

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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 AUGUST 28, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
3. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$233,766.89. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A BID PAINTING OF THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED WE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS AND HAD A PRE BID MEETING AT THE MALL TO INVITE PEOPLE TO COME OUT AND LOOK AT IT AND ASK QUESTIONS AND WE ONLY RECEIVED ONE BID. THE BID IS FROM RON WARD PAINTING IN CENTRALIA IL HE WILL PRESSURE WASH THE ENTIRE BUILDING AND PAINT IT. HE WILL TAKE DOWN ALL METAL NON ELECTRIC ADVERTISING SIGNS AND PUT THEM BACK UP AFTER PAINTING HIS PRICE WAS \$58,516.00. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE COLORS OF THE MALL AND PICTURES SHOWN. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTOR'S PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE #1 TO WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,048.00 REGARDING THE HIGH SCHOOL SANITARY SEWER REHAB PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #1 TO BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,724.65 REGARDING THE HIGH SCHOOL SANITARY SEWER REHAB PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM FOWLER HEATING & COOLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,442.00 REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF A UNIT AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE UNIT ABOVE VANITY FAIR THAT WENT OUT THESE UNIT IS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM LARRY MORGAN TRUCKING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 REGARDING THE BUILDING UP OF THE LOCATION FOR THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM LORING APPRAISAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE IN LITIGATION AND HAD TO HAVE A BUILDING APPRAISED TO FIND OUT THE VALUE OF IT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM ENERGY CULVERT CO, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,632.00 REGARDING REPAIR OF CULVERT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM THIN BLUE LINE PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,994.79 REGARDING EQUIPMENT FOR 2018 DODGE CHARGER FOR

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THIS IS FOR ONE VEHICLE CORRECT? POLICE CHIEF MIKE IRWIN STATED YES, WE TOOK WHAT WE COULD USE BUT SOME EQUIPMENT HAS CHANGED. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR WEEKS CHEVROLET TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL PARKING LOT ON OCTOBER 31, 2018 FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR ABATE-FRANKLIN COUNTY TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ROADBLOCK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. 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.

15. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THE FIRST REQUEST IS FOR JAMES LARE FOR A BUILDING PERMIT AT 109 W. 8TH STREET TO BUILD A 36x48 POLE BARN ON THE LOT ADJACENT TO HIS HOUSE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT REQUEST IS FOR A SIGN PERMIT FOR TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. ONE SIGN WILL BE ON THE EXISTING POLE AND THE SIGN WILL BE LIGHTED AND THE OTHER ONE WILL BE BEHIND THE ROCK IN THEIR PARKING LOT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO

APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. MAYORS REPORT:

MACH 1 HAS STARTED MOVING DIRT OUT THERE THEY ARE WORKING ON THE SITE PREPARATION. THAT IS ABOUT A 5 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT GOING ON OUT THERE. WISCONSIN PHYSICIANS SERVICES IS ALMOST COMPLETED REMODELING THE TWO SUITES AT THE MALL. THERE WILL BE ONE HUNDRED EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY THEM AND THEY WILL HOPEFULLY BE BUYING GAS AND FOOD IN OUR TOWN. THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY EMPLOYEES OUT THERE BECAUSE OF THE HURRICANE. THEY WERE ASKED TODAY IF THEY COULD PUT IN A TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL STAFF. BONNIE CAFÉ OPENED, NIFTY SWIFTY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THEIR NEW CONVENIENCE STORE UP IN THE HEIGHTS. ST. LOUIS STREET IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE MOST OF THE STORM DRAINAGE IS IN AND THEY ARE READY TO PAVE WITH CONCRETE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITIZENS FOR THEIR PATIENCE IT IS A \$2.9 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IT WAS DESIGNED FOR TWO PROJECTS ONE FROM BRYAN TO CHERRY AND ONE FROM CHERRY TO HORRELL, BUT WITH THE ACCOMMODATIONS WE GOT FROM IDOT WE WERE ABLE TO PUT THE TWO PROJECTS TOGETHER. IT IS A TWO YEAR PROJECT AND I KNOW IT HAS CAUSED A LOT OF FRUSTRATION FOR PEOPLE AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM. THE MAYOR THEN DISCUSSED THE BUILDINGS ON MAIN STREET AND THE BID ADVERTISEMENT. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 6:00 WE ARE GOING TO HOST A MEETING AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL EVENT CENTER. IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE A LOCAL PAPER A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN WEST FRANKFORT ARE NOT KNOWN. THIS FIRST MEETING WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE EVERYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. WE HAVE TARGETED THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE LIONS CLUB AND ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS. WE WILL DISCUSS ALL THE PROJECTS GOING ON IN OUR TOWN.

17. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS PER USUAL ARE DOING THEIR JOBS. OUR NEW SQUAD CARS SHOULDN'T BE TOO FAR FROM BEING PUT INTO SERVICE ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE HAVE A FIREMAN IN THE FIRE

ACADEMY RIGHT NOW MATT MORTHLAND.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I WENT TO THE FORGED IN FIRE EVENT AT THE OLD FIREHOUSE AND WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS EVENT AT THE LAST MINUTE SHE EXPLAINED WHAT WENT ON AT THE EVENT. SHE THEN SPOKE ABOUT BONNIE CAFÉ AND HOW GREAT THE FOOD WAS SHE STATED IT WAS PACKED AND THE ONLY COMPLAINT SHE CAN GIVE IS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PARKING FOR THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT WERE THERE.

18. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

I LIVE OVER ON ILLINOIS AVENUE AND I HAVE BROUGHT PICTURES OF THIS HOUSE THAT IS A MESS WITH WEEDS AND OVERGROWN. 706 N. ILLINOIS AVE IS THE ADDRESS AND THE LAST TIME THAT YARD HAS BEEN MOWED WAS LAST YEAR I HAVE SPOKE WITH CODES SEVERAL TIMES TO TRY AND GET SOMETHING DONE. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS ON OUR RADAR AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING THIS AND IT THE PROCESS TAKES A LONG TIME. THANK YOU WE WILL GET THIS TAKEN CARE OF AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. THE COMMISSIONERS AND CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSED THE PROCESS AND WHAT THEY CAN DO IN THE FUTURE.

THE NEXT QUESTION WAS WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO DO WITH THE OLD MORTHLAND COLLEGE APARTMENT BUILDINGS? THE MAYOR STATED THOSE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE OWNED BY BRAD MCMILLIAN AND HE HAS INVEST 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS THERE AND THEY ARE BEING RENOVATED NOW. I THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE THEM INTO SOME SORT OF AN APARTMENT WHERE THEY CAN BE RENTED BECAUSE THEY WERE DORMITORIES. IT WAS PRIVATELY DONE AND THE CITY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.

19. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:38P.M.

MAYOR, TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK