

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

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 27, 2018 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 \$176,666.68 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 A DONATION TO FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REGARDING THE SERVICE COSTS FOR THE NIXLE ALERT AND ADVISORY PROGRAM FOR 2019. THE MAYOR STATED I SPOKE WITH RYAN BUCKINGHAM AND HE WANTED ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR HIM THAT HE ISN'T ABLE TO BE HERE TONIGHT. NIXLE IS A DEVICE THAT WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL THAT IS USED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OUR FIRE, POLICE AND WATER DEPARTMENTS USE THIS TO NOTIFY CELL PHONE USERS THROUGH A TEXT MESSAGE OF EVENTS THAT ARE GOING ON. THIS HAS BEEN A FREE SERVICE UP UNTIL THIS YEAR. THEY HAVE BEEN CHARGED COUNTY WIDE TO USE THIS SERVICE \$4,800.00 AND WITH SETUP FEES IT CAME TO ABOUT \$5,200.00. WEST FRANKFORT AND BENTON ARE THE TWO LARGEST IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. I THINK THE CITY SHOULD SHARE IN THE COST OF THIS. FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOES OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY RYAN BUCKINGHAM AND GARY LITTLE WORK WITH US. I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF WE PAID ¼ OF IT THAT WOULD BE \$1,300.00 AND I AM NOT OPPOSED TO PAYING HALF OF IT. FIRE CHIEF JODY ALLEN STATED WE USE IT TO PUT ALERTS OUT TO THE RESIDENTS.COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I AGREE WITH THE

MAYOR THAT ¼ OF IT WOULD BE REASONABLE AND SO WOULD ½ IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES SINCE WE USE IT I SEE NO PROBLEM PAYING UP TO HALF 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.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A BUSINESS PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR 228 MAIN STREET. THE MAYOR STATED IF YOU REMEMBER THE CITY PURCHASED FOUR BUILDINGS ON MAIN STREET. WE HAVE 222 LEASED OUT, WE ARE FIXING AND REPAIRING THE BUILDINGS AT 206 AND WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR BIDS TO TEAR DOWN SOME OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE BACK OF 200. 228 IS THE BUILDING ON THE END THAT IS BEING UTILIZED BY THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION GROUP. WE HAVE A PROPOSAL FROM DIAMOND HOME IMPROVEMENTS ABOUT THOSE BUILDINGS AND THEY WANT TO INSTALL A RETAIL STORE DOWN STAIRS AND INSTALL A RETAIL UP STAIRS ON HALF OF THE FIRST FLOOR AND IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PUTTING AN APARTMENT UP STAIRS AND RENTING THAT OUT. WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AND THERE ARE A COUPLE ISSUES I THINK ARE IMPORTANT. I DON'T KNOW THAT I AM COMFORTABLE WITH HOUSING UPSTAIRS IN A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE UP STAIRS. THERE IS A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THAT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAND POINT. THIS IS OUR BUILDING THEY WANT TO LEASE FROM US AND RENT. I WOULD LIKE TO TABLE THIS SO WE CAN LOOK INTO SOME OF THE ISSUES. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THEY ARE ASKING US TO DO A LOT TO THIS BUILDING AND WE ARE USING THE BUILDING FOR STORAGE RIGHT NOW UNTIL WE HAVE ANOTHER LOCATION TO STORE THOSE ITEMS THEN WE CAN LOOK AT PROPOSALS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I HATE TO PUT A BLANKET OVER THE IDEA OF GETTING A NEW BUSINESS DOWNTOWN, I THINK I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT WOULD HELP ME MAKE A BETTER DECISION. I PERSONALLY LOVE THE IDEA OF TURNING THE EMPTY UP STAIRS LOFTS INTO APARTMENTS. I KNOW THAT MAY BE A FIRE THING AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, BUT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SMALL TOWN RURAL DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES AND IT IMPROVES BUILDING THAT

OTHERWISE DON'T HAVE UPSTAIRS FUNCTION WHICH LEADS TO THE BUILDINGS NOT BEING CARED FOR AS MUCH AS THEY WOULD BE IF THEY COULD BE USED ENTIRELY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE TABLE THIS SO WE CAN GET AN IDEA ON WHAT COST IS INVOLVED AND HOW THE CITY WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR WHAT THEY ARE PUTTING INTO IT. WE NEED TO GET THAT WORKED OUT BEFORE WE MOVE AHEAD. I WILL MAKE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE ADDITION OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. THE MAYOR STATED CHIEF IRWIN CAME AND TALKED TO US AT THE LAST MEETING ABOUT THIS. CHIEF IRWIN STATED CAPTAIN PRUDENT AND I MET WITH THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. WE HAD DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS IN THE PAST AND ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES IS THE REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO MANY CALLS THERE HOWEVER GIVEN TODAY'S TIME AND SOME OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS IS KIND OF LIKE PAYING INSURANCE ON YOUR CAR, YOU HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE IT BUT IF YOU DO YOU ARE GLAD YOU HAVE IT. MR. DONKIN, CAPTAIN PRUDENT AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS AT LENGTH WE BELIEVE WE CAN COME TO A FAIR SOLUTION FOR BOTH PARTIES AND THERE ARE DETAILS WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT SUCH AS LENGTH OF THE CONTRACT AND THINGS LIKE THAT. MR. DONKIN AND I DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT OUR EARLIER PROPOSAL WHICH YOU ARE AWARE OF AND WE WOULD WORK UNDER THAT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE POLICE CHIEF WENT ON TO EXPLAIN MORE DETAILS. THE MAYOR STATED YOU WANT APPROVAL TO WORK ON A CONTRACT FOR DISCUSSION THIS YEAR AND THE SHORT TERM AGREEMENT WILL GET US THROUGH THIS YEAR AND THEN BETWEEN NOW AND THE BEGINNING OF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WE WILL COME UP WITH A MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT AND IT MAY REQUIRE THE CITY TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER, WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT. WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW IS THE NEED FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND IS THE CITY WILLING TO HELP FACILITATE THAT WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE SCHOOLS. POLICE CHIEF

STATED WE DO HAVE FOUR CAMPUSES IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM IS A LONG WAY SHOULD THERE BE AN ISSUE. THE PATROLLING OFFICERS WILL RESPOND AS NEEDED, I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE SOMEONE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE HAVING SOMEONE THERE ON A DAILY BASIS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREVENT BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE SRO WOULD BE AN ASSIGNMENT MADE BY CHIEF IRWIN? CHIEF IRWIN STATED THAT IS CORRECT SIR. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED AND WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION THEY WOULD BE PERFORMING THE REGULAR DUTIES AS A PATROL OFFICER? CHIEF IRWIN STATED CORRECT. CHIEF IRWIN STATED THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING FOR THE KIDS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR WITH THE AGREED UPON TERMS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE AT THE NEW LAKE. RESIDENTS FROM THE LAKE STATED THEIR PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITH THE LAKE. THIS MATTER WAS TABLED. A SPECIAL MEETING WAS SET FOR MONDAY JANUARY 21, 2019 AT 6:00P.M. AT CITY HALL.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,147.75 REGARDING WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS ON DOUGLAS & 4TH STREET. COMMISSIONER BLADES 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,154.75 REGARDING REPAIR OF A WATER LEAK ON MAIN STREET. COMMISSIONER BLADES 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 FERRELL ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,252.98 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHTS TO SUITE 108 AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF IRWIN READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

ED HAMMONDS READ THE CODE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

12. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

N/A

13. MAYORS COMMENTS:

I WENT BY MACH1 AND THEY ARE POURING THE PARKING LOT. THE MALL HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING THING THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE PARKING LOT IF FULL, THEY ARE FINISHED WITH THEIR TRAINING ROOM AND WE ARE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM COMPLETION ON THE NEW BATHROOMS. IT LOOKS VERY NICE AND THE BUILDING IS BEAUTIFUL. I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE THIS COUNCIL AND YEARS AGO TAKING THE BOLD STEP TO BUY THE MALL. I THINK IT IS GOING TO CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT AS CHIEF MENTIONED FOR 2018 THEY TOOK CARE OF OUR TOWN VERY WELL. I THINK WE HAVE A VERY FINE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY TAKE CARE OF MATTERS. I THINK THE PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN ARE TAKING NOTICE TO WHAT WE GOT.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE CHIEF FOR NEGOTIATING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN NEEDED FOR A WHILE. WE TRIED IN THE SUMMER AND WE ARE TRYING AGAIN NOW AND I JUST HOPE WE CAN GET THIS RESOLVED AND HAVE SOMEBODY THERE ON CAMPUS TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEMS WITHOUT WAITING ON THE

POLICE EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE THERE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE MEETING WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT A FORMER MAYOR PASSED AWAY AND OFFER CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND THANK HIS WIFE FOR SHARING HIM WITH OUR TOWN FOR THE TIME THAT HE SERVED. I THINK THE MORELAND'S DESERVE THEIR FIVE MINUTES OF FAME JUST FOR THE SUCCESS THEY HAVE HAD IN DOING WHAT THEY SET OUT TO DO. TOM DID A GREAT JOB EXPLAINING ALL THEY HAVE DONE AT THE LAST MEETING WITH BUYING THE OLD KMART PLAZA AND JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO THEY ANNOUNCE THEY HAVE THEIR FIRST BUSINESS GOING IN THERE. THEY BOUGHT THE PROPERTY TO KEEP IT LOCAL AND INVEST IN WEST FRANKFORT AND IT IS AMAZING. IT IS A TASK THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE CITY TO UNDERTAKE BEING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY SO WHEN YOU HAVE LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO WILL SPEND A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GIVE IT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY YOU CAN'T BEAT IT AND THEY DESERVE RECOGNITION.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED I GOT A CALL FROM BOB'S WIFE TO HELP PICK HIM UP WHEN HE WOULD FALL AND IT WAS HARD SEEING HIM LIKE THAT. IT IS A BLESSING THAT HE WENT ON.

15. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

16. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:54 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK