

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 25, 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 \$219,914.35. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NUMBER OF CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES TO FIFTEEN. THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY COUNCIL TOOK ACTION ON THIS A WHILE BACK IN NOVEMBER, WE NEVER CHANGED THE ORDINANCE SO THIS IS A SIMPLE FORMALITY CHANGING OUR ORDINANCE TO SAY THAT THE NUMBER OF CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE WERE INCREASED FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATION FROM ATTORNEY JAMES COOK. THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY HAS BEEN IN A LAW SUITE WITH JOEY LEE CRAWFORD. HE SUED ME PERSONALLY, TARA PERSONALLY, ED HAMMONDS PERSONALLY AND THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. WE HAVE A SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL FROM OUR INSURANCE COMPANY TO SETTLE THIS CASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000.00 THE CITY PAYS THE FIRST \$10,000.00 AND INSURANCE WILL PAY THE REST. THIS WILL SETTLE THE CASE AND BE DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL

VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS TO GET A PRICE ON DEMOLITION AT 201 E. ST. LOUIS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES IN WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED I TOLD THEM IF THEY NEEDED ANYTHING TO PLEASE COME FORWARD AND LET US KNOW. DAN THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS GROUP SPOKE ABOUT THE GROUP, WHAT THEY DO AND THEIR NEEDS. THE MAYOR THE MAYOR STATED IT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE THE FELLOWSHIP ATHLETES \$1,500.00 OUT OF OUR FUND FOR THE YOUTH OF WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO INSTALL WATER SERVICE FOR DAVID AND ANGELA BARTONI AT 9700 FREEMAN SPUR BLACKTOP, WEST FRANKFORT, WHICH IS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM A & K SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,570.00 REGARDING REPAIRS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT OUTLET MALL. DON GASS STATED THAT IS TO ENCLOSE THE FAÇADE TO KEEP THE BIRDS OUT BEFORE THEY FINISH PAINTING. 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF CERTAIN SEWER LINES FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS FOR SKUTA CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR \$8401.30 TO CLEAN THE LINE AND

SEND CAMERAS DOWN THE LINE TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM DRP CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIRS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. DON GASS STATED THAT SIDEWALK IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE BIG OVERHEAD DOOR ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE. IT HAS DROPPED DOWN ABOUT FOUR INCHES AND WE CANNOT GET THE SCISSOR LIFT OR ANY EQUIPMENT IN AND OUT OF THAT DOOR. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS 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 OF A QUOTE FROM DRP CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800.00 REGARDING CURB AND ASPHALT REPAIRS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. DON GASS STATED THAT IS THE AREA JUST WEST OF THE SIDEWALK WE ARE REPAIRING WHERE THE DUMPSTER USED TO SIT. THAT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED SO WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO BACK IN SEMIS AND TRAILERS TO UNLOAD THAT OVERHEAD DOOR. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN AND ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,974.47 REGARDING TIF DEVELOPMENT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CLINTON ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,119.37 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF SIX NEW LED PARKING LOT FIXTURES AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM THIN LINE PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,163.21

REGARDING EQUIPMENT FOR 2018 DODGE CHARGER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THIS SHOULD COMPLETE OUR NEW SQUAD CARS. POLICE CHIEF MIKE IRWIN STATED THIS IS MAINLY THE COST FOR THE PRISONER CAGE IN THE BACK AS WELL AS THE EQUIPMENT WE COULDN'T REUSE FROM THE OLD CAR TO THE NEW CAR. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MIDWEST METER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,995.00 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AND BLOCK OFF CERTAIN STREETS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. 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.

19. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THE FIRST REQUEST WAS A SIGN PERMIT FROM ROC ONE. THEY ARE REQUESTING A PERMIT TO PUT UP A NEW LIGHTED SIGN THAT WILL SAY SLOTS WHICH THEY WILL ATTACH TO THEIR EXISTING SIGN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT REQUEST WAS A BUILDING PERMIT FROM DONNA STONE-SIMCHEK AT 1807 E. CLEVELAND. THEY ARE REQUESTING TO PUT UP A POLE BARN TYPE GARAGE WHICH WILL BE AT THE END OF THEIR DRIVEWAY. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE,

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. MAYORS REPORT:

NIFTY SWIFTY IS DOING GREAT THINGS UP IN THE HEIGHTS THEY HAVE THE WINDOWS IN THEIR BUILDING AND IT IS LOOKING PRETTY GOOD. MACH 1 CONSTRUCTION IS GOING REALLY WELL, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. THINGS ARE GOING WELL AS FAR AS I KNOW.

21. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED CHIEF WAS TELLING ME WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME APPLICANTS TESTING THIS SATURDAY AT 8:30AM. POLICE CHIEF STATED WE HAD 24 APPLICANTS THAT WERE INVITED TO TEST FOR US. IF WE GET 15-20 THAT ACTUALLY TEST WE WILL BE PRETTY FORTUNATE. OUR FIRE TRUCK IS GOING TO GET LOOKED AT AND WE WILL GET A REPORT ON WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST TO FIX IN ABOUT 2-3 WEEKS. IT WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY FLAT BED TO WISCONSIN TO GET IT REPAIRED AND PUT BACK ONLINE, WE NEED THAT TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I DO WANT TO BRING UP SOMETHING THAT COMMISSIONER BLADES HAS BROUGHT UP PROBABLY ONE HUNDRED TIMES AND UNTIL RECENTLY I DIDN'T REALIZE THE NEED. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE LOOK AT THE HOUSING THAT WE PROVIDE TO THE CARE TAKER AT THE LAKE. WE HAPPENED TO BE OUT DRIVING AROUND THE LAKE AND CAME ACROSS IT. IT REALLY IS IN DISREPAIR AND IT'S PROBABLY LOOKING A LOT LIKE THE HOUSES IN TOWN THAT WE DEMOLISH. HE SEEMS TO DO A GOOD JOB, HE IS A VERY NICE GUY AND I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO PROVIDE HIM WITH SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE FITTING FOR WHAT WE WOULD WANT OUR OWN FAMILY TO LIVE IN. I WANTED TO CRY WHEN I SAW IT, I DON'T THINK THAT REPRESENTS THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT WE ALL ARE THAT WE WOULD WANT SOMEONE TO NOT HAVE A BETTER HOUSING SITUATION. NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN IT I NEED US TO GIVE HIM A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED WE CAN'T EVEN PUT A ROOF ON IT BECAUSE IT IS IN SUCH SAD SHAPE. THE MAYOR STATED I HAVE LOOKED AT A PREFABRICATED HOUSE AND THEY RUN SOMEWHERE AROUND \$30,000.00. WE TALKED ABOUT

OTHER THINGS AS WELL AND I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. I THINK WE NEED TO GET SOMETHING DONE BEFORE WINTER. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I THINK WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE WINTER WILL BE HERE. THE MAYOR STATED I WENT DOWN TO JOHNSTON CITY AND LOOKED AT THE MODULAR HOMES AND WHAT WE COULD DO IS HAUL OFF WHAT IS THERE AND SET A NEW ONE IN IT'S PLACE. LET'S PUT THAT ON THE BURNER UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING SO WE CAN LOOK AT SOME OPTIONS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

22. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

WYNONIA MURPHY SPOKE ABOUT THE ISSUE SHE IS HAVING WITH THE CODES DEPARTMENT.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE HOUSE AT 2012 E. ELM THERE ARE ANIMALS IN THERE AND I AM READY TO GET THE NEWS INVOLVED. I BROUGHT PICTURES IN THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE SHOWING HOW BAD IT WAS. THE MAYOR STATED WHAT IS YOUR PHONE NUMBER I WILL HAVE ED HAMMONDS GET A HOLD OF YOU. ED HAMMONDS THE CODES OFFICER STATED THAT IS THE PROPERTY THAT WE HAD REMEDIATION A WHILE BACK. WE ASKED ROGER IF HE COULD GO CLEAN THE BACK YARD UP IT WAS ENCLOSED AND THEY NEED TO TEAR THE FENCE DOWN TO GO IN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO DO THE CLEAN UP. THE PAPERWORK HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED OUT TO THE NEXT OF KIN TO CLEAR THE TITLE.

MARLA SUMMERS REQUEST A STREET LIGHT AT OAK AND SUNNYSLOPE. THERE IS A POLE THERE BUT NO LIGHT.

23. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, LAND ACQUISITION AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

24. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:13 P.M. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS

ALONG WITH MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.
MOTION CARRIED.

25. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:14P.M.

MAYOR, TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK