WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

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

2. MAYOR ARVIEW STATED FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS OUR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION HEARING AND SO FOR THAT HEARING I WOULD RECOGNIZE COMMISSIONER KEITH HOWARD TO CONDUCT THAT HEARING. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED JUST TWO OR THREE THINGS I'LL POINT OUT AND MAKE IT SHORT. WE'VE GOT A LONG AGENDA AND PEOPLE WILL BE EXCITED ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN LATER ON. SO I WON'T SPEND A LOT OF TIME BUT I WILL ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE IF YOU'VE LOOKED IT OVER. IN THE GENERAL FUND WE'RE PROJECTING THAT WE MAY ACTUALLY HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF AN EXCESS IN THE YEAR THAT'S GOING TO END APRIL 30TH OF 2027 BUT I WOULD LET YOU KNOW THAT THAT'S PRIMARILY DUE TO THE PROJECTED SALE WHICH IS SHOULD BE CLOSING SHORTLY OF THE WEST FRANKFORT INCUBATOR AND THAT'S GOING TO GIVE US A LITTLE BIT OF A SHOT IN THE ARM AND LET US SPEND SOME MONEY ON SOME THINGS THAT WE COULDN'T OTHERWISE DO. THE REST OF THE FUNDS IS I THINK PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY. LIKE THE INSURANCE FUND WE GET SO MUCH PROPERTY TAXES AND THEN WE GOT THE EXPENSES FOR INSURANCE OF COURSE AND THAT'S WHAT WE PAY OUT OF IT. SAME THING I LIKE THE TOURISM FUND AND SO ON WE GET HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES IS WHAT WE GET IN THAT FUND AND WE PAY SPECIAL PROJECTS OFF AND ON OUT OF THAT FUND. YOU'LL HEAR US SOMETIMES AT THE MEETING APPROVE PAYING SOME GIVING SOMEBODY SOME FUNDS TO DO SOMETHING TO BE PAID FROM THE TOURISM FUND YOU'LL HEAR US SAY. THE LAKE FUND AGAIN THAT'S GOT MORE MONEY IN IT THAN WE USUALLY HAVE IN IT BECAUSE WE SOLD THE OLD CITY LAKE BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE'VE HAD TO REDO THE ROADS OUT THERE AROUND THE LAKE SO THAT GAVE US MONEY TO DO THAT. THE WATER AND THE SEWER ARE WHAT IS CALLED PROPRIETARY OR ENTERPRISE FUND MEANING THAT WATER AND SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES AND ALL THAT HAVE TO BE SET TO SO THAT THEY'RE SELF-SUSTAINING AND THEY ARE. YOU'LL SEE THAT WE HAVE PROJECTED BALANCES OF A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT IN EACH ONE OF THOSE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. OUR POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS THOSE WE'RE HAVING TO ALREADY INCREASE THE TAX LEVY BECAUSE WE'RE BEHIND ACCORDING TO THE ACTUARIALS SAYING HERE'S WHERE YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOU

GOT TO MAKE UP FOR FUTURE AND THE STATE PASSED A LAW AND SAYS WE GOT TO FUND THAT BY I FORGOT THE EXACT DATE BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING FOR IS GETTING THAT UNFUNDED LIABILITY CAUGHT UP. THE STATE HAS PASSED A LAW THAT SAYS YOU GOT TO DO THIS WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE. THE LIBRARY IS A SEPARATE ENTITY FROM THE CITY. THEY'RE SEPARATE IN THAT THEY'RE PART OF THE CITY AND THAT THE CITY APPOINTS THE BOARD BUT THEY OPERATE OUT OF THEIR INCOME WHICH IS BASICALLY PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES THEY CHARGE FOR BOOKS AND LATE FEES AND WHATEVER OTHER FEES THAT THEY HAVE BUT AND THAT'S IT THAT'S THE ONLY MERELY IN HERE JUST FOR PURPOSES OF US KNOWING WHAT WE HAVE TO ALLOW FOR THE LIBRARY. I'LL ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS IF SOMEONE HAS ANY.

3. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS REGARDING BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS. THE MAYOR STATED THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE IN PRINTED FORM AND WE'LL ALSO MAKE IT AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. I'LL SCAN IT IN AND UPLOAD IT TO THE WEBSITE SO EVERYONE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER THAT FEEL FREE TO ASK BUT IF THERE'S NO QUESTIONS REGARDING THAT THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD AND CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING AND MOVE ON WITH OUR REGULAR AGENDA.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. THE AGENDA THAT WE'VE HAD POSTED FOR PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 23RD 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED COMMISSIONERS HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THOSE MINUTES AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE ENTERING THE MINUTES INTO THE RECORD. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 29TH 2026 SPECIAL MEETING. THE MAYOR STATED WE DID HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING. THE ONLY ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INTERVIEW FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATES. WE MADE NO DECISIONS OR VOTES DURING THAT MEETING. THAT'S ALL IT WAS FOR. SO THE MINUTES ARE PRETTY SHORT. DO WE HAVE

A MOTION TO APPROVE ENTERING THOSE MINUTES INTO THE RECORD? 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 TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY 2026 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF APRIL 2027. THE MAYOR STATED THAT'S THE BUDGET THAT COMMISSIONER HOWARD JUST SPOKE ABOUT THAT WE'VE HAD POSTED AND AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AND SO NOW JUST NEED A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER TO APPROVE ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THIS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE 2026 TO 2027 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS IS THE AGREEMENT THAT WE HAD ALREADY HAD MADE THIS IS JUST CONTINUING THAT ON FOR THE 2026 TO 2027 SCHOOL YEAR. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING EXTENDING A TIMELINE TO HIRE FIREFIGHTERS. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD APPROVED INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS BY THREE AND IN THAT WHENEVER WE DID THAT IT HAD A DEADLINE OF JULY 1ST BUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE CITY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE MAY BE SOME ISSUES WITH THAT AND SO WE'VE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO EXTEND THAT TIMELINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED IT SAYS JULY 31ST. THE MAYOR STATED EITHER WAY WE GO WE YOU'LL FIND OUT LATER IN THE MEETING, WE'VE ALREADY SOLVED IT. EITHER WAY WE GO WHETHER WE GO WITH THE JULY

31ST OR THE SEPTEMBER 1ST WE'RE GOOD. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO OPEN BIDS AND POTENTIALLY APPROVE AN ORDINANCE SELLING REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST 7TH STREET PARCEL NUMBER 11-24-231-008. WE ONLY HAVE ONE BID AND OUR CITY ATTORNEY HAS SENT TYLER OWENS IN HIS PLACE TO REPRESENT HIS FIRM SO I'LL ASK TYLER IF YOU WOULD GO AHEAD AND OPEN THAT. MR. OWENS STATED LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A BID FROM JARROD DUNN IN THE AMOUNT OF $800.00 AND THE 10% DEPOSIT IS HERE. THE MAYOR STATED THAT LOT HAD A MINIMUM BID OF $750.00 SO THAT DOES MEET THE MINIMUM._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 DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF. THE MAYOR STATED AS I SAID WE DID INTERVIEW FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATES AND I FEEL LIKE THAT WE HAVE SETTLED ON A CANDIDATE. I DON'T MEAN TO PUT THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE SPOT BUT I FEEL LIKE WE'VE ALL KIND OF KIND OF FELT THE SAME WAY. IF I'M OUT OF LINE WITH THAT WE CAN ALWAYS TABLE THIS BUT I WOULD ACTUALLY PREFER THAT WE GO AHEAD AND APPROVE FOR ME TO EXTEND AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO MICHAEL LOPINA WHO WAS THE TOP CANDIDATE. DO WE HAVE A MOTION FOR ME TO GO AHEAD AND EXTEND THAT OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO HIM? I DID SPEAK TO HIM TODAY AND HE SAID THAT YOU KNOW HE WOULD NEED TO DO THE TWO WEEKS NOTICE AND ALSO EFFECTIVELY HE WOULD START AUGUST 10TH AND WE HAVE A MEETING AUGUST 11TH WHERE I COULD ACTUALLY DO THE APPOINTMENT TO FIRE CHIEF. BUT IN THE MEANTIME WE COULD GO AHEAD AND GET THINGS STARTED AS FAR AS OFFERING THE EMPLOYMENT TO HIM, GETTING THE LETTER, ALL THAT KIND OF THING. IF NO ONE SEES ANY ISSUE WITH THAT, DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE? 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 A RESOLUTION TO HIRE THREE FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE

MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE PART I WAS TALKING ABOUT. WE'RE TAKING CARE OF THAT M.O.U. TONIGHT. WE HAVE THREE CANDIDATES WITH US THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO HIRE. AUSTIN KERN, CARSON PEARSON, AND JARROD RANDALL. I BELIEVE YOU'RE ALL IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT WITH YOUR FAMILIES SO GOOD TO SEE THAT. WE HAVEN'T MADE THE MOTION OR ANYTHING BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I KNOW WHERE WE'LL END WITH THE VOTE. I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ACTUALLY WON'T BE DOING THE OATHS TONIGHT BECAUSE OUR DEPUTY CLERK WILL KIND OF HANDLE THAT. BUT WE CAN DO THE PICTURES AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING TONIGHT SINCE YOU HAVE YOUR FAMILIES WITH YOU. BUT WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE OATHS, SCHEDULE THAT WITH YOU AT ANOTHER TIME. BUT DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING THESE THREE FIREFIGHTERS? COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO HIRE TWO VOLUNTEER ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THESE TWO ARE HARRISON WILLIAMS AND KOLBE HERRON.COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO PERFORM ALL ACTS AND DUTIES REGARDING A DRA GRANT FOR THE FY26 FEDERAL AWARD CYCLE. SO GREATER EGYPT IS LOOKING TO ASSIST US WITH GETTING A GRANT AND SO WE HAVE TO AUTHORIZE THEM TO DO THAT ON OUR BEHALF. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. RRENROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MAYOR TO PERFORM NECESSARY ACTS AND DUTIES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY REGARDING A DRA GRANT FOR THE FY26 FEDERAL AWARD CYCLE. THE MAYOR STATED THAT GIVES US AUTHORITY TO SIGN WHATEVER PAPERS NECESSARY TO GET THOSE GRANTS, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO. DO WE HAVE A MOTION FOR THAT? 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 OF A PROPOSED WAGE RE-OPENER REGARDING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL PATROLMAN'S CONTRACT TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2027. THE MAYOR STATED THEIR CONTRACT ACTUALLY ISN'T UP AND SO OTHER CONTRACTS ARE. IN LIEU OF REOPENING THE CONTRACT, WE'RE JUST DOING A WAGE RE-OPENER FOR THEM. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW WAGE RE-OPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ILLINOIS FOP LABOR COUNCIL CAPTAINS TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2027. THE MAYOR STATED SAME THING THERE, JUST FOR THE CAPTAINS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LABOR'S LOCAL 773, WHICH IS OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2029. THE MAYOR STATED DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT CONTRACT? COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A $1,200.00 DONATION FOR MOVIE NIGHTS IN STRAND PARK TO BE HELD IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER FROM THE GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED LEIGH, ACTUALLY, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, YOU WANT TO COME UP HERE AND KIND OF SPEAK TO THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT THAT AND WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO THERE? LEIGH CALDWELL STATED I WANT TO HOLD TWO FREE COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS AT STRAND PARK. ACTUALLY, IF I CAN GET THIS DONATION, THEN I WILL MAKE A REQUEST TO CLOSE THE ROAD NEXT TO STRAND PARK. WE WOULD PUT A SCREEN THERE, HAVE PEOPLE BRING CHAIRS. I HAVE FOUND A SCREEN TO BORROW, PROJECTOR TO BORROW, EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED, EXCEPT WE NEED MONEY TO LICENSE THE MOVIES.

YOU CAN'T JUST SHOW A MOVIE IN PUBLIC. YOU HAVE TO PAY A COMPANY TO LICENSE THAT. IT COSTS ABOUT $350.00 PER MOVIE, AND THEN MONEY FOR EVENT INSURANCE FOR THOSE. MY PLAN WOULD BE THEN TO SELL CONCESSIONS AT THOSE TWO EVENTS THAT WOULD HOPEFULLY FUND ONES TO START UP AGAIN IN THE SPRING SO WE COULD CONTINUE TO DO IT WITHOUT HAVING TO COME BACK AND ASK FOR MORE MONEY. SO THAT'S MY HOPE, THAT YOU ALL COULD FUND THAT THROUGH GAMING FUNDS THAT ARE SET ASIDE FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES. OF COURSE, IT WOULD BE A FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE. THE FIRST ONE, THE PLAN IS TO SHOW LITTLE GIANTS, WHICH IS A FOOTBALL-THEMED MOVIE. OUR FOOTBALL TEAM HAS SAID THEY WILL BE THERE TO VOLUNTEER. THAT'S RIGHT THERE WHERE OUR ROCK SNAKE IS, THE REDBIRD RATTLER, AND SO WE'LL HAVE A TENT WHERE KIDS OR FAMILIES CAN PAINT ROCKS FOR FREE TO ADD TO THE ROCK SNAKE AS WELL. SO THAT'S THE PLAN FOR THE FIRST ONE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING USE OF THE GREEN SPACE NEAR 300 E. MAIN FOR THE HOMELESS COALITION TO HOST FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS IN THE PARKING LOT. MS. CALDWELL STATED I'M MAKING THE NEXT REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE WEST FRANKFORT COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE TASK FORCE FOR THAT. WE WOULD LIKE PERMISSION TO HAVE ONE FOOD TRUCK AT A TIME ON FRIDAYS PARK IN THE PUBLIC PARKING BEHIND THE GREEN SPACE THERE NEXT TO COLEMAN ROADS. AND THEY WOULD DONATE PART OF THEIR SALES FROM THAT DAY TO THE COALITION. SO THAT'S THE REQUEST THAT WE'RE MAKING. I HAD SPOKEN WITH THE MAYOR ABOUT IT. WE'VE HAD SOME BACK AND FORTH ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THAT'S AN EVENT THAT REQUIRES EVENT INSURANCE. I DON'T THINK IT IS FROM THE RESEARCH THAT I HAVE DONE BECAUSE IT'S A FOOD TRUCK THAT'S ALREADY PERMITTED BY THE CITY AND IS CONDUCTING THEIR REGULAR BUSINESS THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE INSURANCE FOR. BUT THAT'S ALSO A CITY ATTORNEY KIND OF QUESTION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT INSTEAD OF THAT LOCATION, USING THE LOCATION NEXT TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS WHERE THE CITY OWNS THAT LOT. MS. CALDWELL STATED THAT WOULD BE FINE TOO. COMMISSONER HOWARD STATED THE REASON FOR THAT SUGGESTION WAS THE OTHER LOCATION, IF THERE'S PEOPLE IN THE LOT AND STUFF, WE'VE GOT CITY WORKERS COMING AND GOING WITH CITY TRUCKS AND STUFF. MS. CALDWELL STATED THE MAIN IDEA HERE IS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO USE A MAIN STREET LOCATION,

WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE FOOD TRUCKS TO GET. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THEN I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE IT USING THAT OTHER LOCATION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PURCHASE STRING LIGHTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,249.50 FROM THE TOURISM FUND. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM GREATER EGYPT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,964.25 REGARDING APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE COMMISSIONS JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CADY AQUASTORE INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,777.02 FOR MAINTENANCE TO THE HEIGHTS TOWER FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT WATER DEPARTMENT.COMMISSIONER STATED THEY HAD A LEAK UP THERE AND THEY FIXED IT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM NOVACOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,100.00 FOR A LENOVO THINKCENTRE M70T AND MIGRATION TOOL FOR DEPUTY CHIEF AT THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

25. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SICJTP-MTU15 IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000.00 FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR FY26 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

26. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DIVISION REGARDING ANNUAL NPDES FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF $17,500.00 FOR THE SERVICE PERIOD OF 7-1-26 TO 6-30-27 FOR THE SEWER 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

27. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $24,012.82 FOR GEMT PAYMENTS FROM 1-1-26 TO 3-31-26 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, THIS IS THE HALF THAT WE PAY BACK AFTER WE'VE RECEIVED THAT MONEY FROM THEM. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 INVOICE NUMBER 12 FROM LOCHMUELLER GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $142,783.30 FOR PHASE 2 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SECTION 18-0061-00-ES, THE I-57 ILLINOIS 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION. SINCE YOU'RE HERE, MATT, YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, SINCE THAT'S A PRETTY BIG CHUNK OF MONEY. MATT TOSH WITH BROWN & ROBERTS STATED, THIS IS A PROGRESS PAYMENT FOR THAT MONTH, SO THIS IS A MONTH'S WORTH OF WORK. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT THE CITY PAYS AND THEN REQUESTS AN 80% REIMBURSEMENT FROM IDOT. THERE'S A 20% SHARE THAT IS ACTUALLY THE CITY'S, AND 80% IS AN IDOT GRANT OR FUNDING FROM THEM. THE MAYOR STATED SO ULTIMATELY, THE VARIANT OF IT IS $28,000.00. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED CAN WE PAY OUR 20% OUT OF THE TIF? MR. TOSH STATED I THINK IT WAS SUPPOSED TO USE THE RBI FUNDS, AND THEN THE TIF USED THE RBI FUNDS FIRST, AND THEN ONCE THOSE ARE DEPLETED, USED TIF FUNDS. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 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.

30. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ THE MAYOR STATED OUR CODES OFFICER IS NOT HERE TONIGHT BUT HE DOES HAVE ONE PERMIT. THE FIRST ONE IS FOR DEON MITCHELL AT 406 W. 8TH FOR ROOF MOUNT SOLAR. CONTRACTOR IS CORVUS PRO SOLAR. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

31. **OFFICER'S REPORT** ~

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

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026. DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIS REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 689 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 13 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 4 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 32 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 5 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 13 ALARMS, 2 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 8 BURGLARIES, 5 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 12 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 39 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 52 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 42 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 192 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 54 CITIATIONS, 133 WARNINGS, AND 14 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 93 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 4 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 121 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 852 CALLS.
OF THOSE,554 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 187 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 689 WERE FOR POLICE. FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, WE COLLECTED $3,668.15 IN FINES AND FEES.

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

STREET DEPARMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026: STREET SUPERINTENDENT STATED THE STREET DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED NORMAL OPERATIONS AND HAS BEEN WORKING ON VARIOUS JOBS THE PAST MONTH INCLUDING: MAINTAINING OUR REGULAR BUSH HOGGING AND SIDE MOWING ROUTES,MOWING AND WEED EATING DELINQUENT BOULEVARDS AND PROPERTIES, WEED EATING DITCHES, POLES, SIGNS, TRIMMING AREAS BLOCKING VIEW

OF TRAFFIC, SPRAYING WEEDS, PATCHING POTHOLES THROUGHOUT TOWN, CLEANING DRAINS, MOWED THE BIG DITCH WITH BOOM ARM THROUGHOUT TOWN, RAN STREET SWEEPER, WORDKED ON DRAINAGE ISSUES, DUG OUT, FORMED AND POURED 250FT OF SIDEWALK AND DRESSED UP, HAD SEVERAL TREES GO DOWN DUE TO STORMS, CUT UP AND HAULED AWAY TO OPEN ROAD WAYS, USUAL MAINTENANCE ON EQUIPMENT.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026: WATER SUPERINTENDENT STATED ITS GOING TO BE A PARIAL, I DON'T HAVE EVERYTHING THAT WAS COLLECTED FOR THIS MONTH. THE OFFICE MANAGER IS ON VACATION, AND I WILL HAVE THAT AS SOON AS I GET IT., WE HAD 3 REPAIRS FOR THE MONTH, FINALLY SLOWED DOWN, THE BOARING CREWS ARE OUT SO THAT GAVE US ALITTLE BIT OF HELP. 3 NEW TAPS, 136 JULIE LOCATES, 5 EMERGENCY JULIES, 150 SAMPLES – 8 BOIL ORDER SAMPLES, 60 CHORLINE, 72 NAP SAMPLES, AND 10 BACTERIA SAMPLES, 378 CUSTOMER REQUESTS. WE PURCHASED 21,911,046 GALLONS FROM REND LAKE. WE BILLED ORIENT FOR 752,100 OF THOSE, PLUMFIELD FOR 945,600, SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR 27,100.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OH JUNE 2026: THE SEWER SUPERINTENDENT STATED WE COMPLETED 2 EMERGENCY REPAIRS DUE TO A COLLAPSED SEWER LINES. AS PART OF THESE REPAIRS, 2 NEW CLEANOUTS AND 1 NEW MANHOLE WERE INSTALLED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCESS POINTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE COLLECTION SYSTEM. THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM EFFICIENTLY AND HELP ENSURE RELIABLE 24/7 SEWER SERVICE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS WITH OUT INTERRUPTIONS. 136 JULIE LOCATES, 5 EMERGENCY JULIES. PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO 4 SEWER SERVICE CALLS, NONE OF WHICH WERE CAUSED BY BLOCKAGES IN THE CITY'S SEWER MAIN. THE DEPARTMENT HANDLED 2 CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS, AND NO ISSUES WERE FOUND ON THE CITY SIDE. PERFORMED SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE THROUGHOUT THE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND REMAIN COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE COMMUNITY WITH SAFE, RELIABLE, AND DEPENDABLE SEWER SERVICE IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

32. **MAYORS REPORT~**

THE MAYOR STATED FOR THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO FIND US I POSTED ON FACEBOOK FROM THE MAYORS PAGE THAT WE WILL BE ON YOUTUBE INSTEAD OF FACEBOOK TONIGHT. USUALLY WE DO BOTH, BUT WE HAVE HAD SOME ISSUES WITH FACEBOOK. WE HAVE HAD SOME SECURITY CONCERNS WITH FACEBOOK. IT MAY BE THE ON-GOING THING WE DO IS TO HAVE IT STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AND HAVE IT LINKED THROUGH THE FACEBOOK PAGE. I AM SORRY FOR THE INNCONVIENCE FOR THOSE WHO ARE NORMALLY LOOKING FOR IT ON FACEBOOK.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I AM VERY PROUD TO GET THE EXTRA FIREMAN WE NEED, AND PROUD TO GET THE PAID-ON CALLS, REGULAR FIREMEN, GOD BLESS YOU ALL. IM GLAD TO HAVE YOU. POLICE DEPARTMENT DOING FINE, DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF WILLIS STATED WE DID BEGIN TAKING APPLICATIONS OURSLEF, SO WE CAN CREATE AN ESTABLISHED LIST. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, YOU CAN PICK THOSE UP AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY AUGUST 7,2026 AT 4:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE. WE GOT A LETTER FROM IMRF SAYING THAT OUR RATE THAT THE CITY HAS TO MATCH FOR ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES THAT ARE UNDER IMRF IS GOING TO BE 10.17% THE GOOD NEWS IS IT IS CURRENTLY 11.79% SO IT IS GOING DOWN. OUR LIBRARY PROVIDED US THIS INFORMATION, THAT WE HAVE TO GIVE A PERCENT OF OUR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX TO THE LIBRARY. THERE IS RULES FOR THAT AND STATE GUIDE LINES FOR THAT. WE FIGURED IT OUT THAT IT IS ALITTLE OVER 11 PERCENT OF WHAT WE GET ON PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WE WILL HAVE TO TURN RIGHT OVER TO THE LIBRARY. THEY DO NOT GET ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DIRECTLY, THEY THEIRS THROUGH US. THERE IS A FORMULA FOR CALCULATING, AND ALL OF THAT.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED ALL MY DEPARTMENTS HAVE SAID WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING. THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB STAYING PRETTY BUSY.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED NOTHING TO REPORT FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THINGS TO BE DONE AT THE LAKE.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I FORGOT TO MENTION ONE THING. SOMETIME AGO WE BOUGHT SOME EQUIPMENT, BECAUSE MOTOR FUEL TAX WOULD LET US PAY RENT TO THE CITY FOR THE EQUIPMENT FOR REUSE ON MOTOR FUEL TAX. WE JUST GOT ABOUT $75,756.00 THE CITY WAS ABLE TO MOVE THAT FROM MOTOR FUEL TAX INTO THE GENERAL FUND. AND THE GENERAL FUND IS PAYING THE LOAN AT THE BANK BUT IS MUCH LESS THAN THAT. ITS ABOUT $30,000.00 A YEAR IN PAYMENTS WE MAKE ON THAT.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: MR. OWNES STATED I HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

DANNY LOEH STATED IM VICE CURATOR OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL GROUPS THAT HAD COME IN WHEN THEY WALK THROUGH THE DOOR THEIR EYE BALLS GET BIG. THEY ARE AMAZED WITH HOW MUCH HISTORY WE HAVE HERE. I HAD A GENTLEMAN CONTACT ME; HE IS BRINGING ARTICLES FROM THE CIVIL WAR. IVE HAD SEVERAL FAMILIES BRINGING THINGS IN. I WANTED TO THANK LEIGH FOR OUR RED, WHITE AND BLUE SHOW THAT HAD GOT CANCELED BECAUSE OF MOTHER NAUTRE. SHE IS GOING TO RESCHEDULE THAT. IM WORKING WITH VETERANS, SUPPORTING THEM, LIKE I SUPPORT THE MILITARY MUSEUM. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED DO YOU STILL HAVE WALKING CANES FOR VETERANS? MR. LOEH STATED YES, I STILL HAVE SEVERAL PAIRS, THAT ARE BRAND NEW FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD NEED ONE.

33. 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). PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE, LITIGATION. AT 6:53 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.

34. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:02 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.

35. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:02 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK