'S A SHORT PROCEEDING, I KNOW NO ONE LIKES GOING TO COURT. I THNK WE CAN ENFORCE IT AS IT IS, IF OUR ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WOULD PREFER A BROADER ORDINANCE, MY OFFICE ACTUALLY DRAFTED A BROADER ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CHRISTOPHER RECENTLY I THINK IT WAS BASED OFF OF THE CITY OF CARBONDALES. IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE AND SAY YOU WOULD RATHER HAVE THOSE ORDINANCES BECAUSE THEY ARE BROADER AND MORE SPECIFIC ALL AROUND. BUT I THINK WHAT YOU HAVE IN OUR ORDINANCE NOW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WRITE TICKETS BASED OFF OF THESE COMPLAINTS. MR. SNELL STATED WE ARE BRAINSTORMING, AND WE WILL GET BACK WITH YOU. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON? MR. FITTS STATED SINCE DECMEBER. WE TOOK A SNAPSHOT OF OUR TIMES, WHEN WE STARTED. WE CONFRONTED THE GENTLEMAN, HE GAVE US SOME EXPLETIVE AND AFTER THAT WE DECIDED TO BRING IT HERE.

TRESSA MAY STATED, I LIVE ON THE SAME STREET AS THEY DO. THIS HAS STARTED AROUND NOVEMBER. ITS SO BAD MY GRANDCHILDERN DO NOT WANT TO GO OUTSIDE, IT HURTS THEIR EARS THEY ARE FOUR. IM TELLING YOU FIFTY FEET IN THE BACK OF MY HOUSE MY, SHOWER RATTLES WHEN THIS GUY GOES BY. I DEALT WITH ANOTHER ISSUE RIGHT NEXT DOOR FOR A YEAR. POLICE OFFICER WERE GREAT, THAD CAME OUT LOOKED AT THE VIDEO AND GOES, THAT CAME OUT FROM THAT TRUCK? AND IT HAS BEEN FOR SEVEN MONTHS. I AM NOT GOING TO SPEND ANOTHER SUMMER IN MY HOUSE. IVE SLEPT ON MY COUCH FOR MONTHS; I CAN'T WORK FROM HOME. ITS NOT JUST ONE PERSON. WE ARE JUST HERE TO ASK FOR HELP.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (6), 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11). AT 6:54 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION

CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:41 P.M. WHERE NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:41 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK