WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

1. MAYOR ARVIEW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. AT THIS TIME I'LL HAVE THE CLERK CALL ROLL AND THEN WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.
   LEON SAILLIEZ STATED I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TAKE THIS TIME OUT OF YOUR MEETING. I HAVE BEEN THE POLICE AND FIRE MERIT BOARD AS PRESIDENT FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, AND DUE TO MY RECENT ILLNESSES. IT WILL BE BETTER OFF I STEP DOWN OR RESIGN AND LET SOMEBODY ELSE HAVE THIS POSITION. I HAVE WORKED AND BEEN WITH THE CITY FOR 50 YEARS THIS YEAR IN SOME WAY, FORM, OR FASHION. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR, SOME POLICE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND THE REGULAR DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU.

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

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 24, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 7, 2026 THROUGH MAY 10, 2026 AS THE WEST FRANKFORT OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. I WOULD LIKE TO READ REGARDING THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. WHEREAS THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL IS A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND TRADITION FOR WEST FRANKFORT, AND WHEREAS THE FESTIVAL'S EVENTS, PARADE, AND PAGEANTRY SHOWCASE THE ABILITIES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY, AND WHEREAS THE FESTIVAL WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF NUMEROUS SPONSORS, THE

COOPERATION OF EVENT ORGANIZERS, THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HUNDREDS OF HOURS BY MANY VOLUNTEERS, AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHEREAS THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL, WHICH STARTED IN 1941, INSPIRES US TO REALIZE THE ROLE THAT COAL PLAYS IN OUR LIVES AS WEST FRANKFORT RESIDENTS. NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM ARIVEW, MAYOR OF WEST FRANKFORT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 7TH THROUGH MAY 10TH, 2026, AS THE WEST FRANKFORT OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY OF THE GREAT EVENTS THAT THIS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL HAS TO OFFER.
NO MOTION NEEDED.

5. 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 9TH, 2026, AT 2 P.M. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT RECREATION ASSOCIATION TO SPONSOR THEIR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, MAY 25TH, 2026, AT 9 A.M. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(5), ILCS 120/2(C)(6), 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11), WHICH WOULD BE PERSONNEL, BUYING AND SELLING OF REAL ESTATE, AND LITIGATION. AT 6:05 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.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:33 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.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO HIRE CAYDEN RIDDLE FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT STREET DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE A RETIRING EMPLOYEE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LAKE BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE LINDA WARREN-CHAIRMAN, TROY WILLIAMS, DEBBIE PETKIS, JOHN SPERONI, RODNEY SUMMERS, AND DANNY LOEH. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. THE MAYOR STATED GINA WEEKS-CHAIRMAN, JESSICA PATTON, JON RABY, TOM JORDAN, AND AUSTIN GLODICH. 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 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WEST FRANKFORT PLANNING COMMISSION. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WOULD BE KURT AVRIPAS, JOLYNN RABY, NICOLE MORELAND, MATT BROWN, RYAN PATTON, JEFF MAY, MIKE GLODICH, TONI DUNNING, AND MELISSA BROY. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO OPEN BIDS AND POTENTIALLY APPROVE ORDINANCES SELLING REAL ESTATE AT 208 SOUTH HORN STREET, PARCEL NUMBER 11-24-410-004. THE MAYOR STATED I WILL OPEN THEM ONE AT A TIME. THEY ARE ALL LABELED WITH THE PARCEL NUMBER SO WE KNOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THE CORRECT ITEMS.
    1. FIRST BID IS FROM KID'S CORRAL- BID IS $1,500.00 WITH A DEPOSIT

OF $150.00 CHECK.
2. THE NEXT BID IS FROM IDA BROSKI. THE BID AMOUNT IS $1,311.00 WITH A DEPOSIT OF $136.00 AS A CHECK.
3. THE FINAL BID IS FROM DIANA FALMIER. THE BID AMOUNT IS $1,513.00 WITH A DEPOSIT OF $150.00 CHECK.
DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HIGH BID?
COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IF THE BID AMOUNTS ARE, WOULDN'T HERS BE MORE THAN 10%? THE MAYOR STATED WELL NO, THEY HAVE TO DEPOSIT AT LEAST 10% OF THE BID. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIGH BID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPLACING VALVE AND DOING MAINTENANCE AT THE WEST FRANKFORT LAKE SPILLWAY. 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 APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROAD REPAIRS TO BE MADE AT THE WEST FRANKFORT LAKE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPAVING AND STRIPING THE CITY-OWNED PARKING LOT NEAR THE BOWLING ALLEY USING TIF FUNDS. THE MAYOR STATED I'LL STRESS THIS IS A CITY-OWNED PARKING LOT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF A TIF APPLICATION FOR PUPS 212 BAR AND GRILL. THE MAYOR STATED THEY HAVE NEW OWNERS NOW AND THEY'RE ASKING FOR A TIF. WE HAVE INFORMATION FROM MORAN DEVELOPMENT THAT HANDLES THIS STUFF FOR US, OUR TIF APPLICATIONS, AND IT LOOKS LIKE JAKE IS SUGGESTING CONSIDERATION OF A SMALL GRANT OF SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 10

TO 25 PERCENT OF THE PROJECT COST. TOTAL PROJECT COST IS $119,000.00. 10 PERCENT OF THAT WOULD BE $11,900.00 OR WE COULD JUST MAKE IT EVEN $12,000.00 OR WHATEVER THE COUNCIL DECIDES. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WE'RE LOOKING AT GIVING $11,800.00? THE MAYOR STATED $11,900.00 IF WE DID 10 PERCENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WE CAN GO MORE IF WE WANT TO? ARE THERE PLANS ON TAKING THAT BUILDING DOWN NEXT TO THEM? IS THAT PART OF THE DEAL? THE CITY CLERK STATED YES. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED IS THE FUNDING IS THERE IN THE TIF FUND? THE MAYOR STATED YES. WE HAVE PLENTY IN THAT ONE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE CAN GIVE ANY AMOUNT THAT WE WANT TO GET FOR IMPROVEMENT ON MAIN STREET? THE MAYOR STATED YEAH. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED IF EVERYBODY'S OKAY WITH IT, I'LL APPROVE THAT $29,500.00 THE MAYOR STATED I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO SAY 25 PERCENT OF THAT WOULD BE $30,000. OKAY. SO, IF WE DO $29,500.00 THAT'S WELL WITHIN THE RANGE THAT JAKE SUGGESTED. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING, A PRESENTATION FROM CARDINAL BUILDINGS LLC. BLAKE PUMPHREY STATED I'VE GOT SOME LITERATURE FOR YOU GUYS, OF WHAT I'M SPEAKING ABOUT AND SUCH, IF YOU WANT TO PASS THOSE OUT. MAINLY I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TRY TO GET YOU ALL TO PASS FOR OUR LIVING SPACES TO BE IN TOWN. SO, FOR OVER 25 YEARS WE'VE BUILT A REPUTATION ON QUALITY, RELIABILITY, AND STANDING BEHIND WHAT WE DO. WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO TAKE A RISK ON SOMETHING UNKNOWN. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO RECOGNIZE SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY WORKING FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND OTHER TOWNS. WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING GIVES PEOPLE OPTIONS. IT GIVES A YOUNG COUPLE A CHANCE TO AFFORD THEIR FIRST PLACE. IT GIVES LANDOWNERS A WAY TO BUILD SOMETHING MEANINGFUL WITHOUT OVERWHELMING COSTS. IT GIVES YOUR CITY A TOOL, NOT A BURDEN, TO HELP ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS WHILE KEEPING PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT. THESE ARE NOT SHORTCUTS OR TEMPORARY FIXES. THESE ARE SOLID, WELL-BUILT STRUCTURES WITH REAL MATERIALS, REAL INSULATION, AND REAL POTENTIAL TO BECOME HOMES. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THAT KEEPS GROWTH LOCAL. INSTEAD OF PEOPLE LEAVING TO FIND AFFORDABLE OPTIONS ELSEWHERE, YOU'RE GIVING THEM A REASON TO STAY, INVEST, AND

BUILD THEIR FUTURE RIGHT HERE IN YOUR CITY. WE'RE NOT ASKING TO REPLACE TRADITIONAL HOUSING. WE'RE ASKING TO ADD ANOTHER PATH, ONE THAT IS PRACTICAL, RESPONSIBLE, AND ALREADY IN DEMAND. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN THAT DOOR. WE'RE READY TO WORK WITH YOU, MEET GUIDELINES, AND DO THIS IN THE RIGHT WAY. ALL WE HAVE TO ASK IS A CHANCE TO PROVE IT, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE THIS EVENING. THE MAYOR STATED I GUESS AT THIS TIME I'D ASK THE COMMISSIONERS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR HIM. THE CITY CLERK STATED WHAT ABOUT THAD, HE CAN EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS ABOUT. CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED WHAT HE'S LOOKING AT IS, LIKE, TINY HOUSES, MINIATURE HOMES. I'VE KIND OF HAD THIS CONVERSATION WITH A COUPLE OF YOU COMMISSIONERS AT TIMES. I'VE HAD SOME IDEAS THAT, WE COULD TRY TO USE TO MAKE THIS WORK. ONE OF THE NEGATIVES, YOU HAVE DRAWBACK FROM THE PUBLIC, YOU KNOW, PLACING THEM THROUGHOUT TOWN AND THINGS LIKE THAT. PEOPLE SEE IT AS A NEGATIVE SOMETIMES. SOMETIMES THEY DON'T. I HAD A COUPLE IDEAS ON SOME THINGS THAT WE COULD DO. AND WE DO OWN SOME TRACTS OF LAND WITH THE CITY THAT ARE QUITE LARGE, THAT ARE UNUSED, TO REZONE THEM, TO ALLOW THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT WAY, YOU'RE NOT PLACING THEM WHERE PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEM. IT'S A TRACT OF LAND THAT'S BY ITSELF. YOU'RE NOT PUTTING THEM ON TOP OF OTHER PEOPLE. I DON'T LIKE THE SECLUSION PART OF IT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S DEFINITELY A WAY TO MAKE EVERYBODY HAPPY. YOU KEEP THEM IN A PLACE AWAY FROM WHERE PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEM, BUT ALSO YOU GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE USED. THE MAYOR STATED WE'VE KIND OF SPOKEN ABOUT THAT AT A MEETING BEFORE. AND I THINK WHAT WE KIND OF DECIDED WAS THAT IF IT BECAME A SITUATION WHERE, YOU KNOW, MAYBE IT WAS NOT THAT IT WOULD, BUT LET'S SAY IT BECAME SORT OF A HAVEN FOR CRIMINALS, THEN YOU'VE GOT THEM ALL IN ONE AREA IF WE ZONED IT THAT WAY. MR. SNELL STATED I DON'T SEE THAT BECOMING A THING. THE MAYOR STATED NO, I DON'T EITHER. I'M JUST SAYING THAT AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THIS IS BASICALLY WHAT YOU WANT TO DO? MR. PUMPHREY STATED THERE'S MULTIPLE VERSIONS. MR. SNELL STATED WHAT HE'S PROPOSING, WE'VE ADOPTED THE ICC AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE. THESE AREN'T GOING TO BE JUST, YOUR TYPICAL, BARN SLAPPED TOGETHER. HE'S PROPOSING TO BUILD

THESE TO THE ICC STANDARDS. IN MY EYES, YOU'RE JUST GIVING PEOPLE A SMALLER OPTION TO WHAT IS ALREADY ACCEPTED IN OUR COUNTY. MR. PUMPHREY STATED CARBONDALE PASSED IT. THEY CAN DO 400 SQUARE FOOT OF LIVING SPACE. WHICH WE SELL ABOUT 20, 30 A MONTH, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE TINY HOMES. AND IT'S MAINLY FOLKS, A LOT OF FOLKS EVEN RETIRING, SELLING THEIR HOMES, MOVING INTO THESE. AND LIKE I SAID, WE'RE WILLING TO MEET, YOU KNOW, ANY, CODES OR ANYTHING WE NEED TO DO BECAUSE WE CAN PASS THEM. BECAUSE WE HAVE THEM IN MULTIPLE TOWNS ALREADY IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE MAYOR STATED SO WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT THE SAME AREA WE HAD BEFORE? MR. SNELL STATED YES. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WHY IS IT A PROBLEM ANYWHERE? MR. SNELL STATED THERE IS A LOT OF PUSHBACKS FROM PEOPLE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE A LOT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. MR. PUMPHREY STATED I'VE LOST A LOT OF DEALS. I'VE HAD MULTIPLE DEALS WANTING TO PUT THEM IN TOWN HERE. MOST OF THESE TINY HOMES, AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'RE BUILT, BETTER THAN A LOT OF HOMES. MR. SNELL STATED IF WE DO THIS RIGHT, I THINK IT'S A POSITIVE. THEY MAYOR STATED I THINK SO TOO. MR. PUMPHREY STATED I'VE GOT ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE IN BENTON. IT'S MAINLY BEEN A LOT OF YOUNGER PEOPLE, TOO. I HAD ONE THAT JUST MOVED HERE FROM TOWN, WANTED TO BE CLOSER TO HER PARENTS. AND IT WAS JUST A MORE AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR HER. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED SO THERE'S A FRONT DOOR, BACK DOOR, ALL UTILITIES. SO, IT'S ALL LEGAL. MR. PUMPHREY STATED YES ANYTHING YOU WANT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED SPEAKING OF LEGAL, WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO AMEND OUR HOUSING CODE OR ZONING CODE, RIGHT? MR. SNELL STATED ZONING WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED. THE MAYOR STATED WE WOULD HAVE TO WRITE IT INTO THE ORDINANCE TO SPECIFY WHAT IS ALLOWED IN THIS ZONE NOW. MR. SNELL STATED THIS WOULD BE A TOTALLY NEW ZONE. WE GET TO DECIDE WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO DO. I THINK IT'S DEFINITELY WORTH US STARTING THE RESEARCH AND GETTING THE CONVERSATION. NO VOTE WAS MADE.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PRESENTATION FROM COMMUNITY SOLAR AND ELECTRICAL PROCUREMENT. BRANDON BULLARD FROM AGE STATED WE MANAGE THE CITY'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY. AND YOU'RE

UNDER CONTRACT CURRENTLY WITH CONSTELLATION THROUGH THE END OF NEXT MONTH. I'M HERE A LITTLE BIT EARLY BY DESIGN BECAUSE, THE CAPACITY AUCTION HAPPENS TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, THE 28TH, WHICH IS THE TIME OF YOUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. ORDINARILY, WE'D WAIT TO SEE HOW THAT SHAKES OUT BEFORE WE BID YOUR SUPPLY AGAIN. BUT FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, WE EXPECT THAT THOSE SUMMER RATES TO BE HIGHER THAN THEY WERE LAST YEAR. RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE WITH CONSTELLATION AT 8.3 ON THE TOP RIGHT BOX OF THAT CURRENT PROVIDER INFORMATION. CONSTELLATION HAS THE CITY'S 40 ACCOUNTS UNDER SUPPLY FOR 8.37 CENTS A KILOWATT HOUR, WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE AMEREN RATE TO COMPARE RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS 11.3. SO, YOU'RE IN GOOD SHAPE THERE. WE EXPECT AFTER THE CAPACITY AUCTION THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW, THE VERDICT OF THAT WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE 28TH. THAT'S WHEN WE EXPECT WHEN AMEREN WILL SET THEIR SUMMER RATES. IF YOU RECALL LAST SUMMER, THE AMEREN RATES WERE A LITTLE OVER 14 AND A HALF CENTS A KILOWATT HOUR. WE EXPECT PROBABLY AT LEAST THAT, IF NOT HIGHER THIS YEAR. WE WANTED TO GET IN FRONT OF YOU EARLIER THAN THE CAPACITY AUCTION HAPPENS TO BID OUT YOUR SUPPLY AGAIN. IN THE MOST COMPETITIVE SUPPLY QUOTES, WE SEND THIS TO 21 SUPPLIERS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. THIS YEAR, THE LOW BIDDER WAS DIRECT ENERGY.AND YOU CAN SEE IN THE BLUE BOXES THERE 12, 18, 24, AND 36-MONTH TERMS THEY OFFER. AND THEY'RE ALL IN GOOD SHAPE. YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING FROM 8.789 CENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ALL THE WAY UP TO 9.4 CENTS FOR 36 MONTHS. AGAIN, MUCH LESS THAN WHAT THE AMEREN RATE TO COMPARE IS CURRENTLY. AND WE EXPECT THAT TO BE MUCH LESS THAN WHAT THE SUMMER RATE IS AFTER THE CAPACITY AUCTION HAPPENS. WANTED TO GET THOSE NUMBERS IN FRONT OF YOU SOONER THAN LATER. IF WE DID THIS TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, THOSE NUMBERS WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER. SO, WE'RE DOING OUR DUE DILIGENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SAVE THE TAXPAYERS SOME MONEY AND GET YOU GUYS THE BEST RATE POSSIBLE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED DID YOU READ THOSE NUMBERS RIGHT? YOU SAID 9. SOMETHING ON THIS. IT'S 0.08789. MR. BULLARD STATED SORRY, YOU'RE RIGHT. 0.094. THAT'S 9.4 CENTS.
COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I JUST WANTED THEM TO KNOW THAT THERE'S A LITTLE DIFFERENCE THERE. MR. BULLARD STATED YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S RIGHT. I SENT PRELIMINARY RATES YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE. AND THESE ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE ALREADY. ENERGY RIGHT NOW IS PRETTY CURIOUS IN THE WORLD. IT CHANGES EVERY DAY. THESE ARE TODAY'S RATES. DIRECT ENERGY SAID THAT THEY WOULD HONOR THESE TOMORROW.
IF YOU WERE TO PICK A TERM, WHICHEVER YOU'D LIKE TO GO

THROUGH TONIGHT, HOPEFULLY WE COULD GET YOU A DOCU-SIGN AGREEMENT AND GET THESE RATES LOCKED IN FOR WHATEVER TERM YOU ALL CHOOSE. THE MAYOR STATED JUST FOR THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS, YOU'RE ONLY SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES HERE? NOT THE PUBLIC'S AGGREGATE? MR. BULLARD STATED CORRECT THIS IS JUST THE CITY-OWNED MANAGED ACCOUNTS. THERE'S THE 40 ACCOUNTS YOU SEE 8 OR 10 ON THE FRONT, AND THE BACK PAGE HAS THE REST. ESSENTIALLY WHAT I NEED FROM YOU ALL, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD TONIGHT, HOPEFULLY YOU DO, WOULD BE TO LOCK IN ONE OF THOSE TERMS. YOU TELL ME WHICH TERM YOU WOULD LIKE TO LOCK IN, AND WE'LL GET DIRECT ENERGY A CONTRACT TO YOU OUT TOMORROW FOR THAT RATE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN PROBABLY SAVE $63,000.00 FOR ONE YEAR? MR. BULLARD STATED YEAH, THOSE GREEN NUMBERS, THAT'S COMPARED TO THE AMEREN RATE. IF YOU WERE NOT TO GO WITH ANY OF THESE, THAT WOULD BE THE NUMBER THAT YOU WOULD SAVE, YES. DEPENDING ON WHICH TERM YOU GO WITH, YOU'RE GOING TO BE PAYING A LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN YOU'RE AT CURRENTLY TODAY, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE MUCH LESS THAN WHAT THE AMEREN RATE TO COMPARE IS. YOU ARE GOING TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE IN ANY WAY. THE MAYOR STATED ALL PRICES GO UP EVEN WHEN YOU GET A DEAL. MR. BULLARD STATED THEY WENT UP SINCE YESTERDAY, EVEN. TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, THEY'LL DEFINITELY BE HIGHER ONCE THAT CAPACITY AUCTION HAPPENS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I'M JUST LIKE YOU GUYS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ELECTRICITY'S GOING TO BE. MR. BULLARD STATED AS A MATTER OF FACT, EVERY ONE OF US IS AT A COUNCIL MEETING RIGHT NOW, AND THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW I'VE SEEN GO OUT 36 MONTHS. YOU SEE HOMEFIELD DOESN'T EVEN OFFER A 24 OR 36-MONTH RATE. THEY'RE HEDGING AGAINST WHAT THE MARKET'S GOING TO BE IN TWO YEARS. BUT DIRECT ENERGY DOES, AND MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO TAKE IT OUT AS FAR AS YOU CAN. YOU'RE LOOKING AT 9.172 FOR TWO YEARS OR 9.4 FOR THREE YEARS. I MEAN, WE DON'T HAVE A CRYSTAL BALL, BUT I DON'T SEE ELECTRICITY GOING DOWN ANY TIME SOON. SO, YOU'RE IN GOOD SHAPE NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND IF WE DO THIS, WE GO WITH THE 36 MONTHS. THE MAYOR STATED WITH DIRECT ENERGY? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED YEAH, IT'S THE CHEAPEST ONE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DIRECT ENERGY FOR 36 MONTHS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARDIZED

COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS. THE MAYOR STATED AND BEFORE WE CALL ANYTHING TO A VOTE, THAT'S WHY I HAD IT WORDED AS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, SO THAT WE COULD TALK ABOUT IT FIRST. EVERY MONTH OUR TREASURER SENDS ME A MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, TO KIND OF LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE, WHAT THE BUDGET SAYS WE OUGHT TO BE AT, AND WHERE WE ACTUALLY ARE. OF COURSE, WE ALWAYS EXPECT WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE OVER BUDGET ON A LOT OF THINGS BECAUSE WE TRY TO BUDGET AS LOW AS WE CAN. BUT WE ALSO WANT THOSE NUMBERS TO BE SOMEWHAT REALISTIC AND SOMEWHAT REFLECTIVE OF WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO SPEND. SO, LOOKING AT JUST THE GRAND TOTAL, NOT EVEN JUST BY DEPARTMENT, BUT JUST THE GRAND TOTAL, IF THE CITY CONTINUES TO SPEND AT THE RATE, IT IS CURRENTLY SPENDING, WHICH DEPARTMENTS, THEY FLUCTUATE IN THEIR SPENDING, BUT JUST THIS IS A WHAT-IF SCENARIO. IF WE WERE TO CONTINUE TO SPEND WHAT WE ARE SPENDING TODAY AND HAVE SPENT SO FAR FOR THE MONTH, THEN AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WOULD BE ALMOST $8 MILLION OVER BUDGET, WHICH IS A LARGE NUMBER. SO THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO TRY TO GIVE RAISES BECAUSE YOU TRY TO MANAGE THE MONEY AS BEST YOU CAN., YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET AROUND IT. THINGS LIKE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THERE'S EXPECTATIONS, AND YOU CAN'T JUST SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO IN THOSE SITUATIONS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE NEED TO PAY OUR PEOPLE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT SKILLED WORKERS. SO, WE'VE GOT TO BALANCE THAT OUT. WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE THAT OUT. AND SO THAT'S THE RESOLUTION THAT I PUT TOGETHER. I'LL JUST READ IT. WHEREAS THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT IS A HOME RULE UNIT OF GOVERNMENT UNDER ARTICLE 7, SECTION 6 OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION, WHEREAS THE CITY COUNCIL DESIRES TO ESTABLISH A FAIR, TRANSPARENT, AND CONSISTENT COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND WHEREAS THE CITY RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE, LONGEVITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, AND WHEREAS A STANDARDIZED COMPENSATION STRUCTURE PROMOTES EQUITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND LONG-TERM PLANNING, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS. SECTION 1, PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM COMPENSATION POLICY FOR ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, BASED ON DEFINED SALARY AND INCREMENTAL INCREASES TIED TO YEARS OF SERVICE. SECTION 2, DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION, DEPARTMENT HEAD MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO LEAD A CITY DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT

LIMITED TO, POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF, STREET SUPERINTENDENT, WATER SUPERINTENDENT, SEWER SUPERINTENDENT, CODES ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATOR, AND ANY OTHER POSITION DESIGNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. YEARS OF SERVICE MEANS TOTAL FULL-TIME SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, WHETHER CONTINUOUS OR CUMULATIVE, AS DETERMINED BY OFFICIAL CITY RECORDS. SECTION 3, BASE SALARY. THE MINIMUM BASE SALARY FOR ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS SHALL BE $80,325.00 PER YEAR. THAT'S WHERE IT STANDS CURRENTLY. NO DEPARTMENT HEAD SHALL RECEIVE A BASE SALARY BELOW THIS AMOUNT. BASE SALARY MAY BE ADJUSTED BY RESOLUTION, AND ALL PERCENTAGE CALCULATIONS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY APPLY TO THE ADJUSTED BASE. SECTION 4, LONGEVITY PAY INCREMENT. THIS IS THE MEAT OF THE RESOLUTION. A. DEPARTMENT HEADS SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL LONGEVITY INCREASE EQUAL TO 1% OF THE BASE SALARY FOR EACH FULL YEAR OF SERVICE. B. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CALCULATION, THE BASE SALARY SHALL REMAIN FIXED AND SHALL NOT BE COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY. C. LONGEVITY INCREASES SHALL BE CAPPED AT 20 YEARS OF SERVICE. D. THE MAXIMUM LONGEVITY INCREASE SHALL THEREFORE BE 20% OF THE BASE SALARY EQUAL TO $16,065.00. SECTION 5, MAXIMUM COMPENSATION GUIDELINE. THE MAXIMUM SALARY UNDER THIS POLICY FRAMEWORK SHALL BE $96,390.00 THAT'S THE $80,350 PLUS THE 20 YEARS. THIS REFLECTS THE BASE SALARY PLUS THE MAXIMUM 20% LONGEVITY INCREMENT. SECTION 6, POST-CAP RETIREMENT ACCRUAL. UPON REACHING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 5, DEPARTMENT HEADS SHALL NO LONGER RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SALARY INCREASES UNDER THIS STRUCTURE. B. IN LIEU OF FURTHER SALARY INCREASES, DEPARTMENT HEADS SHALL ACCRUE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT AS FOLLOWS, 1% OF THE BASE SALARY PER YEAR FOR EACH FULL YEAR OF SERVICE BEYOND 20 YEARS. THIS ACCRUAL SHALL BE CALCULATED USING THE SAME FIXED BASE SALARY OF $80,325.00 AND SHALL NOT COMPOUND. THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED AMOUNT SHALL BE PAID AS A RETIREMENT STIPEND UPON SEPARATION SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. SECTION 7, RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY. TO RECEIVE THE ACCUMULATED RETIREMENT STIPEND, 1, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT UNDER APPLICABLE LAW OR POLICY. 2, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY. 3, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MUST SUBMIT AN IRREVOCABLE NOTICE OF RETIREMENT NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE RETIREMENT DATE. SECTION 6, IMPLEMENTATION. A. ALL CURRENT DEPARTMENT HEADS SHALL BE PLACED WITHIN THIS STRUCTURE BASED ON VERIFIED YEARS OF SERVICE. B. DEPARTMENT HEADS WITH MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AT

THE TIME OF ADOPTION SHALL BEGIN ACCRUING THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 6 PROSPECTIVELY FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION. C. NO EMPLOYEE SHALL RECEIVE A REDUCTION IN CURRENT SALARY AS A RESULT OF THIS RESOLUTION.
SECTION 9. POLICY NATURE. THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES A COMPENSATION RETIREMENT POLICY ONLY. ACTUAL SALARIES AND PAYMENTS SHALL BE APPROVED THROUGH THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
SECTION 10. FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS. CITY COUNCIL MAY REVISE THIS POLICY FROM TIME TO TIME BY RESOLUTION. AND THEN SECTION 11, EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE. SO, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, WHAT THIS MEANS IS FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE WORKING FOR THE CITY, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WOULD RECEIVE 1% OF THE $80,325.00 OVER THE $80,325.00 NEW HIRE WOULD BE HIRED IN AT $80,325.00 FOR EACH YEAR, THEY WOULD INCREASE 1%. THAT CAPS AT 20%, BUT AT THAT POINT, YOU START ACCRUING A RETIREMENT STIPEND. AND SO THEN THAT RETIREMENT STIPEND WOULD BE PAID OUT UPON RETIREMENT, BUT IT WOULD BE THE SAME 1%. BASICALLY, STILL KIND OF GETTING THE RAISE. IT'S JUST A RETIREMENT STIPEND. INSTEAD OF A RAISE AFTER THAT 20 YEARS. I HAVENT REALLY DONE THE MATH FULLY ON THIS BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT PROBALY A LOT OF MONEY. BUT THE IDEA IS TO TRY TO BE FAIR, TRY TO BE EQUITABLE, TRY TO GIVE PEOPLE THE PAY THEY DESERVE WHILE STAYING IN OUR BUDGET. I WILL LET IT THERE. AS THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING, I HAVE TALKED ABOUT ROBERTS RULES OF ORDERS BEFORE OF A SMALL MEETING. I DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE MOTIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT BUT CONSIDERING THE NATURE OF THIS I AM GOING TO ELECT TO LET THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS. HAVING SAID THAT DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THIS PAY? THE MAYOR SAID SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE A MOTION, THEN THE MOTION FAILS.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF OF POLICE. THE MAYOR STATED IN CONSIDERATION IN THE FACT THAT THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS, I AM GOING TO CHOOSE, AND IM SURE CLINT YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ISSUE THIS TO TABLE ITEM NUMBER 20.
THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION,

REGARDING THE RESIGNATION OF DEREK SAILLIEZ AS FIRE CHIEF. DEREK SAILLIEZ STATED, WHILE YOU GUYS WERE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION THE DEPARTMENT HEADS HAD A MEETING ELSE WERE. IF YOU WILL TABLE THAT AND ENTERTAIN A DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THIS RESIGNATION WAS TENDERED A FEW MEETINGS AGO, SO IT'S BEEN HANGING OUT. BUT ITS YOUR CALL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO MAKE A DECISION AND NOT KEEP KICKING THE CAN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. MR. SNELL STATED IF I MAY SAY SOMETHING, I WAS IN THAT MEETING WITH THEM. I THINK WE, AS DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE TRYING TO BE BIGGER ABOUT THIS, AND FIND A WAY TO MOVE THE CITY FORWARD. I THINK THERE IS A FEW OF US WILLING TO MAKE SOME SACRIFICES. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I TALKED TO A FEW OF YOU, I AM WILLING TO TALK ANYTIME. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THAT DOES'NT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EXECPTING THE RESIGNATION. MR. SNELL STATED NONE OF US WANTS TO SEE THIS GET WORSE THAN IT IS. TAKE THAT FOR WHAT YOU WILL, I THINK SOME OF US ARE WILLING TO TRY TO MAKE THIS WORK IN DIFFERENT WAYS. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I SAY LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS WORK, BUT I DON'T WANT IT TO DRAG ON FOREVER. THE MAYOR STATED I DON'T EITHER I AM NOT A FAN OF THAT, BUT WE HAVE TABLED THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND I DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH TABLING IT FOR ONE MORE MEETING, BUT ONLY ONE MORE MEETING. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I SAY ITS DONE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I WILL SAY I WILL LISTEN TO ALL OF THEM ONE MORE TIME TO BE FAIR, BUT THE CITY IS BROKE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED WHERE IS IT GOING TO CHANGE AT, THERE IS NO MONEY TO DO ANYTHING WITH. WE HAVE CONTRACTS OUT THERE RIGHT NOW, AND WE ARE NOT EVEN SEALED INTO THOSE CONTRACTS. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I WANT TO BE FAIR AND LISTEN TO THEM BUT WHAT IS THERE TO CHANGE. MR. SNELL STATED MAYBE WE DONT CHANGE ANYTHING, BUT PAYING ZERO NOW IS NO DIFFERENT THAN PAYING ZERO LATER, IT IS WORTH A CONVERSATION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED DOES TALKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS PERCLUDE OR ACCEPTING SOMEONES RESIGNATION OR NOT IS WHAT IM ASKING? WHETHER WE DO OR DONT WE ACCEPT SOMEONES RESIGNATION DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T TALK WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. THE MAYOR STATED I AGREE. COMMISSIONER

WARREN STATED WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS SINCE DECEMBER. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED YOU COULD INVITE ITHER A MOTION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE THAT IS ON THE AGENDA OR TABLING CAN COME FROM A MOTION TOO. THE MAYOR STATED DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO TABLE? COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THEN WHERE WILL BE GO FROM THERE? THE MAYOR STATED WE WILL HAVE THE DISCUSSION. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED, WE ARE RIGHT HERE IN THE OPEN, DEREK WAS THE ONE WHO CAME IN THAT WANTED THAT MONEY AND DIDN'T GET IT. THEN HE SAYS THAT HE IS GOING TO RESIGN. WE HAVE TABLED THIS A COUPLE OF TIMES ALREADY. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THIS ONLY EFFECTS 5 OR 6 PEOPLE, IT DOESN'T AFFECT ANYONE OUT THERE. THEY HAVE A CONTRACT THAT IS NOT SIGNED YET. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED ONE OTHER THING, WHILE THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING THIS. IF ALL OF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS IT WILL HAVE TO BE AN OPENED MEETING. YOU WOULD HAVE TO POST AN AGENDA AND HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING OR YOU WOULD APPOINT TWO OF YOU TO HANDLE IT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THIS STARTED WITH YOU DEREK, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BAD TO SAY ABOUT YOU. I AM JUST SAYING THIS STARTED BACK IN DECEMBER. YOU HAVE ALL OF THESE PEOPLE SUPPORTING YOU, BUT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE GOING TO BE MAKING MONEY OFF OF THIS. BESIDES THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS, ONCE WE PAY YOU, WE WILL HAVE TO PAY EVERYONE ELSE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED I THINK WE NEED TO END IT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE, MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED WHY DID YOU ABSTAIN, CAN I ASK? THE MAYOR STATED THAT WAS MY CHOICE. YOU HAVE ABSTAINED BEFORE TOO.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO A LEASE FOR CHEMSTREAM AT THE WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS INCUBATOR. THE MAYOR STATED JON DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY REGARDING THIS ONE? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED CHEMSTREAM HAS TENDERED AN ENTIRE NEW LEASE. BY LAW WE HAVE TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT IT. I HAVE REQUESTED A COUPLE OF CHANGES; I WOULD ASK THAT YOU TABLE THIS. THE MAYOR ASKED DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO TABLE THAT? COMMISSIONER HOWARD

MADE A MOTION TO APPROVETO TABLE ITEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEM USING ORC GRANT THAT HAS OPENED UP FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED BEFORE SHE CALLS ROLL, I AM NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THIS GRANT PAYS FOR THIS OR IF THE CITY IF THERE IS A GRANT THAT PAYS FOR IT THAT'S FINE, I JUST WASN'T SURE. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED I HAD FORWARDED BOTH QUOTES I HAD RECEIVED. ONE WAS MORE EXENSIVE, BECAUSE IT WAS A LARGER PACKAGE, AND MORE CAMERAS. THE OTHER WAS I BELIEVE $44,000 FOR A 3 YEAR CONTRACT WITH THEM. THERE WAS A GRANT THAT WAS OUT THERE BUT I NEVER GOT TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK THE QUESTION IS IF WE ARE ELIGIBLE OR NOT, IF WE ARE I AM FOR THIS AND THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THEM. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED I THINK FLOCK CAMERAS ARE GREAT TOO, MAYBE THE MOTION CAN BE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION THAT IT IS COVERED UNDER A GRANT. WE CAN CONFIRM IT AFTER THIS MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCAHSE OF THE CAMERA SYSTEM CONTINGENT UPON US ACTUALLY GETTING A GRANT FOR IT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

25. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM STERICYCLE SHRED IT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,183.21 FOR DESTROYING OLD DOCUMENTS FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED THESE ARE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE TO RETAIN THEM FOR. THEY ARE TAKING UP SPACE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

26. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM OSBURN'S TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,300.00 FOR TREE REMOVAL FROM CITY OWNED PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

27. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CIVIC PLUS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,693.61 FOR CODIFICATION FULL-SERVICE SUPPLEMENTATION FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR OUR CODES THAT ARE ONLINE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

28. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY JOHNSON'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,232.25 FOR AC REPLACEMENT ON UNIT #8 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE 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.

29. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM NOVACOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,500.00 FOR ANNUAL IT LABOR AGREEMENT FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

30. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM NOVACOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,369.86 FOR ANNUAL EMAIL HOSTING, ANTIVIRUS, MALWARE AND SPYWARE FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE 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.

31. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM GREATER

EGYPT IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,116.86 INVOICE #6 REIMBURSEMENT ON THE STORMWATER GRANT USING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS ONE BEFORE, WE ARE JUST THE MIDDLE MAN FOR THIS MONEY. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

32. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE #9 FROM LOCHMULLER GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $87,679.98 FOR PHASE II ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SECTION 18-00061-00-ES, 157-IL 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION. THE MAYOR ASKED WHERE IS THIS MONEY COMING FROM? MATT TOSH WITH BROWN & ROBERTS STATED 80% IDOT AND 20% SHARE THAT IS THE CITY USES TIF FUNDS AND REBUILD ILLINOIS MONEY FIRST THEN TIF. HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

33. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.
    b. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND IN THE AMOUNT $8,210.00 FOR AUDITED WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

    COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND, ON THE WORKERS COMP THE POLICY PREMIUM IS DETERMINED BASED ON ANTICIPATIED SALARIES. ONCE THE INSURANCE PERIOD IS OVER YOU GO BACK AND YOU SUBMIT WHAT YOUR SALARIES ACTUALLY WERE. YOU EITHER GET CHARGED EXTRA PREMIUM OR GET ALITTLE MONEY BACK. IN THIS CASE THE SALARIES WERE MORE THAN WHAT THEY WERE ESTIMATED SO WE HAD TO PAY MORE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

34. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ CODE OFFICER SNELL STATED THE FIRST ONE IS FOR A MANUFACTURED HOME ON C ROAD FOR JACQUELINE AND GARARD DALY, IT MEETS ALL OF THE ASPECT OF OUR CODES, REGISTERED CONTRACTOR. I RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER HOARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

35. **OFFICER'S REPORT** ~ THE MAYOR STATED GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION I ASK THE CLERK THAT THE SUBMITTED RECORDS BE ADDED TO THE RECORD.

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026: NO REPORT WAS GIVEN

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026. OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 873 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 26 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 5 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 38 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 6 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 19 ALARMS, 1 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 7 BURGLARIES, 9 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 31 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 34 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 43 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 27 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 232 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 41 CITIATIONS, 164 WARNINGS, AND 12 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 81 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 2 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 143 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,048 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 523 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 182 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 873 WERE FOR POLICE, 228 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, WE COLLECTED $5,957.73 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026: NO REPORT WAS GIVEN

STREE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026: CREWS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ASPHALTING EDGES OF ROAD WAYS, PATCHING POT HOLES, REPAIRS AROUND MANHOLES, REGULAR STREET SWEEPING MAINTENANCE, POURING SIDEWALKS, TREE TRIMMING PROJECTS, ROCKED ALLEYWAYS, ROUTINE BRUSH PICKUP.

WATER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026: 5 REPAIRS, 155 JULIE LOCATES, 5 EMERGENCY JULES, 24 ETR METER MAINTENANCE, 60 MIU METER MAINTENANCE, 154 SAMPLES- 62 CHLORINE, 76 NAP, 10 BACTERIA, 317 CUSTOMER REQUESTS (DISCONNECTS, CONNECTS, RE-CONNECTS, METER CHANGE OUTS, METER CHECKS,

TRANSFERS). BILLING: 21,495,600 GALLONS OF WATER PURCHASED. COLLECTIONS: $249,132.76.

SEWER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026: 155 JULIE LOCATES, 5 EMERGENCY JULIES, 158 WATER SAMPLES, 7 SEWER SERVICE CALLS, 3 CUSTOMER REQUESTED ISSUES, ONE SEWER TAP INSPECTION, $83,404.25 TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED.

36. **MAYORS REPORT~**

THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE REALLY OVER BUDGET IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND JUST AS A WHOLE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO START CUTTING SOMETHINGS AND FINDING WAYS TO SAVE MONEY. WE CAN NOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE LIKE THAT. WE NEED TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED POLICE AND FIRE ARE DOING OK. KEEPING EVERYTHING GOING.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED OUR TREASURER IS MAKING PROGRESS IN GETTING STUFF TO THE AUDITORS FOR THE 2025 AUDIT. ITS NOT AS FAST AS I LIKE IT TO BE BUT ITS STILL MOVING.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED STREET DEPARTMENT IS BUSY POURING SIDEWALKS. WATER IS BUSY CHANGING OUT BROKEN METERS. SEWER HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL AT THE SEWER PLANT.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE HAVE A MEMORIAL DAY HONNORS GUARD SCHEDULE, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO BE. WE WILL HAVE A CERMONY AT 11:55 A.M. ON MEMORIAL DAY AT THE WEST FRANKFORT WAR MEMORIAL. THE OLD LAKE WAS SOLD SO NOW WE ARE HAVING LAKE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON THE NEW LAKE. WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO TO IMPROVE THE LAKE AND MAKE IT MORE PLEASANT FOR EVERYONE TO BE OUT THERE. BATHROOMS POSSIBLY, I WOULD LIKE TO PUT A HANDICAP BOAT FISHING RAMP IN IF POSSIBLE. WE ARE GOING TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING. IT IS APRIL 20, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. HERE AT CITY HALL.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: MR. CANTRELL STATED SPEAKING OF THE

NEW LAKE. WE HAVE OCASSIONAL COMPLANTS AND ISSUES WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT MIGHT NEED RESPOND. WE ARE GETTING SOME CONFUSION WITH THE COUNTY; IS THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE OR ARE WE RESPONSIBLE? WE OWN SOME REAL ESTATE AT THE NEW LAKE BUT IT IS NOT APPART OF CITY LIMITS. AT THIS LEGAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE I ATTENDED LAST MONTH THE EXPERTS CONCLUDED ON THIS SAME ISSUE EVEN THOUGH THE LAW IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR BASED ON WHAT THE APPELLATE COURTS HAVE DONE IN ILLINOIS SO FAR. THEY THINK THAT ULTIMATLEY IT COULD COME DOWN TO THE COUNTY'S JURIDICTION BECAUSE IT IS NOT ANNEXED. BUT I DO THINK FRANKLIN COUNTY MAY NOT AGREE WITH THAT. I THINK IT IS AN ISSUE I WILL HAVE TO WORK ON, MAYBE DO SOME RESEARCH TO COMPARE SOME WRITTEN LAWS THAT EXIST OR ORDIANCES THAT TRYING TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION OUT THERE, THAT IS NOT THE SAME AS ANNEXED PROPERTY. IT IS FAR ENOUGH OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS. IN MY OPIONION ANNEXATION WILL NOT BE LEGAL UNLESS WE ANNEXED A STRIP THAT IS ATLEAST 300 FEET WIDE, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CODE. YOU WOULD HAVE TO GET ALL OF THOSE LAND OWNERS TO ANNEX. I DO NOT THINK ITS FEASIBLE. SINCE WE ARE SEVEN MILES OUTSIDE. THE NEW LAKE WE WILL HAVE SOME LEGAL ISSUES GOING ON THERE. ANOTHER THING A QUESTION HAS CAME UP SINCE LAST MEETING, I WANT TO ENSURE EVERYONE I HAVE WORKED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT AND WITH THE COMMISSIONER THE CHANGES TO THE EQUAL PAY ACT THAT WHEN INTO EFFECT LAST YEAR. ONLY IF THE JOB IS PUBLICLY POSTED THEN YOU HAVE TO OVER PAY RANGE FOR EXAMPLE MINIMUM PAY IS DEPENDING ON EXPIRIENCE YOU WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE WHAT BENEFITS ARE OFFERING. ALSO, IF YOU DO POST A POSITION PUBLICLY YOU WILL HAVE TO INFORM YOUR INTERNAL FOLKS CAN APPLY FOR THE JOB. IN THIS CASE WE COMFIRMED WITH THE UNION.

DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED I WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME, THE CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH GAVE US A DONATION TO THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OF $10,000.00 WE SPLIT IT BETWEEN US. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO THANK THEM. THEIR DONATION WAS VERY MUCH APPRICATED.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

TINA ROSE STATED TONIGHT I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT LIES, TAX DOLLARS AND WHAT THIS CITY IS CHOOSING TO KEEP AND WHAT IT

IS WILLING TO LOSE. THIS CITY IS SPENDING THOUSANDS OF TAX PAYER DOLLARS DEFENDING LIES. YOUR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY JONATHON CANTRELL, STOOD IN OPEN COURT AND MADE AN A MISSION THAT THAD SNELL THREATENED ME. HE ADMITTED IT. THEN IN VERIFIED SWORN STATEMENTS TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, STATEMENTS THAT HE HAD PREPARED AND HAD SIGNED BY CITY OFFICIALS. THE CITY SAID THAD SNELL NEVER THREATHEND ME. THE CITY ALSO SWORE THAT NO OFFICIAL HAS EVER INTIMATED RETAILIATED AGAINST ME PAST PRESENT OR FUTURE. THOSE TWO THINGS CAN NOT BE TRUE BECAUSE ALL OF YOU HAVE WITTNESS THE INTEMIDATION AND RETAILATION. EITHER THE TRUTH WAS TOLD IN COURT ON DECEMBER 20, 2024. WHERE YOU MADE FALSE STATEMENTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO A STATE AGENCY FOR AN INVESTIGATION UNDER OATH. TAX PAYERS ARE PAYING FOR IT ALL. YOUR MONEY IS BEING SPENT TO PROTECT A COMMERICAL LANDLORD'S INTEREST AND TO PROTECT THAD SNELL. A MAN WITH NO QUALIFICATIONS, NO CERTIFICATIONS, NO BUSINESS BEING TREATED LIKE HE IS ABOVE THE RULES. LET'S TALK ABOUT HIS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, IT SAYS HE CAN BE TERMINATED FOR ANY ACT OF DISHONESTY WHICH ADVERSLY AFFECTS THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY. OR FOR THE PERFORMACE OF ANY WILLFUL OR INTENTIONAL ACT WHICH REFLECTS UNFAVORABLE ON THE REPUTATION OF THE CITY. I AM GOING TO ASK THE COUNCIL A QUESTION, IF VARIFED FALSE STATEMENTS, TO A STATE AGENCY DO NO COUNT AS DISHONESTY, WHAT DOES? IF THREATHING A DISABLE RESIDENT, FIRST ADMITING IT, THEN LATER DENYING IT UNDER OATH. DRAGGING THIS CITY IN LAW SUIT AFTER LAW SUIT. DOES NOT REFLECT FAVORABLEY ON THE REPUTATION OF THE CITY. BECAUSE THE CITY KEEPS SPENDING MONEY ON THIS MESS, WEST FRANKFORT IS LOSING SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY MATTERS. YOU ARE WILLING TO LOSE A FIRE CHIEF A MAN THAT GREW UP HERE, WHO HAS SERVED HIS TOWN, WHO IS COMMITTED SAFETY TO THIS COMMUNITY. BECAUSE SOMEHOW THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO DO RIGHT BY HIM. BUT THERE IS MONEY TO DEFEND FALSE STATEMENTS, TO PROTECT PEOPLE WHO HAS CREATED THIS DISASTER. BUT THERE IS NO MONEY TO KEEP A FIRE CHIEF. THAT IS A CHOICE. THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN CAN SEE EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF CHOICE THAT IS, AND WHO IS MAKING THOSE CHOICES. THIS LEGAL SITUATION DID NOT APPEAR OUT OF NO WHERE, IT WAS SPARKED BY CITY OFFICIALS WHO REFUSE TO

ADDRESS SAFTEY AND CODE ISSUES. THEN RETAILLATED WHEN THOSE ISSUES WHERE REPORTED. NOW THEY SUBMITTED FALSE VERIFIED STATEMENTS TO COVER IT UP. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY THE TAX PAYERS HERE PAY, THEY PAID FOR THE DENIALS, PAID FOR THE PUBLIC ATTACKS, ALL OF THOSE HOURS OF RESEARCH FOR WHAT? AN OLD JUDGEMENT FROM WHEN MY SPOUSE DIED, A FORGOTTEN TICKEN. AFTER ALL OF THAT NOTHING FILED. BUT TAX PAYERS ARE PAYING FOR THAT RESEARCH. CANTRELL WRITE ME THE DENIALS TO REFUSE ME TO ACCESS THE ZONING BOARD. HE MAKES MONEY WHEN I FILE COMPLAINTS, HE MAKES MONEY EVEN IF I SUE HIM PERSONALLY. CANTRELL CHARGED THE CITY HIS FEES TO DEFEND HIM SELF IN A PERSONAL CASE AGAINSNT HIM. CANTRELL HELPED ARVIEW PREPARE A FLAT LIE, SAYING I ATTENDED JANUARY 27, 2025 MEETING WITH THE ZONING BOARD AND WAS TREATED WELL. THE TAX PAYERS ARE BEING DRAINED MORE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THOSE SWORN STATEMENTS THAT CAN NOT BE SQUARED WITH THE RECORDS AS THERE WAS NO MEETING THAT DATE. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, IF THE MAYOR ARVIEW, JONATHAN CANTRELL, THAD SNELL RESIGN THEIR POSITIONS TONIGHT. BECAUSE REIDENTS DESERVE LEADERS WHO PROTECT THE CITY. NOT LEADERS WHO EXPOSE IT. RESIDENTS DESERVES HONESTY NO VERIFIED CONTRADICTIONS, RESIDENTS DESERVES SAFETY NOT INTIMEDATIONS AND RETAILIATION. I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF WEST FRANKFORT WOULD RATHER KEEP A COMITTED FIRE CHIEF THAN KEEP PAYING FOR CITY OFFICIALS WHO CONDUCT HAS DAMAGED THE CITY REPUTATION AND HAS WASTED ITS TAX DOLLAR BACKED BY LIES SIGNED BY YOU OFFICALS. THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN DESERVE BETTER. THANK YOU

THE CITY ATTORNEY MR. CANTRELL STATED FOR MR. SNELLS BENEFIT DO YOU MIND IF I ADDRESS A COMMENT. THE MAYOR STATED PLEASE DO. MR. CANTRELL STATED I KNOW MS. ROSE WILL WANT A RESPONSE; YOU CAN RESPOND AT THE NEXT MEETING. SHE HAS SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT I SAID IN OPEN COURT THAT MR. SNELL THREATENED HER, SHE MAYBE MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT I WAS SAYING. I RECALL VERY WELL THE WHOLE AGRUEMENT I EXPLAINED TO JUDGE DIRNBECK ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY. AND WHAT I SAID WAS BECAUSE MR. SNELL IS A CITY OFFICER UNDER THE ILLINIOIS GOVERNMENT TORT IMMUNITY ACT HE WOULD BE IMMUNIED EVEN IF HE DID MAKE THAT THREAT. THAT IS THE LEGAL

ARGUMENT I PRESENTED TO THE JUDGE. THE JUDGE AGREED AND DISMISSED THE LAWSUIT. MR. ROSE APPEALED THAT LAWSUIT. THE APPELLETE COURT AGREED TO ALSO DISMISSED THAT LAWSUIT. THE LAWSUIT AGAINST ME, I USED THE SAME ARGUMENT THE ILLINIOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT IMMUNITY ACT, BECAUSE I AM A CITY ATTORNEY. I PROVIDED THE ORDINANCE THAT I AM CITY OFFICER, THE JUDGE ALSO AGREED THAT I WAS IMMUNIED FOR THE NATURE OF THE ALLOGATION FOR THINGS THAT I DO AS CITY ATTORNEY. I JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND MOSTLY FOR MR. SNELL. BECAUSE I THINK MS. ROSE HAS SAID THAT SEVERAL TIMES. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES THAT WE ADMITED HE MADE THAT THREAT. I DON'T WANT MR. SNELL TO THINK THAT I MADE, THAT EVEN IF HE MADE THE THREAT, THE LAW SAYS HE WOULD BE IMMUNED AS A CITY OFFICAL.

SUSAN MALKOVICH STATED I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONER HARKINS DID THE CITY HIRE EXTRA FIREMAN PER SHIFT? NO, THEY DID NOT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD HOW MUCH OVER TIME IS PAID TO THE FIREMAN YEARLY? COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD I COULD NOT TELL YOU DOLLARS. BUT I WILL SAY THE NEW CONTRACT WE JUST APPROVED, DOES PROVIDE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL FIREMEN. MS. MALKICH STATED I THINK IT IS A SAD DAY FOR WEST FRANKFORT. I THINK YOU CAN TELL BY THE PEOPLE HERE. I KNOW PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONAL DEREK SAILLIEZ WILL DO ANYTHING FOR THE CITY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE. IVE SEEN IT PERSONALLY, IVE EXPERIENCED IT PERSONALLY. I KNOW MONEY IS A PROBLEM, I WORKED FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO SOLVE IT. WE CAN'T LOSE OUR BEST PEOPLE WITH OUT HAVING SOME SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM. IT HURTS MY HEART THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OR THE MAYOR WOULD NOT AGREE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. YOU SAID ONE PERSON WANTS A RAISE, MAYBE THEY ALL DO AND DIDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO COME AND ASK FOR IT. I THINK THE PEOPLE OF WEST FRANKFORT KNOWS WHO WORKS HARD AND WE KNOW WE ARE IN TROUBLE HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT. WE DON'T HAVE TO COME TO A COUNCIL MEETING OR A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO KNOW THAT. IF WE CONTINUE TO LOSE OUR GOOD TEACHERS AND FIRE CHIEF WE ARE ALL GOING TO SUFFER. AS A LIFE LONG RESIDENT, SOMEONE WHO IS BORN HERE AND IS GOING TO DIE HERE, IT HURTS ME TO KNOW THAT OUR CITIZENS ARE AT A GREATER RISK TODAY THEN THEY

WERE THREE WEEKS AGO. I HOPE AND PRAY YOU GUYS DON'T NEED AN EXPIRENCED PARAMEDIC, AN EXPIRENCED FIRE CHIEF AT YOUR HOUSE. BECAUSE WE JUST LOST THE BEST ONE, WE COULD HAVE.

DANNY LOEH STATED I AM VICE CURATOR OF THE MILLITARY MUSEUM HERE IN TOWN. I HAVE SCHEDULED SEVERAL GROUPS THAT WILL BE COMING THROUGH THE MUSEUM. ONE MARINE UNIT WILL BE COMING. A FEW WEEKS AGO AT ONE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING A GENTLEMAN DONATED 54 PAIRS OF CRUTHES, AND CANES. THAT HELPED SOME VETRANS, AND PRIVATE CITIZENS OUT. IT'S BEEN A BLESSING. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL AND CITY WORKERS.

GASTON SAILLIEZ STATED I AM THE LOCAL PRESIDENT FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIREFIGHTERS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS, YOU SAID THAT WE HADNT HIRED ANY FIREFIGHTERS YET. WHO BRINGS THEM TO YOU THAT IS GOING TO BE HIRED? IT WOULD BE THE CHIEF, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MERIT BOARD AND FOLLOWING THE TESTING PROCESS. I AM NOT PICKING ON ANYONE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE PLANNING ON GOING. FOR THE LAST MONTH WE HAVE NOT HAD A DIRECTION, BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT HAD A LEADER. WE HAVE MADE AN AGREEMENT IN OUR NEW CONTRACT TO REDUCE OVERTIME TO HIRE MORE FIREFIGHTERS TO HAVE MORE GUYS ON THE ROAD, MORE GUYS RESPONDING QUICKER, MORE GUYS ARE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY. FOR THE PAST MONTH AFTER THAT DEAL HAS BEEN MADE, OUR CONTRACT IS UNSIGNED HOPING THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THE CITY AFTER EVERYTHING GOT DONE. THEN COULD IMPLENT THIS PROCESS IN HIRING MORE FIREFIGHTERS. HOW ARE WE GOING TO SEND THEM TO TRAINING? WHOS GOING TO SCHEDULE IT? WHO KNOWS WHERE THEY NEED TO GO, WHAT CLASSES THEY NEED TO GO TO? HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT THESE NEW GUYS COMING ON TO THE JOB? HOW DO WE GET THEM GEAR? WE DO NOT HAVE THAT PERSON RIGHT NOW. I UNDERSTAND THAT MONEY IS TIGHT. WE DID THAT TO REDUCE OVERTIME AND SAVE MONEY FOR THE CITY. AND WE ARE UNABLE TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT OUR PLAN IS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A DIRECTION TO WORK ON. THE MAYOR STATED WE WILL DISCUSS THAT. MR. G. SAILLIEZ STATED DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY? WE WANT TO DO GOOD FOR OUR CITY AND IMPLETMENT THIS AS FAST AS

POSSIBLE. SO THAT WE CAN REDUCE OUR OVERTIME. RIGHT NOW, OUR GUYS ARE RUNNING RAMPID. 6,000 HOURS OF OVERTIME LAST YEAR. WE HAD GUYS RANGE FROM 300 HOURS TO 600 HOURS. I UNDERSTAND OUR SCHEDULE IS DIFFERENT THAN OTHERS BUT RIGHT NOW IN THE LAST MONTH THE MAJORITY OF OUR GUYS ON THE LINE ARE WORKING ALMOST AS MANY HOURS OFF DUTY AS THEY ARE ON DUTY. THE MAYOR STATED HE SAID WE WILL ADVERTISE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE WAY I LOOK AT IT IS, EVERY BODY IS HERE, DEREK WAS THE ONE THAT CAME IN THAT WANTED A RAISE. HE IS A GOOD MAN, DOES A GOOD JOB, NO ONE IS KNOCKING THAT. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT. BUT HE SAID IF HE DOESN'T GET HIS RAISE HES GOING TO RESIGN. WHERE ARE YOU PUTTING US AT? HES MOVED DOWN OR WHATEVER IS GOING TO HAPPEN HERE. ONE OF YOU GUYS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME SHOULD STEP UP AND TRY TO HELP OUT WHAT TO DO. MR. G. SAILLIEZ STATED WE WOULD LOSE MONEY. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED UNTIL WE GET IT, YOU ARE GOING TO GET TWO NEW FIREMEN AND A CHIEF. MR. G. SAILLIEZ STATED THREE NEW FIREMEN. WE CAN NOT DO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A LEADER. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED CAN ONE OF YOU GUYS STEP UP AND BE A LEADER? MR. G. SAILLIEZ STATED THAT TAKES GUYS OFF THE LINE RIGHT NOW. WE ARE BARLEY SCRAPING. WE SEND MORE GUYS TO STRUCTURE FIRES WITH ONE OR TWO GUYS IN THE APPARATUS THAN WE DO WITH THREE OR FOUR. I CAN COUNT ON BOTH OF MY HANDS JUST THIS YEAR ALONE PROBABLY HOW MANY TIMES IVE RESPONDED BY MYSELF TO A REPORT OF A FIRE. COMMISSIONER STANELY STATED A LOT OF THOSE ARE NOT REALLY A FIRE JUST A CALL OUT WHETHER THERE IS AN INCIDENT. MR. G. SAILLIEZ STATED IF YOU CALL 911 AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBER WAS POTENTIALLY IN A FIRE HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU WANT US TO BE THERE? COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED ANYONE THAT COULD BE THERE. IF THE STREET DEPARTMENT, MICHAEL DECIDED HE WANTED MORE MONEY AND DECIDED TO RESIGN IF HE DIDN'T GET WHAT HE WANTED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN ANOTHER GUY TO STEP UP AND TRY TO HELP OUT UNTIL THEY GET MORE MEN.

BRAD WARREN STATED MAYOR, I DO NOT KNOW YOU. I GREW UP MOST OF MY LIFE HERE, BUT THE REST OF THEM I KNOW VERY WELL. I HAD A THIRTY YEAR CARREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF MANAGEMENT, AND RETAINING QUALIFIED EXPIRENCED PEOPLE. WHOVEVER PUT THAT PROPOSED

RESOLUTION TOGETHER I COMMEND YOU. BECAUSE THAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AND THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES. THE FACT THAT IT DIES FOR LACK OF A MOTION IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION. I HAVE BEEN IN AN AGENCY WHERE I WAS IN THE UPPER COMMAND AND RAN INTO THE SAME THING. WE HAD PEOPLE THAT WAS MAKING LESS THAN THE PEOPLE THEY SUPERVISED NOT COUNTING THEIR OVERTIME. IN THE LONG RUN IT COST, ME SEVERAL EXPIRENCED DEICATED SUPERVISERS THAT RESIGNED THEIR POSITION TO GO BACK INTO THE BARGAINNING UNIT. THAT WAS GOOD FOR THEM BAD FOR THE DEPARMENT. THERE IS NO GOOD OUTCOME OF IGNORING THIS. THE PROPOSAL WAS GOOD; YOU HAVE GOT LEADERSHIP IN ALL OF THE DEPARMENTS THAT IS WILLLING TO LISTEN AND WORK WITH YOU. EVEN AFTER THERE WAS NO MOTION, THEY WANTED TO MEET WITH YOU AND WE CAN'T DO THAT? THAT IS NOT LEADERSHIP, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP IN THIS CITY AND IN ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. YOU CAN'T EXPECT CLINT TO CONTINUE DOING THAT HE IS DOING IN LIMBO FOR THE REST OF HIS CARRER. HE DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED JUST LIKE DEREK AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND PAID FOR THE EXPERIENCE THEY BRING TO THE TABLE. HOW THEY PERFORM IS A REFLECTION ON YOU. WHEN YOU HAVE SUPERVISOR RESIGNING THEIR POSITION AND GOING BACK INTO RANK TO GET A RAISE, THAT SHOULD BE A SLAP IN YOUR FACE. YOU SHOULD BE ASSHAMED TO LOOK AT THEM. I HOPE YOU WILL RECONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE, BECAUSE THIS IS WRONG.

JOHN STURGEON STATED I WORK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT, ON THE CONTRACT THAT WAS EXPIRED ON FEBRUARY 28TH, IT'S BEEN 11 WEEKS SINCE WE HAVE HAD A PROPOSAL. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR ONE. I KNOW IT SAYS RETROACTIVE FROM MARCH 1ST, I DON'T WANT THAT AND OUR GUYS DONT WANT THAT. I JUST WANTED TO GET THE BALL ROLLING ON THAT. THE MAYOR STATED I AM WITH YOU, WEVE SPOKEN WITH OUR LABOR ATTORENY AND WILL TRY TO GET THAT DONE.

IDA BROSKI STATED CAN YOU READ THE BIDS AGAIN FROM 208 S. HORN, THE 10% OF THE CHECKS. THE MAYOR STATED KIDS CORRAL- BID OF $1,500.00 10% DEPOSIT IS $150.00. NEXT BID IS YOURS IDA BROSKI- BID OF $1,311.00 10% DEPOSIT OF $136.00 THE BID THAT WE ACCEPTED DIANA FAILMER BID OF $1,513.00 10% DEPOSIT IS $150.00.

MS. BROSKI STATED ISNT THAT NOT 10% THE MAYOR STATED SHE MAKES A GOOD POINT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THAT WOULD FALL UNDER AN IRREGULARITY. IN THE NOTICE THAT GETS PUBLISHED WHEN WE SOLICITE THESE ADVERISEMENT IT SAYS THE COUNCIL CAN WAIVE ANY IRREGULARIES, OVERSIGHT, MISTAKE, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. THEY COUCNIL CAN STILL ACCEPT IT. I WAS AT A CITY YESTERDAY THAT ACCEPTED A BID OF $500.00 WHEN THE MINIMUM BID WAS $1,000.00. THE ONLY BID WAS $500.00. INSTEAD OF SPENDING THE MONEY TO PUBLISH ANOTHER NOTICE THEY EXCEPTED LESS.

37. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:50 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK