WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

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 THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR ARVIEW ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 9,2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 9, 2024 THROUGH MAY 12, 2024 AS THE WEST FRANKFORT OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL. MAYOR ARVIEW STATED WE HAVE THE OLD KING COAL COMMITTEE WITH US HERE TONIGHT. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS PROCLAMATION. COMMISSIONER HOWARD 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 FOR THE ORIENT AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK FOR THE ORIENT INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE:ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO HIRE ZACH WORTHEN AND JOHN DAVIS FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF SAILLIEZ STATED THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY MYSELF, THE MERIT BOARD, AND STATE STATUTE. ZACH, IS ALREADY SERVING AS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT FOR US, YOU GUYS APPROVED THAT A COUPLE MONTHS AGO. HE HAS BEEN SERVING THE DEPARTMENT

FOR A COUPLE MONTHS NOW. HE IS A 2015 HERRIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE; HE WENT STRAIGHT TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AT EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. HE WORKS THERE AND FOR IFSI AS AN INSTRUCTOR STOKER HE HAS BEEN THERE SINCE 2018. HE GOT HIS EMT BASIC LICENSE THROUGH OUR CLASS WE GAVE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR IN 2023. JOHN, HE IS A 2021 GRADUATE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HIGHSCHOOL. HE IS A VOLUNTEER WITH DAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME. HE LIVES IN DUQUOIN CURRENTLY. HE STARTED HIS CAREER A COUPLE YEARS AGO, AT SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD WITH THE DAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE SINCE GOT CERTIFICATIONS THROUGH OSFM, AND ISFI. HE ENTERED THE EMT BASIC PROGRAM IN 2021. AFTER HE WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, HE WAS HIRED BY THE JACKSON AND PERRY COUNTY AMBULANCE BOTH, WHERE HE STILL WORKS PART TIME WITH THOSE. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO A CAREER WITH US. I WOULD RECOMMEND WE HIRE ZACH WORTHEN AND JOHN DAVIS, AS PRESENTED BY THE MERIT BOARD. COMMISSIONER STANLEY ASKED WHO ARE THEY TAKING THE PLACE OF? CHIEF STATED THIS WILL GET US BACK TO OUR FULL TWELVE MAN STAFF TO REPLACE CAPTAIN LITTLE, AND LUCAS LINGLE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
CHIEF GAVE THEM THEIR PROBATIONARY FIRE SHEILD, ONE YEAR UNTIL YOU ARE COMPLETELY CERTIFIED. THE COUNCIL CONGRATULATED THEM.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO HIRE BOHN JASPER AS A FULL TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF PRUDENT STATED IN YEARS PAST WE HAVE RAN WITH SIX FULL TIME DISPATCHERS, WE HAVE GOT DOWN TO FOUR A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND NOW WE ARE BACK UP TO FIVE. WE ARE ALSO RUNNING FOUR TO SIX PART TIME DISPATCHERS. OVER THE LAST SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS, WE HAVE LOST THREE OF OUR PART TIME DISPATCHERS. BOHN HAS BEEN WITH US FOR TWO YEARS AS A PART TIME DISPATCHER, HE IS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION. WHAT THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO DO IS WORK HIM MORE HOURS TO FILL IN THE GAPS WHERE WE LOST OUR PART TIMERS. COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD LOWER SOME OVER TIME ALSO? CHIEF STATED YES.

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

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A HEARING OFFICER. THE MAYOR STATED RECENTLY WE HAVE CREATED AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE CITY COURT, WHERE CODE VIOLATIONS WOULD BE TRIALED HERE IN THE CITY INSTEAD OF HAVING TO GO TO THE COUNTY. THIS WILL HELP EXPEDITE THINGS, AND GET US MOVING QUICKER. IN ORDER TO DO THAT WE HAVE TO HIRE A HEARING OFFICER. WE HAD MET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION LAST NIGHT, AND DERECK THOMAS WAS THERE. HE HAS BEEN AN ATTORNEY FOR TEN YEARS, THE LAW IN ILLINOIS REQUIRES THREE YEARS OF BEING AN ATTORNEY. HE WILL HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO WORK WITH HIS SCHEDULE TO HAVE COURT WHENEVER WE NEED TO. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT HIRING ANOTHER HEARING OFFICER IN THE FUTURE TO FILL IN ANY GAPS IF ONE IS NOT AVAILABLE. I RECOMMEND AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WE PUT DERECK THOMAS ON AS THE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE CITY. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT APPOINTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE UPDATING OR AMENDING THE SEWER AND ROAD BONDS IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS GIVES US PROTECTION FOR COMPANIES THAT COME IN AND TEAR THINGS UP IN THE CITY. THIS REQUIRES THEM TO PUT UP A BOND, SO THAT WOULD ADD A PROTECTIVE LAYER FOR THE CITY. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE STATING THE RULES FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TILES AND SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED, WE HAVE BEEN DOING THESE JOBS, PEOPLE ARE

SUPPOSED TO BE COMING IN TO PAY AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COMING IN TO PAY. THIS IS WILL ALLOW PAYMENT TO BE MADE, BEFORE WE DO THE JOB. THE MAYOR STATED IT DOES COVER, IF THE CITY INITIATES IT THERE IS NO COST TO THE HOME OWNER. IF IT IS ON CITY PROPERTY THE CITY WILL TAKE CARE OF IT. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE JOB DUTIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CODES OFFICER. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD SOME OUT DATED LANGUAGE IN OUR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE BUILDING CODES, AND THIS WILL ALLOW THAD TO HAVE JURISDICTION OUT AT THE NEW AND OLD LAKES TO COVER ANY CODE VIOLATIONS OUT THEIR. AS FAR AS ANY LAWS THAT ARE BROKEN OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, WOULD BE COVERED BY THE COUNTY OR STATE. AS FAR AS CODES VIOLATIONS OUT THERE, THAD WOULD HAVE JURISDICTION OUT THERE. I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO HIRE AVRIPAS SOUTHERN REAL ESTATE TO LIST SURPLUS COMMERICAL PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE COMMERICAL BUILDINGS AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR A WHILE NOW, WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY SERIOUS INQUIRIES ON THEM. WE HAVE DECIDED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A REALTOR TO DO THE WORK FOR US AND GET THESE LISTED AND SOLD. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO HAVE AVRIPAS TO DO THAT FOR US. 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY SOLAR ANCHOR TENANT SUBSCRIPTION FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTIES. JORDAN HAARMANN WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND SPOKE. HE STATED I AM

WITH AGE; WE ARE THE CITY'S ENERGY BROKER AND CONSULTANT FOR YOUR CITY OWNED PROPERTIES AND FOR YOUR RESIDENTIAL MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM. WE WERE HERE ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO AND HAD INTRODUCED THE COMMUNITY SOLAR ANCHOR TENANT SUBSCRIPTION TO YOU GUYS. AS A REFRESHER I WILL HAND YOU GUYS THE TWO DIFFERENT PROPOSALS THAT WERE PRESENTED. WITH COMMUNITY SOLAR THERE IS NO COST TO SUBSCRIBE, IT IS JUST AN ADDITIONAL WAY FOR US TO HELP THE CITY SECURE SAVINGS ON THE CITY'S ELECTRICITY BILLS. SAVINGS COME IN THE FORM OF BILL CREDITS THAT ARE APPLIED TO YOUR NORMAL AMEREN BILLS MONTHLY. NEXAMP THE DEVELOPER FOR THE COMMUNITY SOLAR FARMS WOULD BILL THE CITY FOR EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF WHAT THOSE BILL CREDITS WERE WORTH. IT IS A TWENTY YEAR TERM COMMITMENT FOR AN ANCHOR TENANT SUBSCRIPTION WITH THAT IS THE REASON FOR THE TWO DIFFERENT PROPOSALS. ONE INCLUDES ALL CITY OWNED PROPERTIES EXCEPT FOR THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR AND MALL, THE OTHER ONE INCLUDES ALL CITY OWNED PROPERTIES, BUSINESS INCUBATOR, AND MALL. NEXAMP WILL WORK WITH MUNICIPALITES, SCHOOLS, OR WHOEVER SIGNS UP AS AN ANCHOR TENANT AND HELP FACILITATE A PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AS WELL. COMMISSIONER HOWARD ASKED WHAT ARE OUR RESTRICTIONS ON THE MALL? WILL THIS INTERFERE WITH THAT IN ANY WAY? THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE COMMITTED ON THE MALL FOR ALMOST TWENTY YEARS. I DO NOT SEE AN ISSUE WITH THE ONE THAT INCLUDES THE MALL. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED I THINK WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE MALL FOR SIXTEEN YEARS AND YOU CAN OPT OUT FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. THE MAYOR STATED WITH THE DIFFERENCE IN SAVINGS I FEEL LIKE THAT WILL BE A BENEFIT TO US TO INCLUDE THE INCUBATOR AND MALL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED RESIDENTS IN TOWN GETTING SOLAR, BUT WE ARE NOT GETTING SOLAR? MR. HAARMANN STATED THIS IS FOR A SUBSCRIPTION BASED MODEL, YOU ARE SUBSCRIBING TO A SOLAR FARM THAT IS BEING BUILT SOME WHERE IN THE AMEREN SERVICE TERRITORY OF ILLINOIS. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR ANCHOR TENANTS MAINLY MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITALS TO OFF TAKE THE BIGGEST MAJORITY OF THOSE SO THEY CAN GET FINANCING AND BUILD THE PROJECTS. THEN THEY WILL HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP FOR THE REMAINING. NO ANCHOR TENANT CAN BE MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT OF AN

OVERALL FARM. THE OTHER SIXTY PERCENT WILL GET FILLED FROM SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS. THERE ARE NO PHYSICAL PANELS THAT WILL GET INSTALLED HERE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED IS THERE A RETURN TO US FOR ANYTHING? MR HAARMANN STATED THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIPTION AND A NORMAL RESIDENTAL OR COMMERICAL SUBSCRIPTION YOU ARE ABLE TO ENROLL ALL OF YOUR KILOWATT HOURS. THE OTHER ARE CAPPED WHERE THEY CAN ONLY ENROLL A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THEIR USUAGE. YOU WILL GET THE BENEFIT OF ADDITIONAL SAVINGS. THE MAYOR STATED IF WE AGREE TO THIS AND THEN THAT WILL LET AMEREN KNOW THAT THEY CAN PURCHASE POWER FROM THE FARM THAT IT IS COVERED WITH THE AGREEMENT. MR. HAARMANN STATED THE CITY IS PURCHASING THE BILL CREDITS, THE FARM IS GOING TO GENERATE AND BE CONNECTED TO AMEREN'S GRID. THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE SUBSCRIPTION AND FORM BILL CREDITS THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR AMEREN BILLS. YOU WILL GET A BILL FROM NEXAMP FOR EIGHTY FIVE PERCENT OF WHAT THE BILL CREDITS WERE WORTH. IF THE INCUBATOR OR THE MALL NEEDS TO BE PULLED OUT, WE CAN REWORK OUR PROPOSAL. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED WE HAVE A GRANT FOR THE MALL THAT WE CAN NOT DO ANYTHING FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, IT IS NOT THE FULL TWENTY YEARS. IF FOR SOME REASON IN THAT LAST FOUR YEARS WE DO NOT NEED IT, WHAT KIND OF RISK ARE WE AT? MR. HAARMANN STATED WITH FOUR YEARS BEING LEFT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE MINIMAL. WE WORK WITH NEXAMP TO HELP THEM SECURE ANCHOR TENANTS, WHAT WE WOULD BE TASKED TO DO IS HELP FILL THAT SUBSCRIPTION SPACE THAT THE MALL WOULD BE COMING OFF IN SIXTEEN YEARS. IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, WE WOULD WORK WITH NEXAMP TO HELP AVIOD OR KEEP MINIMAL PENALTIES FOR THE CITY. THE MAYOR STATED I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST PROPOSAL INCLUDING THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR AND MALL CONTINGENT OF THE FINAL CONTRACT HAVING THE RIGHT LANGUAGE FOR THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED THIS WILL MAKE US OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN SAVINGS ESTIMATED? MR. HAARMANN STATED THAT IS THE ESTIMATED SAVINGS, THE SAVINGS RATE IS BASED ON WHAT THE AMEREN ELECTRIC SUPPLY RATE IS. WE FACTOR IN A TWO PERCENT ESCALATOR FOR AMEREN'S RATES, IT WILL INCREASE TWO PERCENT EVERY YEAR. YOUR SUBSCRIPTION GETS A LITTLE LOWER OVER THE TWENTY YEARS. THE REASON FOR THAT

IS THE PANELS DEGRADE OVER TIME. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED HOW SOON WILL WE SEE A RESULT FROM DOING THIS? MR. HAARMANN STATED THE ANCHOR TENANTS ARE STARTING IN YEAR 2025.THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED AFTER THE ANCHOR IS SET AND PEOPLE CAN JOIN, WE ARE NOT GETTING MONEY FROM THEM JOINING RIGHT? IS IT JUST ON OUR CREDITS TOWARDS OUR SAVINGS? MR. HAARMANN STATED IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE PARTNERSHIP IS THAT THE CITY SETS UP WITH NEXAMP TO RUN A MARKETING CAMPAIGN FOR RESIDENCE AND SMALL BUSINESSES WITH THE CITY. THERE IS AN OPTION FOR NEXAMP TO COMPENSATE THE CITY FOR RESIDENCE TO ENROLL. NEXAMP WANTS TO GIVE THE CITY INCENTIVES TO HELP THE CITY SPREAD THE WORD TO GET OTHERS ENROLLED. THE MAYOR ASKED IS THERE ALSO A PROGRAM WHERE THAT IS NOT THE CASE? MR. HAARMANN STATED YES, THERE ARE WAYS TO DO THIS WITHOUT COMPENSATING THE CITY. COMMISSIONER HOWARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. COMMISSIONER WARREN VOTED YES, BUT I AM NOT CERTAIN BECAUSE I DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT FULLY. IF WILL SAVE US MONEY THAT WILL BE A GOOD THING. THE MAYOR ASKED MR. HAARMANN WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO COME AGAIN ANYTIME AND EXPLAIN FURTHER TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON IT. MR. HAARMANN STATED YES, ANYTIME. WE HAVE A YEAR TO A YEAR AND A HALF UNTIL THE PROJECT GOES ONLINE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED NOTHING IS FINAL AT THIS MOMENT, YOU ARE JUST VOTING TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO TRY TO WORK OUT TERMS, YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SAY NO LATER. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THAT WOULD BE BETTER, I WILL SAY YES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING JURISDICTION AT THE WEST FRANKFORT LAKE. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FURTHER CLARIFICATION WITH DIFFERENT ORDINANCES REGARDING WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY DONE WITH THAD GIVING HIM AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE CODES AT THE LAKES. THIS WOULD COVER THE SAME THINGS HE IS DOING IN TOWN NOW. I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING CLASSIFICATION OF CODES OFFICER AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD. THE MAYOR STATED WE WILL TABLE THIS ITEM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION LATER. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR SIMPLIFIED. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE HAD SOME BACK AND FORTH WITH ATTORNEY'S. BRAD COLE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DOES NOT THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO DO. THE REASON IS BECAUSE IT IS A GRAY AREA FOR THE CITY TO BE PAID FOR PEOPLE SIGNING UP FOR THIS PROGRAM. THAT IS WHY I ASKED MR. HAARMANN WITH AGE IF THEY HAD A PROGRAM THAT WE WOULD NOT BE COMPENSATED FOR THAT, AND THAT WOULD BE THE ONE WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE DO NOT APPROVE THIS AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR SIMPLIFIED. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO DECLINE THE AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR SIMPLIFIED. A YES VOTE MEANS WE WILL NOT DO IT, AND A NO VOTE MEANS WE WILL DO IT. COMMISSIONER STANLEY MADE A MOTION TO DECLINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO DECLINE. ITEM WAS DECLINED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING TAKE ACTION TODAY ONEBOX PROGRAM. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS ANOTHER ONE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO OUR ATTORNEY ABOUT, WE FEEL LIKE THERE IS TO MUCH LIABILITY PUT ON THE CITY FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE OUR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE TRAINED FOR THIS. BY HAVING THIS PROGRAM AT CITY HALL WOULD PUT UNDUE LIABILITY ON THE PEOPLE AT CITY HALL TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO DECLINE THIS PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO DECLINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO DECLINE. ITEM WAS DECLINED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE BALANCE DUE AFTER A GRANT WAS RECEIVED

FROM THE STATE FOR MIDWEST RESCUE TOOLS, LLC FOR EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,490.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF SAILLIEZ STATED, BACK SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WE APPLIED FOR THE GRANT THROUGH THE OSFM STATE FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE FOR A SMALL EQUIPMENT GRANT. WHAT WE SUBMITTED WAS FOR $34,490.00 WORTH OF EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT FOR BATTERY POWERED, NEWER, STRONGER, LIGHTER, AND BETTER EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT THAN WHAT WE CURRENTLY RUN. IT IS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR STUFF THAT WE RUN BUT IT IS NEWER, A LOT MORE MOBILE, AND RATED TO CUT SOME OF THE HIGH RATED METALS IN THE CARS WE ARE SEEING THESE DAYS. IF APPROVED FOR THE $8,490.00 FOR OUR PART OF IT, THE GRANT WAS AWARED TO US FOR $26,000.00. FOR $8,490.00 WE ARE GETTING $34,490.00 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER HOWARD ASKED IS ANY OF OUR PART ELIGIBLE TO BE PAID OUT OF THE TWO PERCENT FIRE FUND? CHIEF STATED IT WOULD BE UP TO THE TWO PERCENT BOARD, THEY HAVE RECENTLY UPGRADED THE RADIO EQUIPMENT THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING OVER FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL AND WORKING ON SOMETHINGS FOR THE STATION. THEY JUST APPROVED ABOUT $28,000.00 OF RADIO UPGRADES FOR US. 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF THE HINKLEY ONE DOSE APP FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,500.00. CHIEF SAILLIEZ STATED THIS IS AN APP THAT GOES ON OUR FIELD COMPUTERS, IPADS, CELL PHONES, ETC. IT IS COMPLETELY INTERACTIVE WITH OUR EMS PROTOCOLS. IT TAKES OUR FOUR INCH BINDER FOR PAPER BACK UP PROTOCOLS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE MEMORIZED AND THE INTERNET BASED. IF WE ARE WITHOUT INTERNET AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO LOOK IN THE FOUR INCH BINDER FOR PROTOCOL, THE PATIENT IS WAITING ON US. THIS SYSTEM TAKES ALL OF OUR PROTOCOLS AND IT MAKES IT INTERACTIVE IN AN APP. SAY WE ARE PICKING UP A CHEST PAIN CASE, YOU WOULD TYPE IN CHEST PAIN IN THE APP IT GOES THROUGH THE ALGORITHM YOU ENTER IN THE PATIENTS WEIGHT AND IT IS WEIGHT BASED MEDICINE. EVERYTHING IS CALCULATED,

THERE IS NO THINKING, OR NO READING THE CALCULATIONS ARE DONE FOR YOU. WE WILL NOT HAVE TO CALL MED CONTROL TO CALCULATE THE DOSE ANY MORE, EVERYTHING IS DONE IN THE APP. THERE IS ANOTHER VARIANT TO GO WITH IT, YOU CAN BUY A SCALE FOR THE COTS, WHICH WE TRIALED IT. THEY ARE STILL IMPROVING IT, I DO NOT THINK IT IS READY TO BE IN OUR AMBULANCES YET. THE ONE DOSE APP IS $1,500.00 PER YEAR, AND THIS IS A THREE YEAR PROPOSAL. THEY WAIVED $3,600.00 WORTH OF SET UP FEES FOR US. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO USE NOVACOM AS THEIR I.T. SERVICES AND CANCEL THE USE OF SINC. CHIEF PRUDENT STATED WE HAVE HAD SINC FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO DO OUR I.T. NOVACOM DOES OUR POLICE RADIOS, OUR REPEATER SYSTEM, OUR DOWNTOWN CAMERA SYSTEM, AND 911 PORTION OF DISPATCH. IN THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS WE HAVE HAD SOME ISSUES GETTING TIMELY CALL BACKS, AND ON-SITE SERVICE FROM SINC. I REACHED OUT TO NOVACOM ABOUT POSSIBLY SWITCHING OUR I.T. SERVICE OVER TO THEM, THEY MADE A PROPOSAL THAT WILL COVER OUR CAMERA SYSTEM, REPEATER SYSTEM, AND ALL OF OUR I.T. STUFF THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING, AND OUR EMAIL SERVICE. WITH THAT PROPOSAL, WE WOULD BE SAVING $6,000.00 PER YEAR. THEY ARE ALREADY IN THE BUILDING IN SOME ASPECTS, THIS IS A BROAD RANGE OF COVERAGE. I FEEL LIKE THE SAVINGS WOULD DEFINITELY BENEFIT US. WE HAD AN ISSUE TODAY IN DISPATCH, AND NOVACOM HAD FOUR PEOPLE THERE WITHIN AN HOUR. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 THE CONSENT AGENDA:
    a. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $178.796.48
    b. APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DUKE'S IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,671.68 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT.

COMMSISIONER HOWARD ASKED COMMISSIONER WARREN, DOES DUKE'S HELP US WITH ROOT CONTROL IN THE SEWER SYSTEM? SHE

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

BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS ~ CODES OFFICER SNELL STATED I HAVE THREE PERMITS FOR SOLAR, THEY ARE ALL ROOT MOUNTED SOLAR. TWO ARE FROM LGCY POWER, AND ONE FROM CR SOLAR I RECOMMEND WE APPROVE ALL THREE OF THESE AT ONCE, THEY MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS.

1. VERNON DAVIS AT 603 W. ST. LOUIS ST.
2. CHRISTOPHER SMITH AT 215 N. GARDNER ST.
3. ROBIN MOORE AT 409 S. LOGAN ST.

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

THE LAST PERMIT WAS FOR A BUILDING PERMIT- ADDITIONAL STORAGE BUILDING FOR RYAN RIDGEWAY AT 1309 E. MAIN ST. HE ALREADY HAS A STORAGE BUILDING LOCATED ON THIS PROPERTY, HE IS JUST ADDING A SECOND ONE TO MATCH IT ALMOST IDENTICALLY. THE OFFICE ON MAIN STREET NEXT TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS HE WILL RELOCATE HIS OFFICE AT THE END OF THIS NEW BUILDING AT SOME POINT. I RECOMMEND WE APPROVE THIS; IT MEETS ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STANLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. **MAYORS REPORT~**

MAYOR ARVIEW STATED NOT LONG BEFORE THE MEETING, WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND LIVE. WE HAVE AN APP ON THE APP STORE, WHETHER YOU HAVE APPLE OR ANDROID GO TO THE PLAYSTORE SEARCH FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT IT WILL SHOW UP THERE. YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FOR THINGS LIKE BOIL WATER ORDERS, WHEN MEETINGS ARE COMING UP, ECT. THE WEBSITE LOOKS REALLY NICE, APPTEGY THE COMPANY THAT HAS DONE THIS FOR US HAS DONE A LOT OF WORK. TODAY WE GOT PHOTOS TAKEN, THOSES WILL BE UP SOON. I TALKED WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER TO TAKE SOME PICTURES OF THE THINGS WE HAVE AROUND TOWN AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS~

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED HE WILL BE GLAD TO SEE THE NEW HIRE'S ONCE THEY GRADUATE FRIDAY. OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING GOOD. CHIEF PRUDENT STATED THE DOWNTOWN CAMERA'S ARE UP AND RUNNING. I AM GOING TO TALK TO A COUPLE OF BUSINESSES ABOUT PUTTING MORE UP FOR EXTRA COVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD STATED THE AUDITOR'S ARE WORKING, WE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES. THEY HAVE A STATE WIDE SHORTAGE OF AUDITORS. WE HAVE HIGH HOPES THAT THE AUDIT WILL BE DONE IN THE NEXT SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS. I AM GOING TO TALK TO THEM TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET STARTED WORKING ON NEXT YEARS IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN GET ONE DONE ON TIME.

COMMISSIONER STANLEY STATED THE CONCRETE WORK IS ALL FINISHED FOR THE VETERAN MUSEUM. THE GUYS HAVE BEEN HELPING GET THINGS LINED OUT FOR OLD KING COAL. THEY HAVE BEEN KEEPING BUSY.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED EVERYONE IS WORKING, AND EVERYTHING IS GOING FINE. I HAVE SEEN THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PUTTING FLOWERS OUT, IM EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

22. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**:

DANNY LOEH BROUGHT A BOOK ABOUT FRANKLIN COUNTY WAR HISTORY FROM THE YEARS 1832- 1919 TO SHOW THE COUNCIL. HE THANKED THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONCRETE WORK THEY HAVE DONE. WE HAVE A PROGRAM I AM WORKING ON GETTING DONE TO HAVE A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT THE MUSEUM TO HONOR SARGENT MATTHEW VOSBIN. I WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND TO IT. I HAVE HAD A LOT OF TOURS AT THE MUSEUM, OUR YOUNGER GENERATION IS GETTING INVOLVED. WE HAVE MORE MATERIALS PEOPLE ARE BRINGING IN ALL THE TIME.

DANIEL RIEGEL WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND SPOKE I HAVE RECENTLY FOUND OUT, THAT YOU GUYS IN WEST FRANKFORT DO NOT HAVE RESIDENTIAL TIF DISTRICT PROGRAM. THERE ARE A LOT OF HOUSES THAT COULD USE SOME HELP. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO GET THAT? THE MAYOR STATED THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS IN THE WORKS, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE. WE HAVE JUST HAD

OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PRECEDENCE OVER IT. BUT IT IS DEFINITELY ON THE LIST. COMMISSIONER HARKINS ASKED DOES OTHER TOWNS HAVE IT? MR. RIEGEL ANSWERED YES SEVERAL OF TOWNS I WORK IN HAS IT.

MARCIA RAUBACH WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND STATED WE WERE AT THE LAST MEETING AND THANKED THE COUNCIL. WE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE OLD KING COAL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HERE EARLIER TO GET A PICTURE WITH THE MAYOR. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR THE CITY, AND COULD NOT DO THE FESTIVAL WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

23. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A FEW THINGS TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WE WILL NOT BE MAKING ANY ACTIONS AFTER WE ARE DONE. I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:53 P.M. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ARVIEW VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:54 P.M.

MAYOR, TIM ARVIEW

ANDREA BOLEN, CITY CLERK