

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 DECEMBER 26, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 \$315,984.74 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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NON-OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING ORDINANCE TJ-2-51 BY AMENDING SECTION 15.40.090 – STANDARDS FOR BASIC EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES. THE MAYOR STATED IN THAT SECTION THERE IS A LISTING OF REQUIREMENTS AND WE HAVE REMOVED THE LANGUAGE IT TALKS ABOUT THE LADDER AND HAVE CHANGE IT THAT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS TO PROVIDE THE LADDER. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REQUEST THAT CITY COUNCIL OFFICALLY APPROVE THE SUBMITTED BURTON SUBDIVISION PLAN. THE MAYOR STATED IN FRONT OF THE MALL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE INTERSTATE WE HAVE ABOUT 5-6 ACRES OF PROPERTY AND WE HAVE SUB DIVIDED IT AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED IT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS 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 APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION REGARDING IL 149 I-57 EAST TO DOUGLAS STREET WITH MULTIUSE PATH PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS OUR DEVELOPMENT THAT SHOULD BEGIN EARLY 2021. WE NEED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SAYING WE ARE OKAY WITH \$66,700.00 FOR OUR PORTION OF THE MATCH FOR THIS 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.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE SAME PROJECT THIS IS THE SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE TO DO THIS 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.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE 1200, 1300, & 1400 BLOCKS OF E. OAK STREET FOR NO PARKING SIGNS. AFTER DISCUSSION, THIS MATTER WAS TABLED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE A DAMAGED VEHICLE. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A TRUCK THAT ONE OF OUR DETECTIVES WAS DRIVING THAT WAS A 2006 WITH 190,000 MILES THAT WE PURCHASED USED IN 2010. HE HIT A DEER AND WE INITIALLY DISCUSSED BUYING ANOTHER USED TRUCK TO GET BY BUT THE PROPOSAL IS WE CAN TRADE THIS TRUCK IN AND ANOTHER VEHICLE THAT THEY SEIZED IN A DRUG ARREST. THE PURCHASE PRICE WILL BE \$22,242.00 AND THEY WILL TAKE ALL THE POLICE EQUIPMENT FROM THE OLD TRUCK AND PUT IT IN THE NEW TRUCK AT NO COST AND THIS TRUCK WILL HAVE A THREE-YEAR WARRANTY. THIS IS GOING TO BE PAID OUT OF THE STREET FINES ACCOUNT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF 222 E. MAIN STREET OF THE WEST FRANKFORT DOWNTOWN. THE MAYOR STATED THE FIRE CHIEF WENT AND INSPECTED IT AND PROVIDED US WITH A REPORT. THE INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED IN THIS BUILDING IS WANTING TO ALSO LIVE IN THE BACK OF IT. FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN READ THE REPORT. THE MAYOR STATED IF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO LIVE ABOVE THESE BUSINESSES, WE HAVE TO HAVE A WAY AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY KNOW THEY ARE THERE. WE NEED TO DO THIS THE CORRECT WAY AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING MEETS THE CODES. AFTER DISCUSSION, THIS MATTER WAS TABLED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION PROPERTY FOR THE CODES DEPARTMENT. THESE ARE THE LOTS THAT WE GOT FROM THE COUNTY FOR BACK TAXES. THE ADDRESSES ARE 1704 E. OAK, 408 N. COCHRAN, 201 N. JACKSON, 603 S. BROWN, 1210 W. STL, 214 WASHINGTON. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROBLEM AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS ADRESSED AND TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY. THIS ESTIMATE HERE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 OF PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,585.33 REGARDING PHASE 1 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE I57 & IL RT 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION PHASE 1 ENGINEERING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON 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 ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,702.43 REGARDING TIF DEVELOPMENT – BURTON SUBDIVISION. 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 OF PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,668.75 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT 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.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AN EMERGENCY APPROVAL FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE NEW PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AMBULANCE THE TOTAL IS \$3,844.84. 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. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF PRUDENT READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

18. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THERE WAS ONE REQUEST FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR MCELYEA TO BUILD A POLE BARN. THE MAYOR STATED IF THEY ARE JUST BUILDING A POLE BARN, I AM OKAY WITH THAT, WE HAVE ALREADY TOLD THEM THEY CANNOT LIVE IN A MOTOR HOME INSIDE THE POLE BARN. I AM OKAY WITH APPROVING THIS PERMIT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS JUST A POLE BARN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS RAISING THE AMBULANCE RATES. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN

RAISED SINCE 2011 AND WE NEED TO BRING THEM MORE IN LINE WITH WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE IS CHARGING. WE ALSO NEED TO ADD SOME PEOPLE TO OUR MERIT BOARD, AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE POLICE OR FIRE BACKGROUND OR JUST PUBLIC SERVANTS THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE. IT WILL REQUIRE SOME TRAINING SO IF ANYONE HAS SUGGESTIONS PLEASE LET THEM KNOW WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP US. ALL OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE PARAMEDICS, WE NOW HAVE A FULL PARAMEDIC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

20. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ARE DOING WELL. THE HEAT IS WORKING WELL IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BAY. WE HAVE A GOOD BUNCH OF PARAMEDICS THEY ARE TOP NOTCH.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTH WITH THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS AS FAR AS I KNOW.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED ROGER AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB AS USUAL. I DID GO AND CHECK OUT THE NEW QUEST FITNESS AND IT IS SUCH A BLESSING IT IS BEAUTIFUL. IT IS VERY NICE AND SO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT OWN IT.

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 7:03 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK