

**WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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 JANUARY 28, 2020 COUNCIL 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.
3. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,539.16 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY 60 DAY APPOINTMENT FOR KYLE WEBB TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PRUDENT STATED WE KNOW FOR SURE WE ARE LOSING TWO OFFICERS. MR. WEBB IS THIRD ON OUR HIRING LIST RIGHT NOW AND HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED POLICE. THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO START THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS TO GET HIM CERTIFIED IN ILLINOIS. THE MAYOR STATED HE IS A HOMETOWN BOY GRADUATED FROM FRANKFORT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING JOINING THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT. TOM LEACH FROM A LAW FIRM IN EDWARDSVILLE GAVE A PRESENTATION. CITY ATTORNEY, MIKE RIVA STATED ON THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WE WILL PASS AN OFFICIAL RESOLUTION. THE COUNCIL WAS ALL IN FAVOR.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE I57-RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING PROJECT. MIKE ROBERTS EXPLAINED THE PROJECT AND THE REASON FOR THE MODIFICATION WAS TO ADD THE INTERSECTION INTO THE PHASE 1 STUDY. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION REGARDING IL 149 I-37 TO EAST CORPORATE LIMITS PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR THE RESURFACING FROM RT 149 ALL THE WAY TO HORRELL AVE. THE CITY HAS TO PAY FOR THE PARKING SPOTS AND THAT IS OUR PORTION OF THE COST. 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 OF A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. 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 DONATIONS. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE TRYING TO HELP THE YOUTH OF WEST FRANKFORT AND I HAVE RECEIVED A COUPLE OF REQUESTS. THE FIRST ONE IS FROM PROJECT ECCO AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS BETWEEN HERE AND JOHNSTON CITY. THEY WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE ABLE TO GO ON FIELDTRIPS AND HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THAT. WE HELPED THEM LAST YEAR WITH \$250.00 AND AFTER TALKING WITH THEM THERE ARE ABOUT 120 STUDENTS THAT ATTEND THAT SCHOOL AND 21 OF THE STUDENTS ARE FROM WEST FRANKFORT. THEY ARE ASKING IF WE WOULD DONATE \$500.00 TO THEM TO HELP WITH COSTS FOR THE STUDENTS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO

APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT REQUEST WAS FROM FIRST PRIORITY WHICH IS A FAITH BASED GROUP. ONCE A WEEK THEY PROVIDE LUNCH TO THE STUDENTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO COME AND THEY HAVE A DISCUSSIN AT THAT TIME. WE HAVE HELPED THEM IN THE PAST AND THEY SOMETIMES HAVE TO PAY FOR IT OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS. THEY ASKED IS WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSIDER GIVING THEM \$3,000.00. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A COMMERCIAL GRADE 60" MOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,784.00 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR OWN MOWING OUT THERE AND THE MOWER WE WERE USING WAS USED AND THEY USE IT TO MOW THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR, KEN GRAY BLV AND THE ENTIRE MALL. DON GASS SAID THEY ARE GOING TO REPAIR THE ONE THEY HAVE WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS AND WITH THE NEW MOWER HE WILL BE ABLE TO GET IT DONE WITHOUT PROBLEMS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOPLIN SALVAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,950.00 REGARDING AN EMERGENCY DEMOLITION AT 1201 W. ELM STREET FOR THE CODES DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS A STRUCTURE THAT NEEDED TO BE DEMOLISHED. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM XYLEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,650.00 REGARDING REPAIRS TO THE FLYGT PUMP FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. 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. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM SIDENER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,046.43 FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE CHOLORINE INECTOR FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEAM WAS APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM A & W PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,229.26 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A NEW COMMERCIAL WATER HEATER AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED DON GASS TOLD ME IT WAS 55 GALLON GAS HEATER. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO TRANSFER LAKE LOT LEASE #12 FROM ALAN MOSIER TO RAE LYNN MOSIER. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF PRUDENT READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

MAYOR JORDAN READ THE CODE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

17. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH. 1902 E. OAK, PAUL MILLER CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A BUS STORAGE GARAGE ON THEIR PARKING LOT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE HAD A GREAT WEEK A LOT OF THINGS ARE GOING ON IN THE CITY AND A LOT OF THINGS IN THE WORKS. WE RENEWED THE ENTERPIRSE ZONE PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. IT TOOK EFFECT IN JANUARY AND WE ARE NOW IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITH BENTON, WEST CITY AND FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD. THERE IS A RIBBON CUTTING THIS WEEK FOR THE BLEND, THE COFFEE SHOP AT THE MALL. IF THINGS CONTINUE THE WAY THEY ARE FOR THIS BUSINESS THEY MAY BE ASKING FOR MORE SPACE.

19. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING WELL. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD USE SOME MORE OFFICERS AND I APPRECIATE THE COUNCIL GIVING THE OKAY ON MR. WEBB.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED KYLE WEBB IS A HOMETOWN BOY AND WE GRADUATED TOGETHER. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT GUY. I HOPE IT WORKS OUT FOR HIM. THE HGTV TAKEOVER WAS A REALLY COOL EXPERIENCE. WE WALKED THROUGH ALL THE OLD BUILDINGS AND IT WAS SUPER COOL. OUR TOWN HAS SO MUCH HISTORY THAT IS HIDDEN BEHIND WALLS. I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO SAVE THEM BECAUSE SOME ARE IN REALLY BAD SHAPE.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WE ARE MAKING A FEW REPAIRS IN THE SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT AND EVERYTHING IS FLOWING.

THE MAYOR STATED RATHER THAN GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TALK ABOUT THE APPEAL PROCESS WE HAD HERE ON MONDAY. I THINK WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THIS IN OPEN SESSION. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE APPEAL WHICH PERTAINS TO 114 S. EMMA STREET. THE MAYOR STATED WE NEED TO TAKE AN OFFICIAL VOTE ON THIS TO DENY THE APPEAL. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DENYING THE APPEAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL

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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 6:59 P.M.

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MAYOR TOM JORDAN

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ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK