WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

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 STATED THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. WE ACTUALLY DO NEED TO AMEND IT. WE ARE REMOVING ITEM NUMBER FOURTEEN. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THAT WAS INADVERTENTLY ON THE AGENDA THAT'S AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION WHICH IS FOLLOW UP TO PREVIOUS ACTION THE COUNCIL HAS TAKEN REGARDING THE EWING CREEK SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ON THE NORTH EAST SIDE OF TOWN. THAT WAS A PLANNED VOTE ON AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT. THERE'S ACTUALLY BEEN A PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWS PAPER THAT SAYS THAT VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LATE AUGUST MEETING. WE WILL DO IT AUGUST 26TH AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. THEN WE ALSO NEED TO ADD AN ITEM FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BARBARA TERRY FOR A SIX-MONTH AGREEMENT AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. AND THEN ON ITEM FIFTEEN ON THE AGENDA, THE DATE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED AS FROM 7-14-2025 TO 7-27-2025. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED I WILL MAKE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, 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 JULY 22, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL 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.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR DEMOLITION AT 302 WEST 6TH STREET. WE DO HAVE ONE BID FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE FOR $6,500.00. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THAT BID? 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 APPROVAL TO OPEN BIDS AND POTENTIALLY APPROVE ORDINANCES SELLING REAL ESTATE AT 406 NORTH

BRYAN, WHICH WOULD BE THREE LOTS, 301 EAST 4TH, 303 EAST 4TH, AND 306 EAST 4TH. THE MAYOR STATED THESE WERE PROPERTIES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED SURPLUS, THESE ARE THE BIDS NOW THAT WE ARE OPENING.

406 NORTH BRYAN: IT'S THREE LOTS, IT NEEDED A $1,500.00 MINIMUM. BID #1- DEPOSIT OF $250.00 IN CASH FROM CARLOS MENDEZ, THE BID IS $2,500.00 AND HE INTENDS TO BUILD A HOME ON THE PROPERTY.
406 NORTH BRYAN: BID #2- DEPOSIT OF $160.00 IN CASH FROM CHAD TURLEY, THE BID IS $1,600.00.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY BIDS FOR 301 EAST 4TH, 303 EAST 4TH, OR 306 EAST 4TH, BUT WE DO HAVE TWO BIDS FOR 406 NORTH BRYAN, A BID OF $2,500.00 FROM CARLOS MENDEZ, AND A BID OF $1,600.00 FROM CHAD TURLEY. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIGH BID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 717 NORTH HORN, 715 NORTH HORN, 1907 EAST GARLAND, 305 EAST ST. LOUIS, AND 905 WEST ST. LOUIS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. BIDS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED ITEMS 6, 7, AND 8 ALL HAVE TO DO WITH THE OPIOD CLASS ACTION MULTI DISTRICT LITIGATION. WE HAVE RECEIVED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR ATTORNEYS. I'LL READ THE MOTIONS AS I'D LIKE THEM TO BE IN THE MINUTES AND GO FROM THERE. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IF OUR MINUTES, ARE EVER REQUESTED WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT WE PROPERLY APPROVED THESE. IN THE PAST, THERE WERE SOME OF THE DEFENDANTS THAT HAD THEIR ATTORNEYS SEND US FOIA REQUESTS BECAUSE THEY WERE CHALLENGING WHETHER OR NOT, WE PROPERLY JOINED THE CASE. THE FIRST ONE IS TO THE PURDUE PLAN, WHICH IS A PURDUE BANKRUPTCY PLAN AND PART OF THE BANKRUPTCY PLANS.

IT'S THE BANKRUPTCY COURTS THAT THEY PAY A VERY LARGE SETTLEMENT. WE WILL GET OUR SMALL SHARE. I WOULD SUGGEST A MOTION TO VOTE YES TO APPROVE THE PURDUE PLAN. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURDUE PLAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF THE OPIOID LITIGATION UPDATE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THIS ONE COULD BE CONSIDERED 6 OR 7, BUT THIS ONE WOULD REQUIRE A MOTION TO SIGN THE SACKLER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. THE SACKLER FAMILY ARE THE OWNERS OF PURDUE PHARMA, AND INITIALLY THERE WAS A DISPUTE OVER THE SETTLEMENT. THEY AGREED TO PITCH IN SOME OF THEIR PERSONAL FUNDS. THAT'S WHY THERE'S A SEPARATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THERE. I WOULD ASK FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE SACKLER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE SACKLER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF SANDOZ OPIOID LITIGATION UPDATE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED SANDOZ WAS A SEPARATE DEFENDANT IN THIS LAWSUIT. WE ACTUALLY VOTED TO APPROVE THIS LAST MONTH, OUR ATTORNEY SENT US AN EMAIL SAYING WE HAVEN'T SUBMITTED THE FORM CONFIRMING THAT WE'VE JOINED THE SETTLEMENT, I DON'T THINK IT HURTS TO HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SANDOZ OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SANDOZ OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404 EAST 5TH. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 AN APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR, IT SAYS LIQUOR LICENSE, BUT I'M GOING TO CHANGE THAT TO LIQUOR AND GAMING LICENSE FOR RAUBACH VIDEO. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

    THE MAYOR STATED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD, THEY DID COME TO A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING WITH THEIR BUSINESS PLAN. IT WAS VOTED ON THERE, THEY RECOMMENDED THAT WE APPROVE THAT.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR AND GAMING LICENSE FOR AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN. THE MAYOR STATED THESE WILL BOTH RAUBACH AND AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN WILL BE TYPE C LICENSES. THEY'RE GOING TO PUT GAMING IN THE LOBBY AREA. THEY DID TELL ME THAT BECAUSE, TO ME, IT'S KIND OF A GRAY AREA. IT COULD FALL INTO A RESTAURANT, YOU KNOW, IN A SENSE, IF THEY DID HAVE FOOD, OR IT COULD BE JUST A FULL-ON BAR IF THAT'S WHAT THEY CHOSE TO DO. BUT THEY SAID THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO EITHER OF THOSE THINGS. I DO FEEL, AND AS LIQUOR COMMISSIONER, IT FALLS ON ME TO DO IT, BUT I DO FEEL THAT WE DO WANT TO MONITOR THAT. IF WE DO APPROVE THIS TONIGHT, TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT DOES FALL IN THE RIGHT LICENSE. BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A CLASS A LICENSE AVAILABLE. AND IF THEY WERE A FULL-ON BAR, THAT'S WHAT THEY WOULD ACTUALLY BE APPLYING FOR. THEY'RE SAYING IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE THE DIAMOND LOUNGE, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE WITHIN THE MOTEL LOBBY THERE. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVED EXCEPT FOR MAYOR ARVIEW AND COMMISSIONER WARREN VOTED NO. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES REMAIN CLOSED BECAUSE THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY STILL EXISTS. THE MAYOR STATED WE DO HAVE SOME MINUTES THAT WILL NEED TO REMAIN CLOSED. I'LL READ THE DATES OFF OF THE ONES THAT WILL REMAIN CLOSED. 6-8-21, 6-24-21, 5-10-22, 5-24-22, 6-28-22, 10-25-22, 12-13-22, 8-22-23, 9-26-23, 11-22-23, 12-12-23, 1-23-24. BASICALLY EVERYTHING 1-23-24 FORWARD WOULD REMAIN CLOSED AS WELL. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. I'LL READ A LETTER WE RECEIVED FROM MR. DONKIN REGARDING THIS. IT SAYS, FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT AND FRANKFORT COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 168 HAVE ENTERED INTO A SUCCESSFUL ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH THE CITY PROVIDED A SWORN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WHO IS PART OF THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR A FEE THE DISTRICT PAYS FOR A ROOKIE OFFICER. NOW THAT THE FEDERAL TITLE IV FUNDS THAT WE ARE UTILIZING THIS YEAR TO FUND THIS POSITION HAVE BEEN RELEASED, WE ARE REQUESTING A RENEWAL OF OUR AGREEMENT. WITH THE START OF THE SCHOOL COMING ON AUGUST 11TH AND OUR NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 18TH, THE BOARD WOULD BE IN POSITION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP FACILITATE THIS AGREEMENT. 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 OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BARBARA TERRY FOR A SIX-MONTH AGREEMENT AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. MISS TERRY IS BASICALLY AN OUTLET STORE. SHE BUYS ITEMS THAT MAYBE DIDN'T SELL IN RETAIL STORES, AND THEN SHE'S SELLING THEM AT A DISCOUNT. SHE'S WANTING TO LEASE SPACE AT THE MALL TO DO THAT. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THIS LADY IS ASKING TO LEASE A SUITE AT THE OUTLET MALL. SHE WANTS A SIX-MONTH LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW IT FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. THAT'S ALL SHE'S ASKED FOR. IN THEORY, IT WOULD END IN SIX MONTHS UNLESS SHE CHANGES HER MIND AND WANTS TO STAY LONGER. IF THE COUNCIL HAS ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME ABOUT IT, I WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER. SHE ALSO WANTS TO PAY SIX MONTHS UPFRONT. AND IF SHE RENEWS HER SIX-MONTH TERM, SHE'LL PAY THE SECOND SIX MONTHS UPFRONT, IT GOES UP $100 A MONTH FOR THAT SECOND SIX MONTHS. 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 PAY INVOICES FROM EXECUTIVE OUTSOURCING IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,161.12 FOR THE CITY OF

WEST FRANKFORT AUDIT PREP FROM 7-14-25 TO 7-27-25. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000.00 FOR CLEAN UP OF PROPERTY AT THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT NEW LAKE THAT WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE REIMBURSED TO THE CITY BY THE OWNER'S INSURANCE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CIVIC PLUS LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,924.77 FOR SOCIAL MEDIA, ARCHIVING 7/12/25 TO 7/11/26 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR FOIA PURPOSES, THEY ARCHIVE OUR EMAILS, FACEBOOK MESSAGES, THAT SORT OF THING. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DEATON'S CARPET AND OFFICE CLEANING IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,200.00 FOR REFINISHING WAX FLOORS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THIS WAS SOME DAMAGE THAT WE HAD FROM WHEN THE SPRINKLERS WENT OFF ONE NIGHT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BAILEY'S HEATING AND COOLING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 FOR INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING 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.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BAILEY'S HEATING AND COOLING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,400.00 TO REPLACE AC UNIT IN SUITE 25 AT THE WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS

INCUBATOR. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DRUG TASK FORCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,000.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION 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.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SIMPLE SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,750.00 TO REPLACE MURALS AT THE STRAND PARK WITH MONEY FROM THE TOURISM FUND. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE'RE GOING TO FIX THOSE MURALS THAT ARE ON THE WALL THERE AND MAKE IT NICE BEFORE THE NEXT HOLIDAY AND THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES, I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE PAY THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 FOR INVOICE NUMBER TWO FOR THE BIG MUDDY WATERSHED NARP 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.

25. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM IMCO UTILITY SUPPLY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,236.00 FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW HYDRANT ON SHAWNEE DRIVE FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

26. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM XYLEM IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,591.90 FOR INSTALLATION OF STICK FLOAT FOR CLEVELAND STREET LIFT STATION 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 SKUTA CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,500.00 FOR THE MAINTENANCE ON A MANHOLE AT CLEVELAND STREET NEAR PARK FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED IT WASN'T JUST FOR CLEVELAND STREET; IT WAS FOR THREE OR FOUR ADDRESSES. COMMISSIONER STANLEY 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 AN INVOICE #1 FROM LOCHMUELLER GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF $38,641.99 FOR PHASE II ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SECTION 18-00061-00-ES, 157-IL 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR THE PROJECT WE HAVE GOING OVER THERE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

29. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT – SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION 2022 PHASE I FUNDING FROM THE IEPA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM WITH 45% PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS GRANT. MATT TOSH WITH BROWN & ROBERTS STATED THIS IS A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR ABOUT EIGHT BLOCKS OF SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION WHICH WOULD BE REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY SEWER LINES, BASICALLY IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN ELM ST. AND CLARK ST. FROM LINCOLN ST. TO MULBERRY ST. THERE IS SIX BLOCKS THERE AND IN THAT SAME ALLEY WAY BETWEEN MCCLELLAND ST. AND LOCUST ST. AND ANOTHER BLOCK LOCATED ON EMMA ST. FROM THE ALLEY SOUTH OF 4TH ST.TO THE ALLEY NORTH OF 4TH ST. THE FUNDING IS SECURED IN THE AMOUNT OF ALMOST 1.55 MILLION WITH 45% OF THAT GRANT FUNDS. THE TIMING OF THIS IS, THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE PROGRESS MEETING SOME TIME LINES, DESIGN THE PROJECT, PLANNING APPROVAL, ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEBT OF THAT. THOSE THINGS NEED TO BE DONE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. JANUARY 1ST EPA WILL BE CHECKING ON PROJECT STATUS IF THEY ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD, THEY DO WHAT IS CALLED BYPASS THOSE FUNDS TO SOMEONE ELSE. YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT; AT SOME POINT THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER YOU PURSUE THESE FUNDS OR LET THEM GO TO SOMEONE ELSE. COMMISSIONER

STANLEY STATED ARE WE GOING TO TAKE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT, TO SEE WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WITH IT? THE MAYOR STATED WE CAN DO THAT. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

30. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A SURVEY FOR LAKE LEASE LOT #23B FOR MIKE & KIM SAMPLES. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

31. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO TRANSFER LAKE LOT LEASE #23B FROM MIKE & KIM SAMPLES TO JAMES A. AND JANET SCHENK JR. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

32. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS.

    COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

33. **BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS** ~ CODES OFFICER WAS NOT PRESENT.

    THE MAYOR STATED THE FIRST PERMIT WAS FOR JON FINCHER AT 602 N. ILLINOIS AVE. FOR A SOLAR PERMIT FOR GROUND MOUNT SOLAR. CONTACTOR IS ADVANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

    THE NEXT PERMIT WAS FOR JON FINCHER AT 602 N. ILLINOIS AVE. FOR A FENCE PERMIT TO CONTAIN THE SOLAR PANELS. CONTACTOR IS SHAWN MILLS. 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. **OFFICER'S REPORT** ~

FIRE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025. CAPTAIN HORRELL REPORTED THAT THEY HAD 202-AMBULANCE CALLS, 3-RUBBISH/ILLEGAL FIRES, 1-BRUSH/FIELD FIRES, 5 -FIRE ALARMS, 2-VEHICLE FIRES, 3 - FIRE EMERGENCIES; (GAS LEAKS, POWER LINES DOWN, ETC.), 3- STRUCTURE FIRES, 4-MUTUAL AID FIRE RESPONSES, 12-AMBULANCE CALLS TURNED OVER TO MUTUAL AID. FOR A TOTAL OF 235 CALLS DURING THE MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 30,000 GALLONS OF WATER. THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTED $76,748.70 FOR JULY AMBULANCE CALLS.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025. DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIS REPORTED OFFICERS ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 667 CALLS FOR SERVICE. OF THOSE CALLS 9 WERE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 4 WITH INJURIES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 33 DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 3 FIGHTS IN PROGRESS, 21 ALARMS, 5 INTOXICATED PERSONS, 31 BURGLARIES, 11 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 10 COMPLAINTS OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS, 23 REPORTED THEFTS, AND 25 COMPLAINTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBANCES. AND OFFICERS MADE 13 STREET CONTACTS. OFFICERS CONDUCTED 205 TRAFFIC STOPS, WHERE THEY ISSUED 43 CITIATIONS, 155 WARNINGS, AND 10 LW-27'S. THERE WERE 55 ADULT ARRESTS MADE AND 3 JUVENILE ARREST, RESULTING IN 82 CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

DISPATCHERS ANSWERED 1,671 CALLS.
OF THOSE, 642 WERE 9-1-1 CALLS, 135 WERE WALK IN REQUESTS. 667 WERE FOR POLICE, 225 WERE FOR WEST FRANKFORT FIRE, 2 WERE FOR ABBOTT EMS, AND 0 FOR UNITED AMBULANCE. FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WE COLLECTED $3,282.77 IN FINES AND FEES.

CODE REPORT- DO NOT HAVE ONE DUE TO CHANGE OF SOFTWARE.

WATER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025: 5 SERVICE LINE REPAIRS, INSTALLED 6 NEW SERVICE LINES, CONDUCTED 111 JULIES, 3 WERE EMERGENCIES, COLLECTED 104 SAMPLES, 59 METER MAINTENANCE- ETR/MIU/SYNC ISSUES, 357 CUSTOMER REQUESTS, 23,468,636 GALLONS PURCHASED FROM RENDLAKE, COLLECTED $245,089.20 WATER, SEWER, SANITATION, MISCELLANIOUS ITEMS.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025: FINISHED UP THE 2025 ROAD PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR, SIDEWALKS, TREE TRIMMING, A LOT OF MOWING, WORKED ON THE CROSS WALKS

FOR THE SCHOOLS, SPRAYING, ALLEYS, USUAL MAINTENANCE, AND EVERY DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025: 102 JULIES, 1 EMERGINCY JULIE, 5 CALLOUTS, REGULAR LAB TESTING, NARP TESTING TWICE A MONTH, SENT RESULTS FOR THE EPA TESTING.

35. **MAYORS REPORT~**

THE MAYOR STATED I HAVE SPOKEN WITH A COUPLE REALTOR WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF THE LISTINGS FOR SOME OF THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN TOWN. THEY LET US KNOW THEY DO HAVE SOME PEOPLE LOOKING, NOTHING THAT IS DEFINATE YET. IT IS PROMISING, AND I AM ENCOURAGED BY THAT.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED YOU HEARD THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS REPORTS, THEY DO STAY BUSY FOR OUR LITTLE TOWN. OTHER THAN A1 BEING DOWN EVERYTHING IS GOING OKAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED WE ARE STILL WORKING ON GETTING THESE BOOKS IN ORDER. WE ARE HAVING SOME SOFTWARE ISSUES. WE ARE GETTING CLOSE TO HAVING 2023 DONE, THEN WE HAVE TO DO 2024. I AM OPTIMISTIC WE CAN GET 2023 DONE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED YOU HEARD FROM ALL OF MY GUYS; THEY ARE KEEPING BUSY IN THIS HEAT. THEY ARE DOING A FINE JOB.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE HAVE A LITTLE INTEREST IN SOME ACTIVITY TO BE DONE AT THE LAKE WITH ANOTHER PERSON. THAT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO DISCUSS.

THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED HE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR REMINDED THE AUDIENCE OF OUR ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. YOU ARE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES, WE DO NOT WANT A BACK AND FORTH, WE ASK

THAT YOU BE RESPECTFUL, AND NOT USE ANY VULGAR LANGUAGE. COME TO THE PODIUM, GIVE US YOUR NAME, AND SAY WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY.

TINA ROSE STATED I AM SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO THE RESIDENCES THAT ARE PRESENT, AND THE ONES THAT ARE WATCHING AT HOME. WE ALREADY KNOW THE COUNCIL WILL NOT ANSWER ANY OF MY QUESTIONS, BUT THE PEOPLE OF WEST FRANKFORT DESERVES TO HEAR THEM AND THEY DESERVE THE TRUTH. FIRST WHY IS THE CITY WILLING TO SPEND YOUR TAX DOLLARS DEFENDING UNSAFE DANGEROUS STRUCTURES? THESE ARE BUILDINGS THAT PUT LIVES AT RISK. INSTEAD OF MAKING THE OWNERS BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE, THE CITY FIGHTS THE RESIDENCE WHO ARE CALLING OUT THE HAZARDS. MEANWHILE THE COUNCIL HAS APPLIED FOR TIF FUNDS AND IS SELECTIVELY OFFERING HELP TO SPECIFIC RESIDENCES. WHO DECIDES WHICH RESIDENCE IS WORTH HELPING AND WHICH ONES GETS IGNORED. CHIEF SAILLIEZ AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN YOU TELL THE RESIDENCES WHY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REFUSED TO ADDRESS THE FIRE EASEMENT DANGERS OF MY PROPERTY? I HAVE ASKED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW MY PROPERTY, AND FOIA HAS TOLD ME THAT YOU DON'T CARE IF THERE IS A FIRE HAZARD SITTING IN TOWN. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BLACK BALLED FROM APPLYING FOR GRANTS, AND HOW NO AUDITS HAVE IMPACTED YOUR NEED WHEN YOU CAME TO REPLACE THAT FIRE TRUCK? WHY IS THE CODES OFFICER TOWING CARS OFF OF PRIVATE PROPERTY EVEN WHEN THE OWNERS HAVE THEM LEGALLY PARKED? HE REFUSES TO TOW THE ABANDONED CAR SITTING AT 1109 E. LINDELL ST. IF THE RULES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE APPLIED TO EVERYONE, WHY ARENT THEY APPLIED TO EVERYONE. WHY IS HE STILL EMPLOYEED AFTER THE NUMBER OF THREATS HE HAS MADE AGAINST RESIDENCES. HE IS UNQUALIFIED AND HAS ZERO CERTIFICATIONS. DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIS HOW LONG WILL YOU TURN A BLIND EYE TO WHAT IS GOING ON INFRONT OF EVERYONE. CAN YOU ANSWER TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT HOW NO AUDITS BEING DONE PREVENTS YOUR DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS GRANT FUNDS. WHY DID THE MAYOR PRESENT A BUDGET TO YOU WITH THIS COUNCIL WHEN HE KNEW WAS FAKE. HE SAT HERE SMILING WHEN HE SAID GRANTS WOULD COVER THE EXPENSES FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS WHEN HE KNEW THE GRANTS WERE NOT COMING. LET'S GO BACK TO MAY 2023 WHEN THE MAYOR WAS SWORN IN, IT WAS

ANNOUNCED THAT 8.5 MILLION WAS MISSING FROM THE GENERAL FUND. AT THAT TIME THE MAYOR PROMISED AN AUDIT THAT WOULD BE READY IN TWO WEEKS. WE ARE TWO AND A HALF YEARS DOWN THE ROAD AND THERE IS NO AUDIT. THIS TELLS PEOPLE EITHER THE ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION IS UNABLE TO DO THE JOB OR UNWILLING TO. WHILE TH AUDIT REMAINS UNDONE, MONEY IS MISSING HAZARDS ARE LEFT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND WHAT WE SEE IS THE CITY PROTECTING DANGERS AND SLUM LORDS THAN PROTECTING PEOPLE.

DANNY LOEH STATED I WANT TO THANK THE POLICE CHIEF; WE HAD SOME BIG GROUPS COME INTO TOWN TO SEE THE MILITARY MUSEUM. THEY WERE AMAZED AT WHAT WE HAD IN THAT MUSEUM, SEVERAL OF THEM CAME BACK TO SEE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE MUSEUM.

JEB 3188 ON YOUTUBE (HE WOULD NOT STATE HIS NAME) STATED IM BACK AGAIN, ON MAY 9TH I WAS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT PARK. I WAS TAKING PICTURES AND VIDEO, I WAS TRESPASSED AND BANNED FROM THERE. I ALSO VOTE OUT AT THE PARK; I WAS NOT ABLE TO VOTE. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRESPASSED ME. I TALKED TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE TOLD HIM I WANTED TO GO BACK THERE AND LEFT ALONE. I TALKED TO THE MAYOR TO TRY TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION. THE EMPLOYEES OUT THERE HAD BEEN HARASSING ME; THE PARK BOARD PRESIDENTS SONS HAD BEEN HARASSING ME. THEY WENT AROUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WENT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEY TOOK ME TO COURT FOR STALKING FOR TWO OCCASIONS I WAS OUT THERE. I WAS ONE HUNDRED YARDS AWAY FILMING FROM ACROSS THE POND. THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAVE SEEN THE VIDEOS; I WAS NEVER CLOSE TO ANY SUBJECT. I DID NOT EVER WANT TO FILE A LAW SUIT, BUT TAKING ME TO COURT FOR NO STALKING IS ABSURD. ITS GOING TO BE THE CITIZENS OF THIS TOWN THAT IS GOING TO END UP PAYING FOR THIS, IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY OF THESE GUYS. THEY DON'T CARE. THEY JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A RIGHT TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE PARK. IF YOU HAVE EVER TOOK PICTURES OF YOUR KIDS OUT THERE, IT WOULD BE THE SAME THING. I TRIED TO HAVE THEM DO SOMETHING WITH THESE

EMPLOYEE, AND THEY TOLD ME IT WAS MY FAULT I STARTED SOMETHING WITH THEM. I HAVE CONTACTED SOME LAWYERS TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION. I WENT OUT THERE FOR THREE WEEKS AND HAD NO ISSUES WITH HIM. I TOOK A PICTURE OF A SIGN THAT SAYS ONLY EMPLOYEES PASSED THIS POINT, I WAS NEVER PASSED THE POINT. HE COMES UP AND SAYS I AM NOT GOING TO LEARN UNTIL I GET MY BUTT WHIPPED. THE POLICE TOLD HIM I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HERE.

THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT DID INFORM THE PARK DISTRICT THAT HE HAD THE RIGHT TO BE THERE. THE PARK DISTRICT IS A SEPARATE DISTRICT, IT IS NOT RUN BY THE CITY, THEY ARE NOT CITY EMPLOYEES.

36. 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 ILCS120/2 (C) (11) OPIOID LITIGATION, PERSONEL, BUYING AND SELLING PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION. AT 7:11 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.

37. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:51 P.M. WHERE NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

38. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:57 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK