

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

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

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 9, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,108.27. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING ISSUES SURROUNDING THE CURRENT RECOVER ILLINOIS PLAN. THE MAYOR STATED THAT HE WAS IN BLOOMINGTON TODAY AT AN IML MEETING AND HE HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH BRAD COLE AND THE OTHER MAYORS. EVERY ANTICIPATION IS THAT ON FRIDAY, THE GOVERNOR WILL LET US GO TO PHASE FOUR. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WILL CHANGE IS RESTAURANTS CAN GO TO INSIDE DINING AT 50% CAPACITY. THERE IS A LOT OF STIPULATIONS FOR THEM TO MOVE TABLES SIX FEET APART AND THINGS LIKE THAT. TOMORROW THE GOVERNOR IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AND DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT CHANGES. MY CONCERN IS, AND I ASKED THIS AT THE MEETING TODAY, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GO BACK TO FULL CAPACITY. THE CONSENSUS IS NOT UNTIL WE GET A VACCINE. I AM TIRED OF THE WHOLE COVID THING. WE HAVE HAD 12 CASES IN THE WHOLE COUNTY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MARCH. IN THE COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT HAVE HAD A LOT OF CASES, THEY ARE DIFFERENT THAN WE ARE. LAST MEETING WE TOOK ACTION ON SOME OUTDOOR DINING IF ANYONE WANTED THE CITY'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP FOR OUTDOOR DINING. PUP'S 212 WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT

REACHED OUT TO US AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM TO PURCHASE SOME TABLES AND CHAIRS. ALL OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REALLY PUSHED THE GOVERNOR STATING OUR AREA IS DIFFERENT FROM NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR THE AUDITOR'S OPINION AND THE CITY REALLY CAN'T ACT UNTIL WE RECEIVE THAT.
6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS DEEMED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. ONCE WE PLACE PROPERTIES OUT FOR BID, THE POLICY WE HAVE ADOPTED IS IF SOMEONE WANTS TO PURCHASE A LOT THEY TELL US WHAT THEIR BID IS AND COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT IT. WE HAVE ONE OF THOSE THIS EVENING FROM VALERIE KISELEWSKI. SHE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THE LOT AT 1307 E. 7TH STREET AND SHE HAS SAID SHE WILL PAY \$1,800.00 FOR THAT LOT. THAT LOT IS ON A DEAD-END STREET. THE MAYOR STATED IT WOULD BE HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY ACCEPT THIS BID FOR \$1,800.00. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD PROJECTS FOR DEMOLITION. THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY HAD FIVE BIDS THAT WERE PUT OUT FOR DEMOLITION. WE ONLY HAD ONE BIDDER, JACK JOPLIN. 701 S. SHORT STREET, \$2,500; 406 E. CLARK STREET, \$5,500.00; 304 E. MANILA \$2,750.00; 805 E. CLARK STREET, \$2,500.00; 612 N. LINCOLN STREET, \$2,500.00. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, FOR APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DOCUMENT DESIGNATING SELECT ENERGY PARTNERS TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY SERVICES. THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY HAS AGGREGATION OF OUR ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS SOMEWHERE AROUND 2011 OR 2012 AND WHAT THEY DID WAS GIVE THE CITIES AN OPPORTUNITY

TO BID A RATE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE. SELECT ENERGY IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING UPDATING THE WFFD CARDIAC MONITORS. CHIEF ALLEN EXPLAINED THE REASON THE UPDATE IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. THE CURRENT CARDIAC MONITORS WILL NOT BE PRODUCED ANY LONGER. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON ASKED CHIEF ALLEN TO FIND OUT IF THEY WOULD ISSUE A TRADE IN FOR THE CURRENT MONITORS AND THEN COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PURCHASING NEW CARDIAC MONITORS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT CLAIM FOR \$14,436.26. THIS IS A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM THAT HAS ACCEPTED A SETTLEMENT FOR ONE OF HIS INJURIES. THIS IS A CLAIM HANDLED BY GALLAGHER BASSETT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM EMERGENCY REPORTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,023.00 FOR THE WFFD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
12. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:
 - A: BUILDING PERMIT FROM JOHN BURKE, 603 E. CLARK STREET, FOUNDATION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

B. BUILDING PERMIT FROM JULIO MENDEZ, 1306 W. OAK STREET, POLE BARN. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM CHIEF PRUDENT REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK. COUNCIL AGREED TO LOCK IN THE PURCHASE OF A \$24,500.00 TRUCK. THE PRICES WILL BE INCREASING AFTER JULY 9, 2020. THEREFORE, COUNCIL DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION ON LOCKING IN A PRICE, DETAILS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR ALSO STATED THAT COUNCIL NEEDED TO CONSIDER EXTENDING OUR CURRENT CONTRACT WITH BULLDOG TRASH COMPANY FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED EVERYTHING IS GOING GOOD. NO PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED HE HAD NOTHING AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD THIS EVENING.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THE WATER IS WORKING, THE SEWER IS WORKING. RECENTLY HAD A LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW THE BOAT DOCK SHOULD BE UTILIZED.

14. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

JOHN BURKE STATED HE HAS HAD SO MUCH PROBLEM WITH FLOODING. ROGER HAS BEEN OUT TO HIS PROPERTY, BUT HE BELIEVES MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE MAYOR STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE CITY ENGINEERS TAKE A LOOK AT HIS PROPERTY AND SEE IF ANY CORRECTIONS CAN BE MADE.

15. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, LAND ACQUISITION AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:56 P.M.
16. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:43 P.M. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.
17. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:44 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGELA BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK