

**WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 MARCH 24, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. 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 \$271,018.83. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. 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 STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AS HARD AS WE CAN TO GET PEOPLE AND OUR BUSINESSES INFORMED ABOUT THE GRANTS AND OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I THINK IT HAS GONE WELL AND I WENT TO ALL OF THE BUSINESSES AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS AND HANDED OUT SOME GUIDELINE THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. A COUPLE OF ISSUES WE SHOULD DISCUSS, I LEARNED TODAY THAT ILLINOIS WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR COVID VIRUS PATIENTS THAT ARE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, POLICE OFFICERS, FIRE FIGHTERS UP UNTIL THIS POINT ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS WAS FINDING OUT HOW YOU GOT THE VIRUS, PROVING YOU GOT THE VIRUS ON THE JOB. I THINK THEY HAVE WAIVED THAT AND DECIDED WITH THIS REGULATION THAT THEY HAVE THAT IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FIELDS IT IS ASSUMED THAT IF YOU HAVE THE VIRUS IT IS DUE TO YOUR ACTIVITIES AT WORK. WE ORDERED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SOME ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT; WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP OUR AMBULANCE SERVICE THROUGH OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF

WITH EQUIPMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. TODAY WE ORDERED 1000 N95 MASKS AT \$4.49 A PIECE, 5000 DISPOSABLE SURGICAL MASKS AT \$.62 CENTS A PIECE AND 10 INFRARED THERMOMETERS AT \$53.30. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS BILL IS GOING TO BE \$8,123.00. WE STARTED OUT WITH SOME N95 MASKS THAT WE HAD AND WE WERE GETTING OUR USED MASKS REPLACED BY THE HOSPITAL. FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN STATED THE HOSPITAL HAS STOPPED THAT AND NOW WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH EMA. I PUT A REQUEST IN FOR 1200 AND WE GOT 100 MASKS. I WAS LOOKING AT A LONG TERM, THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS TYPE OF SOLUTION AND GOING THROUGH OUR RESOURCE HOSPITAL I PUT THE SAME REQUEST IN TO THEM AND THEY TOLD ME WE WERE DAY TO DAY. WE HAD SOME MASKS SINCE WE RUN THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING HERE AND THERE HAS HELPED US. I WAS LOOKING AT A LONG-TERM COUPLE OF MONTHS AND TO REUSE THE MASKS THERE IS CRITERIA FROM THE CDC ON HOW TO REUSE THE MASK AND WHEN TO GET RID OF IT. I HAVE BEEN TRYING NOT TO REUSE THE MASKS AND THAT IS THE REASON I PUT IN SUCH A HIGH REQUEST THROUGH OUR RESOURCE HOSPITAL IN THE BEGINNING AND GOT DENIED. WHEN I WENT THROUGH EMA THEY HAD ABOUT 180 ON HAND AND WE RAN 136 CALLS LAST MONTH. NOW THEY ARE TELLING US THERE IS NO CRITERIA FOR THE PATIENT JUST ASSUME EVERYBODY HAS IT SO IF WE USE 2 MASKS ON EVERY CALL, WE ARE AVERAGING 4-5 A DAY AND THAT IS A LOT OF MASKS. WE CAN DO THE REUSE POLICY I HAVE IT TYPED UP AND READY TO GO, BUT IF WE CAN CONTINUE TO GET MASKS, I AM NOT GOING TO REUSE THEM. THE CDC DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE STERILIZING AND IT IS KIND OF SCARY. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AT ON OUR SUPPLIES AS FAR AS MASKS. WE ARE STILL STAGING OUTSIDE IT JUST DEPENDS ON WHAT HOSPITAL, EACH HOSPITAL IS DIFFERENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF LAKE STICKERS, GOLF CART STICKERS, LIQUOR LICENSES AND THE OLD CITY LAKE DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BE COMPASSIONATE ABOUT THESE THINGS, BUT

UNDER THE GOVERNORS MANDATE WE AREN'T ALLOWED TO DISCONNECT ANY SERVICES FOR WATER AND I KNOW IN OUR CODES DEPARTMENT WE CUT BACK ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT REQUIRE CONTACT AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO DO AN INSPECTION CW IS ASKING THEM IF THEY WOULD LEAVE THE HOUSE OPEN AND NOBODY BE THERE SO HE CAN GO IN AND DO THE INSPECTION AND THEN LEAVE. THE GOLF CART STICKERS WOULD REQUIRE SOMEONE TO COME OUTSIDE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INSPECT THE GOLF CART AND DO THE PAPERWORK. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM PUTTING THAT OFF UNTIL WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE WE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT. IS THAT OKAY WITH EVERYBODY? COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH DOING THAT UNTIL THE RIGHT TIME ARRIVES. THE MAYOR STATED THESE ARE NOT SUSPENDED THEY ARE JUST DELAYED UNTIL WE CAN ALLOW PEOPLE TO COME IN. PEOPLE STILL NEED TO FOLLOW THE RULES WITH HAVING ALL THE REQUIRED THINGS ON THEM SUCH AS MIRRORS AND HORNS AND IF THEY AREN'T FOLLOWING THE RULES THEY CAN BE STOPPED. I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE LAKES AND WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING IS SINCE YOU CAN'T PHYSICALLY COME IN AND BUY A LAKE STICKER, WE ARE NOT ENFORCING THAT. WE ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO BE OUT THERE BUT IT HAS BECOME A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD, WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT AT THE LAKE AND PEOPLE ON THE BANKS AND AROUND THE BRIDGE AND A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE OLD LAKE. IT HAS BECOME A LITTLE BIT OF AN ISSUE IN THE EVENINGS SO I WILL TAKE SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO DO DURING THIS TIME. IF YOU WANT TO LET THEM DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING, NOTIFY PEOPLE THEY WILL NEED TO GET A STICKER LATER ON OR IF WE WANT TO CLOSE THE LAKES. I KNOW REND LAKE IS CLOSED SO THAT MAKES ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR US BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE COMING DOWN HERE TO DO THEIR FISHING AND STUFF. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED HOW WOULD WE ENFORCE IT? THE MAYOR STATED I THINK THEY HAVE A VERY GOOD ALIBI SAYING THEY CAME BY CITY HALL BUT COULDN'T BUY A STICKER. I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN VISIT AT A LATER DATE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED CAN IT BE A MONTH BY MONTH THING TO DETERMINE. THE CITY CLERK STATED WE HAVE A DRIVE THRU NOW AND I THINK THEY CAN SELL THEM THROUGH THE DRIVE THRU. THE MAYOR STATED SHOULD WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME THROUGH THE DRIVE THRU TO GET

THEIR STICKERS. I THINK IF WE CAN SELL THEM THROUGH OUR DRIVE THRU IT WILL CUT DOWN ON SOME OF THE ACTIVITY OUT THERE. WE HAD SOME COMPLAINTS A WEEK AGO TONIGHT THERE WAS A BIG PARTY GOING ON AT THE OLD LAKE AND THE MUSIC WAS SO LOUD IT WAS SHAKING THE WINDOWS OF THE NEIGHBORS A HALF MILE AWAY. I ASKED THEM IF THEY WANTED ME TO SEND THE POLICE DOWN THERE AND WHEN THE POLICE GOT THERE THEY WERE GONE. BEGINNING WEDNESDAY NIGHT, I WENT OUT AT DARK AND LOCKED THE LAKE. WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING EVERY NIGHT AROUND 7:00-7:30PM I GO OUT TO THE LAKE AND LOCK UP AND EVERY MORNING AT ABOUT 6AM I GO OUT AND UNLOCK IT. THAT LAKE IS VERY POPULAR AND THERE IS A LOT OF ACTIVITY OUT THERE EVERY TIME I GO TO LOCK IT THERE ARE PEOPLE PULLING IN. I THINK IT IS WORKING RIGHT NOW AND WITH THE HELP OF THE PRESS WE CAN INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT BUYING THE LAKE STICKER FROM OUR DRIVE THRU IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE AT THE LAKE AND MAYBE THAT WILL HELP. MY THOUGHT ON LIQUOR LICENSES IS I HAVE TALKED TO PUP'S 212 BECAUSE THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE CAME DUE AND THEY ASKED IF THEY HAD TO PAY FOR SIX MONTHS AT A TIME. I TOLD THEM WE WOULD ISSUE THEM THE LICENSE THAT WAY THEY WOULD BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIQUOR COMMISSION AND THEY COULD DELAY THE PAYMENT UNTIL NEXT MONTH OR EVEN THE MONTH AFTER THAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS OKAY WITH THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THESE BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING ENOUGH, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMELS BACK. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH PEOPLE ON THESE THINGS. I HAD A REVOLVING LOAN PAYMENT FOR HOLLYWOOD STAR IS A BEAUTY SALON AND THEY HAVE BEEN CLOSED GOING ON A MONTH. I TOLD THEM THEY COULD SKIP THEIR PAYMENT THIS MONTH, THEY WILL STILL OWE THE MONEY BUT WE AREN'T GOING TO REQUIRE YOU TO MAKE THE PAYMENT. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING AND I NEED TO KNOW IF THAT IS OKAY BECAUSE WE ARE NOT FORGIVING ANY LOANS, DEBT OR BILLS WE ARE JUST POSTPONING THEM. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I THINK THAT IS FINE. THE NEXT THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE OLD KING COAL, STEVE SAWALICH TALKED TO ME AND HE SAID DO YOU THINK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OLD KING COAL THIS YEAR? THE PRINCESS FLAME WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL SO WE POSTPONED OLD KING COAL AND HE IS GOING TO TRY AND GET A DATE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER FOR THEM TO COME.

COMMISSOINER WARREN STATED THE GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY CANCELLED BIG THINGS IN CHICAGO SO IT MAKES ME WONDER IF WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE ANYTHING. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT CHURCHES AND THIS IS MY STATEMENT THE GOVERNOR MADE THE ORDER THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLIANT WITH IT. I PERSONALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE AS A MAYOR I SHOULD GO TO SOME CHURCH THAT IS HAVING A PARKING LOT SERVICE WHERE PEOPLE ARE IN THEIR CARS AND THE PREACHER IS PREACHING FROM A STAGE AND THEY AREN'T DOING ANYTHING WRONG AND STOP THEM. I THINK IF IT BECOMES AN ISSUE THAT IS NOT COMPLIANT, WE WILL VISIT THAT BUT RIGHT NOW I DON'T SEE AN ISSUE. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMPLAINING AND CALLING IN STUFF, BUT AS THE MAYOR OF WEST FRANKFORT I DON'T FEEL LIKE I AM GOING TO SEND MY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LOCAL CHURCH TO TRY AND DISBAND THE SERVICE ON THE PARKING LOT. IT HASN'T BEEN AN ISSUE YET AND HOPEFULLY IT WONT BE. I DON'T THINK I AM THE RIGHT GUY TO POLICE THAT. I WORRY ABOUT THE FACT THAT SOMEHWERE ALONG THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUIDELINES ABOUT SEPERATION OF THE CHURCH AND THE STATE HOW MUCH AUTHORITY DO WE ACTUALLY HAVE TO STOP PEOPLE FROM HAVING THE SERVICES. WE ARE GETTING TO THE POINT IN THE VIRUS NOW WHERE THINGS ARE STARTING TO LOOK A LITTLE BETTER AND PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS. I AM THANKFUL WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GO TO CHURCH AND ARE PRAYING REALLY HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IT HASN'T BEEN AN ISSUE FOR ME AND I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT WE NEED TO DO I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT PERSONALLY I AM NOT GOING TO SEND THE POLICE DEPARMENT TO THE CHURCH TO BREAK UP A PARKING LOT FULL OF WORSHIPERS WHO ARE IN THEIR CARS. THE STATEMENT WAS MADE ON TELEVISION THAT IF YOU CAN BE IN LINE AT THE LIQUOR STORE IN YOUR CAR YOU CAN PROBABLY SIT IN A CHURCH PARKING LOT IN YOUR CAR. IF WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION, I WOULD LEAN ON THE FACT THAT THE CHURCH HAS A RIGHT TO HAVE A SERVICE. I AM PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY; I KNOW THE GROCERY STORES HAVE TAKEN SOME PRECAUTIONS BY PUTTING SHIELDS UP IN FRONT OF THEIR CASH REGISTERS AND I THINK WE ARE GETTING THROUGH THIS PRETTY WELL. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I THINK PEOPLE ARE STAYING HOME PRETTY GOOD THE STREETS ARE BARE WHEN YOU TAKE A DRIVE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE,

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING SUMMER WORKERS FOR THE MOTOR FUEL PROGRAM. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO INDICATE THIS IS NOT A REGULAR HIRING SOMEBODY TO COME AND DO STUFF, THESE PEOPLE ARE PAID OUT OF MOTOR FUEL. WE STARTED DOING THIS IN 2013 AND SINCE IT IS OUT OF MOTOR FUEL, WE CAN HIRE TWO EMPLOYEES TO HELP OUT THE STREET DEPARTMENT DURING THE SUMMER. WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS SO WE CAN START LOOKING FOR TWO PEOPLE FOR SUMMER HIRE FOR MOTOR FUEL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED ARE WE ONLY LOOKING TO DO TWO RIGHT NOW OR IS THERE A POSSIBILITY TO DO MORE SINCE WE ARE DOWN TWO GUYS? THE MAYOR STATED I THINK IF WE ARE GOING TO REPLACE PEOPLE THEN THE UNION IS GOING TO REQUEST THAT WE HIRE THEM NOT APPOINT THEM FOR SUMMER HELP. 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 OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DAN JENNINGS, d/b/a/ SUBWAY RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A TIF AGREEMENT WITH DAN JENNINGS AND HE IS GOING TO BUILD A SUBWAY PRETTY CLOSE TO OUR BUILDING. THIS HAS BEEN LOOKED OVER AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US BY OUR TIF SUPERVISOR KEITH MORAN. THERE IS A TOTAL OF \$61,950.00 WORTH OF TIF ELIGIBLE COSTS, I THINK HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE REIMBURSE HIM THAT OVER A TEN-YEAR PERIOD. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM AGREEMENT REGARDING THE IL 149 IL 37 TO EAST CORPORATE LIMITES PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A PROJECT WE ALREADY APPROVED BY IDOT AND AFTER WE MADE THAT APPROVAL THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF \$200.00 SO ALL WE ARE DOING IS

LOWERING THE AMOUNT BY \$200.00. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO STOCK BOTH LAKES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MONROE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION- PHASE 2. MATT TOSH FROM BROWN & ROBERTS EXPLAINED THE PHASE 2 INFORMATION. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM XYLEM DEWATERING SOLUTIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,164.80 REGARDING REPAIR TO THE CITY PUMP. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE TWO HUGE PUMPS OUT THERE THAT PUMP TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS A MINUTE. ONE OF THE PUMPS IS DOWN AND WE HAVE PUMPS IN PLACE INCASE THERE IS A FLOOD PROBLEM WE CAN OVERCOME THAT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,120.00 REGARDING IL RT 149, KEN GRAY BLVD & BOB BURTON WAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING INVOICE #3. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE PROJECT THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF THE MALL FOR THE INTERCHANGE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,559.70 REGARDING I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING PROJECT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM DRP CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,685.00 REGARDING REPAIRS TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE NEW CITY HALL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR THE NEW CITY HALL BUILDING. THE ATM WAS TAKEN OUT WHENEVER BANTERRA BANK LEFT THIS BUILDING A YEAR AGO AND THEY PUT A PIECE OF PLYWOOD OVER THE HOLE AND SO WE HAD TO BRICK IT IN. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MEDEX SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,765.69 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF SURGICAL MASKS FOR THE WFFD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF PRUDENT READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AN EMERGENCY APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOLD LETTERS FOR THE SIGNS AT CITY HALL FROM LIBERTY SIGNS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,285.23. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

N/A

18. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED I AM GOING TO SPEND MY TIME TALKING ABOUT THE BUILDING ON MAIN STREET THAT WAS FORMERLY THE COLEMAN RHODES BUILDING. JODY CALLED AT 10:00PM FRIDAY NIGHT SAYING THE BOTTOM OF THE BUILDING HAD BOWED OUT AND THERE WAS GREAT CONCERN THAT THE BUILDING WOULD COLLAPSE. I WENT DOWN, THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARMENTS WERE THERE WE HAD TO BLOCK OFF THE ROAD. WE LOOKED AT IT

AND WENT INSIDE AND THERE WAS A SEPERATION IN THE WALL ON THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING THAT I WOULD SAY WAS ABOUT A FOOT IN ONE PLACE AND IN ANOTHER PLACE PROBLEY FIFTEEN TO TWENTY FOOT DOWN IT IS HUGE. OUR STREET SUPERINTENDENT ROGER STANLEY HAS BEEN WATCHING THIS BUILDING FOR THE LAST YEAR IT HAS BEEN VACANT. WE CLOSED MAIN STREET AND HAD THE POLICE DEPARMENT UP THERE ALL-NIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT TO WATCH THE TRAFFIC. THEIR CONCERN IS THAT IF THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING FALLS OUT IT WOULD GO ALL THE WAY TO THE SIDEWALK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET, SATURDAY WE GOT IN CONTACT WITH JODY WHO GOT IN CONTACT WITH THE OWNER OF THE BULDING. THE OWNER IS A CORPORATION IN OKLAHOMA CITY WE MADE THEM AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND SHE ASKED A COUPLE OF VERY GOOD QUESTIONS. WE CONTACTED RANDY PEIRCE WHO IS A BRICK MASON AND HAD HIM GO LOOK AT IT HE SAID IT WOULD COST MORE TO REPAIR THE BUILDING THAN IT IS WORTH AND THE DANGER OF REPAIRING IT. WE GOT AHOLD OF A DEMOLTION COMPANY AND THEY GAVE THE GROUP THAT OWNS THE BUILDING A BID OF HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST. THEIR REALTOR SUGGEST INSTEAD OF TAKING DOWN THE BUILDING THAT IS BOWING OUT SO MUCH MAYBE WE SHOULD CONSIDER AND GET A COST ON TAKING OUT THE OTHER BUILDING TOO AND GET IT ALL TAKEN DOWN. WE WENT BACK TO OUR DEMOLITION GUY AND I MET HIM THERE THIS AFTERNNON TO GET A BID ON THE ENTIRE BUILDNG. I WILL CALL THEM BUILDING 1, 2 AND 3 AND THE ONLY PART THAT WILL STAY IS BUILDING THREE. THE REALATOR CALLED OUR GUY WHO IS HANDLING THIS AND TOLD THEM TO GO AHEAD WITH THE BID OF \$41,000.00 TO TEAR DOWN THE MAIN BUILDING NUMBER 1 AND SHE WOULD PAY \$20,000.00 TO THE CITY AND WOULD PAY THE REST ONCE THE JOB WAS COMPLETED. MONDAY MCVICKERS IS GOING TO TEAR DOWN THE FIRST BUILDING AND THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AT ON THAT SITUATION. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE COUNCIL AND FOR THE PRESS THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AT. THE OTHER PART OF THE SITUATION THAT I WANT TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT IS THEY OFFERED TO GIVE THAT BUILDING TO THE CITY. THEY SAID THEY WOULD GIVE US THE ENTIRE BUILDING ALL THE WAY DOWN INCLUDING NOVACARE. NOVACARE PAYS A MONTHLY LEASE. IF SHE GAVE US THE BUILDING, WE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEMOLITION. WE COULD USE THE RENT MONEY WE GET FROM NOVACARE TO OFFSET THE DEMOLITION OR

WE CAN SELL THE NOVACARE BUILDING TO SOMEBODY AND HELP IMPROVE THAT BLOCK. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS AND THE REALATOR SAID THE FIRST BUILDING HAS TO COME DOWN BECAUSE IT IS FALLING DOWN. THE SECOND BUILDING IS NOT MUCH BETTER AND EVENTUALLY IT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE TAKEN DOWN TOO, SO IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO TAKE THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE DOWN AND YOU WOULD HAVE A VERY GOOD STEAL BUILDING THAT IS HOUSING NOVACARE RIGHT NOW. MCVICKERS WAS THERE TODAY AND HE SAID FOR \$61,000.00 HE WILL TAKE IT ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE WALL OF NOVACARE. HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE REBUILD THE WALL AND SO THAT ENTIRE 150 FT WALL BETWEEN NOVACARE AND WHAT USE TO BE THE CHEVROLET GARAGE WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED. I ASKED HIM HOW MUCH IS THAT GOING TO BE AND HE SAID I WOULD GUESS IT TO BE AROUND \$15,000.00 – \$18,000.00 TO REPLACE THAT WALL. THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED REGARDLESS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY FROM THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING TO DEMOLISH IT ON MONDAY. THE QUESTION WHAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER IS WHAT ABOUT BUILDING NUMBER TWO AND WHAT ABOUT THE OFFER THEY MADE TO DONATE THESE BUILDINGS TO US WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY EITHER THE \$41,000.00 OR THE \$60,000.00 PLUS GET THE WALL FIXED UNLESS WE CAN FIND SOMEBODY TO PURCHASE THE BUILDING FROM US. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IF WE TOOK POSSESSION OF THE BUILDING WE ARE TALKING APPROXIMATELY \$80,000.00 TO GET THAT DEMOLISHED AND A WALL BUILT AND THEN WHAT WE DO WITH THE VACANT LOT AS FAR AS PUTTING PARKING OR SOMETHING? AND WHAT ABOUT THE ROOF WHEN WE PUT THE NEW WALL UP WILL IT NEED TO BE SEALED SO IT DOESN'T LEAK? THE MAYOR STATED YES AND THE BUILDING WE ARE GOING TO KEEP DOES HAVE A LEAKING ROOF AND WHEN WE POINTED IT OUT TO MCVICKER HE SAID IT IS AN EASY FIX AND SHOULDN'T COST MUCH AT ALL. NOVACARE IS INTERESTED IN RENTING MORE OF THE BUILDING AND HAVE JUST SIGNED A FIVE-YEAR LEASE. THE MAYOR CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE DETAIL OF THE DEMO OF THE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE PRICE OF \$60,000.00 TO DEMOLISH INCLUDES THE INSURANCE PREMIUM THAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT RIGHT? THE MAYOR STATED YES, HE TOLD US HE HAD TO GET A \$3,000.00 INSURANCE POLICY TO DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING. I DON'T KNOW IF WE OWN THE BUILDING IF WE CAN SAVE \$3,000.00 BECAUSE OF OUR LIABILITY INSURANCE OR NOT?

ANOTHER THING THAT IS MOST IMPORTANT AND TIM YOU NEED TO INCLUDE THIS IN YOUR STORY, THIS IS NOT A PROJECT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. OUR MAIN STREET IS CLOSED DOWN AND IDOT TOLD ME IF IT IS CLOSED LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS THEY NEED TO KNOW AND MAKE SOME LONG-TERM PLANS. I WOULD HOPE BY WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE ROAD OPEN. IF WE TAKE POSSESSION OF THE BUILDING WE WOULD OWN THE BUILDING. IF WE DON'T THEN THE OWNERS WILL TEAR DOWN THE BUILDING, LEAVE IT AND NOT DO ANYTHING WITH THE BUILDING. CITY ATTORNEY STATED WILL THEY GIVE YOU ANY MONEY FOR TAKING THE TITLE SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO TEAR DOWN BUILDING ONE? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED NO, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD THEY ARE WILLING TO FORGO THE INCOME PRODUCING COMPANY ON THE END AND GIVE US THE PROPERTY JUST SO THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY TO TEAR IS DOWN. MIKE RIVA STATED HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE NOVACARE LEASE YET? THE MAYOR AND COMMISSOINER SIMPSON STATED NO. MIKE RIVA STATED YOU NEED TO SEE THAT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED DO THEY OWN ANY OF THE OTHER MORTHLAND COLLEGE BUILDINGS? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED NO, NOT THAT WE ARE AWARE OF. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I FEEL LIKE THE CITY HAS TO TAKE IT ON AND TEAR IT DOWN OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE A LOT SLOWER THAN WE DO AND IT IS AN EMERGENCY, BUT IT STINKS THAT IF THE BUILDING WASN'T FALLING IN AND THE CITY WOULD HAVE ASKED FOR IT AS A BUSINESS INCUBATOR WOULD THEY HAVE TURNED IT OVER? NO, THEY ARE GETTING OUT OF PAYING \$60,000.00 BY PAWNING IT OFF ON US WE SHOULD GET SOMETHING IN RETURN THAN JUST NOVACARE. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S ANYTHING NEGOTIABLE IN THE TIME WE HAVE TO GET IT DOWN. THEY HAVE US IN A BIND BECAUSE IT HAS TO COME DOWN NOW. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO GIVE THEM CREDIT BECAUSE THEY WILL DO WHAT WE ASK THEM TO DO AND THAT IS TO TEAR DOWN BUILDING NUMBER ONE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED BASED ON THE DISCUSSION WITH NOVACARE THEY WOULD RECOUP THAT MONEY OVER THE FIVE YEARS THAT THEY SPEND ON THAT PROPERTY. THE LEASE WOULD MORE THAN COVER WHAT THEY WOULD SPEND TO TEAR THE OTHER TWO DOWN. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED SO WE WILL AS WELL BECAUSE WE WILL BE THE LANDLORDS FOR NOVACARE? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED CORRECT, UNLESS

WE FIND A BUYER. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS I THINK IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO DO AND TEAR DOWN BOTH BUILDINGS AND TAKE ON NOVACARE EXAND WHAT THEY RENT AND THEN MAYBE IN THE FUTURE MAYBE LOOK AT THE RESTRICTIONS FOR BUILDING ON MAIN STREET THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO BUILD ON MAIN STREET. I KNOW THERE ARE SOME WEIRD LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO BUILD ON MAIN STREET AND I DON'T KNOW IF THE ORDINANCES ARE STILL THERE OR NOT, BUT WE ARE GOING TO OWN I GIANT EMPTY LOT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED A PARKING LOT FOR OUR BUILDING IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO OWN. IF WE FIX IT UP AND IT IS A GOOD BUILDING, WE MIGHT FIND ANOTHER TENANT OR WE MIGHT FIND A BUYER THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE IT ON WITH THE SUFFICIENT PARKING THAT IS THERE. MY FEELING IS THEY BOUGHT THIS BUILDING AS A PACKAGE FROM THE BANK AND THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE BUILDING THEY JUST COLLECT THE RENT FROM NOVACARE. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE PROTECTING OURSELF BY GETTING THIS BUILDING BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS ANYWAYS AND WE ARE GETTING A BUILDING THAT HAS REVENUE AND POTENTIAL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IT IS MUCH MORE MARKETABLE THAN THOSE BUILDINGS THAT WE BOUGHT LAST SUMMER. THE MAYOR STATED IF THE COUNCIL DOESN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION THEN I WOULD PROPOSE TO PURSUE MAKING SURE THERE ISN'T ANYTHING OWED AGAINST IT. WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY DECISION TONIGHT BUT WE MAY HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING NEXT WEEK. I RECOMMEND GETTING ENOUGH FACTS TOGETHER FOR A SPECIAL MEETING TO MAKE A DECISION AT THAT POINT. I PROMISE WE WILL GET BACK TOGETHER ABOUT THIS.

19. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I THINK OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE HANDLING ANY SITUATION THAT COMES THEIR WAY WITH THE WAY THE CONDITIONS ARE WITH THIS VIRUS PROBLEM. I BELIEVE WE HAVE EVERYTHING PRETTY WELL UNDER CONTROL.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I THINK THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY HALL AND THAT ANGELA DEATON HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB PREPARING THIS FOR THIS MEETING. SHE HAS SPENT LONG HOURS DOWN HERE DECORATING THIS. THE COLORS ARE GREAT AND THE WHOLE PLACE LOOKS GOOD.

THE MAYOR STATED I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ANGIE HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB. WE HAVE CONTRACTED THIS OUT I WOULD SAY SHE WAS OUR GENERAL CONTRACTOR. I WANT TO THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR BUILDING THIS STAGE. ANGIE DID A GREAT JOB AND IT EXCEEDS MY EXPECTATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I TALKED TO ROGER EARLIER ABOUT THE SUMMER HELP AND HOW MUCH HE NEEDED THAT. ARE THERE ANY PERMANENT PLANS IN THE OLD CITY HALL? THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE SOME EVENTS THAT WILL BE GOING ON IN THE BUILDING BUT NO PERMANENT PLANS.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WATER AND SEWER IS GOOD AS FAR AS I KNOW, I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANYBODY.

20. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

N/A

21. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:26 P.M.

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MAYOR TOM JORDAN

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ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK