

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 APRIL 28, 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 \$288,475.63. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED. J

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING ISSUES SURROUNDING THE CURRENT RECOVER ILLINOIS PLAN. THE MAYOR MADE SOME GENERAL STATEMENTS REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2020 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF APRIL, 2021. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED CATE PASSED OUT A SHEET FOR EVERYBODY TO COMPARE THE LAST TWO YEARS AND OUR GENERAL FUND SHE HAS REDUCED THE EXPENDITURES BY \$125,000.00 AND FOR THE TOTAL FUNDS 2.6 MILLION. IF YOU NOTICE MOST OF THAT IS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND SHE REDUCED THAT BY 2.1 MILLION AND BASED ON OUR ANTICIPATED LOSS OF REVENUE FROM THE SHUT DOWN SHE HAS TRIED TO LOOK AT WHAT EXPENDITURES WE CAN CUT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019. N/A.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS DEEMED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS DEEMED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A LOT AT 1210 W. ST. LOUIS STREET AND THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE \$2,000.00 FOR THE LOT FROM WILLIAM THOMPSON WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT BID WAS FROM KURT AVRIPAS AT 610 S. MARION RD. THERE ARE FOUR LOTS THAT SURROUND HIS PROPERTY ON SOUTH MARION ROAD AND HE HAS BID \$500.00 FOR EACH LOT FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,000.00. THEY ARE ALL WOODED LOTS THAT ARE GROWN UP. 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 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUPERVISORY POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED IN MAY OF EVERY YEAR WE REAPPOINT THE CITY ATTORNEY MIKE RIVA, FIRE CHIEF JODY ALLEN, POLICE CHIEF JOHN PRUDENT, CITY TREASURER ANGELA BAKER DEATON, DEPUTY CLERK TARYN MORTHLAND, COMPTROLLER CATE DINN, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CW STILLEY, STREET SUPERINTENDENT ROGER STANLEY, WATER SUPERINTENDENT JIM WHITE, SEWER SUPERINTENDENT CHARLES HUBBLE AND INCUBATOR/MALL MANAGER DONN GASS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGELA BAKER DEATON TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BOARDS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE REAPPOINTED ARE JOHN DIMMICK, LEAH HUGHES AND JUDY LITTLE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED THE SECOND APPOINTMENT WILL BE A REPLACEMENT FOR AMY DURFEE WHO HAS PASSED AWAY. THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO APPOINT TERRY BROWN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM PLANTSCAPE NURSERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,124.72 THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION GROUP. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS INVOICE WAS OBTAINED THROUGH FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS TO THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION GROUP. NO CITY FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS APPROVAL TO PAY FOR THE FLOWERS. THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION GROUP WORKS VERY HARD AT MAKING WEST FRANKFORT LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND NOT HAVING TO ASK THE CITY TO PAY FOR IT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY DO A FANTASTIC JOB. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A TRAILER TO HAUL A MOWER. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A 61" MOWER THAT IS BEING TRANSPORTED ON A TILT TRAILER AND WE NEED A NEW ONE THAT IS BIGGER. WE HAVE ONE BID FOR A 12 FOOT FOR \$1707.00 FOR A NEW TRAILER WITH A GATE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,891.52 TO REPAIR THE PRIMER VALVE ON IMPEL PUMPER FOR THE WFFD. FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN STATED THIS IS FOR THE NEW ENGINE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,630.00 REGARDING IL RT 149, KEN GRAY BLVD & BOB BURTON WAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING INVOICE #4. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,610.17 REGARDING I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING PROJECT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SINC COMPUTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,875.80 REGARDING A NEW WORK STATION FOR THE WFPD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF PRUDENT READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

18. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

N/A

19. MAYORS COMMENTS:

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SAY I AM GLAD THAT WE HAVE THE STAFF THAT WE HAVE, WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR HANGING WITH US ANOTHER YEAR. I WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON THE WONDERFUL JOB THAT YOU DO AND TO OUR CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE OUT THERE THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. I THINK EVERYBODY HAS MODIFIED THEIR BEHAVIOR SINCE THE COVID-19 EVERYONE HAS MADE SOME ADJUSTMENTS. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR HARD WORK. THE COLEMAN RHODES BUILDING IS NOW DOWN AND I WANT TO THANK ROGER AND TIM MCVICKER FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH GETTING THAT BUILDING DOWN. THE MAYOR CONTINUED TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION AND EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO GET THE BUILDING DOWN. I DON'T THINK WERE AFRAID TO TAKE ON DIFFICULT CHALLENGES AND I WANT TO SAY THIS IS ONE THAT TURNED OUT VERY WELL. WE ALSO GAINED A CHURCH IN THIS PROCESS AND I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST IN WHAT WE CAN DO WITH IT AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.

20. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARMENTS ARE DOING JUST GREAT AND MAKE MY JOB A LOT EASIER. I AM VERY PROUD OF THEM AND I THINK EVERYTHING IS GOING GOOD AND THEY ARE DOING THEIR JOBS. POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PRUDENT STATED OUR NEW HIRE JUST FINISHED FIRE ARMS TRAINING LAST WEEK AND IS BACK IN HOUSE DOING REMOTE LEARNING, THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN US A GRADUATION DATE AS FAR AS I KNOW IT SHOULD BE AROUND JUNE 12TH , BUT MAY BE EXTENDED DUE TO THE REMOTE LEARNING. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE REMOTE LEARNING, MOST THE TIME WITH FIRE, POLICE, STREET AND WATER THEY ARE HANDS

ON PEOPLE. THEY WANT TO GO THROUGH THE TRAINING AND GET OUT OF THE CAR AND DO ALL THE STUFF AND WHEN YOU ARE LEARNING OUT OF A BOOK AND WATCHING ON A MONITOR IT ISN'T THE SAME. IT IS HARDER TO TAKE A TEST OVER SOMETHING YOU HAVE READ OVER SOMETHING YOU HAVE DONE. I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM BECAUSE IT HAD TO BE A BIG CHANGE AND MODIFICATIONS HAD TO BE MADE ON FLY.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED TIM MCVIVKER DID AN EXCELLENT JOB TAKING THOSE BUILDINGS DOWN AND ROGER WAS ON SITE ALL THE TIME RUNNING THE SHOW AND HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THE AUDIT REPORT SO WE CAN SEE HOW THE BUDGET MOVES FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THE SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING GREAT. I TALK WITH THEM AND THEY CHECK IN WITH ME AND WE HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATION. THE WATER IS FLOWING.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED ROGER HAS A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT. THIS IS OUR BUSY TIME AND WE HAVE A TON OF MOWING GOING ON AND BEING DOWN A COUPLE GUYS MAKES IT DIFFICULT. I GET 2-3 CALLS A DAY FROM PEOPLE ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS AND HALF OF IT ROGER ALREADY HAS HANDLED BEFORE I CAN EVEN TELL HIM. I APPRECIATE HOW HARD YOU WORK BECAUSE IT MAKES MY LIFE EASIER.

21. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

N/A

22. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:51 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK