

**WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 OCTOBER 23, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. 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 \$282,656.86. 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 OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE C.A.R.E. ASSOCIATION TO SPONSOR THE FANTASY OF LIGHTS PARADE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT – SAID ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN FRANKLIN COUNTY ENCOMPASSING PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, THE CITY OF BENTON, AND THE VILLAGE OF WEST CITY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A PROCESS THAT WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE TRIED TO RE-APPLY FOR OUR ENTERPRISE ZONE AND WE INCLUDED BENTON AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WITH THAT AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS SAID THAT WE COULD NOT INCLUDE THEM BECAUSE THEIR ENTERPRISE ZONES WERE STILL ENFORCED. SO NOW WE ARE JOINING WITH THE CITY OF BENTON, CITY OF WEST CITY, FRANKLIN COUNTY AND WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS

VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ABATING PROPERTY TAX IN FRANKLIN COUNTY I-57 ENTERPRISE ZONE. THE MAYOR STATED THE EXAMPLE I HAVE BEEN USING IS IF YOU BUILD A BUILDING AND THERE IS NOTHING ON THE LAND AND IT IS IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AND THE TAXES ARE \$40,000.00 FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY TAXES, YEAR THREE THEY ARE ABATED 75%, YEAR FOUR ABATED 50%, YEAR FIVE ABATED 25% AND YEAR SIX YOU WILL PAY THE FULL TAXES. TWO THINGS TO POINT OUT FIRST OF ALL IF NO ONE BUILDS A BUILDING BECAUSE THERE ARE NO INCENTIVES THERE ARE NO TAXES TO COLLECT AND EVERYBODY LOSES. THE SECOND THING IS THE CURRENT ENTERPRISE ZONE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY THAT IS IN PLACE HAS A FIVE YEAR 100% ABATEMENT, THIS IS A STEP DOWN FROM THAT AND THE TAXING BODIES WILL RECEIVE MONEY AT A HIGHER RATE THEN THEY ARE CURRENTLY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IT DOES NOT INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON 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 OF A PROPOSED WAGE REOPENER REGARDING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL – PATROLMEN'S CONTRACT TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019. THE MAYOR STATED THEY GOT THE SAME WAGES THAT ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEES RECEIVED WHEN THEIR CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED WAGE REOPENER REGARDING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL – CAPTAIN'S CONTRACT TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 TO ACCEPT FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE THREE ABANDONED PROPERTIES THAT WE HAVE PUT OUT FOR BID AT 905 S. MONROE, 308 N. TAFT & 201 E. ST. LOUIS. WE GET THESE PROPERTIES DONATED TO US FROM THE OWNER OR WE GET THEM FOR TAXES THROUGH THE COUNTY AND WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO TEAR ALL THESE DOWN. THE PROPERTY AT 201 E. ST. LOUIS IS NOT A BAD HOUSE AND I THINK WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE LOW BID, BUT BEFORE WE DEMOLISH THIS WE NEED TO EXPLORE ALL OF OUR OPTIONS AND MAKE SURE THERE ISN'T A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS. THE BIDS AT 905 S. MONROE- TERRA PRO \$3,200.00, JOPLIN SALVAGE \$2,425.00. 208 N. TAFT- TERRA PRO \$4,000.00, JOPLIN SALVAGE \$2,650.00. 201 E. ST. LOUIS- TERRA PRO \$6,000.00, JOPLIN SALVAGE \$3,825.00. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON ALL THE PROPERTIES. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE CORNER OF N. DOUGLAS AND W. ST. LOUIS STREET. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I WAS A WITNESS TO AN ALMOST ACCIDENT THERE A COUPLE OF TIMES. POLICE CAPTAIN PRUDENT STATED THERE IS A HEAVY FLOW OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THERE THAT HAS A THREE BLOCK STRETCH BEFORE A STOP SIGN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 TO BLOCK OFF TRAFFIC ON SHORT STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND OAK STREET ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018 FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 10:00 P.M. TO PREPARE FOR THE FANTASY LIGHTS PARADE. 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CDW-G IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,958.20 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF TWO PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FIRE CHIEF JODY ALLEN STATED WE BOUGHT A NEW ONE SEVERAL MONTHS

- AGO. THE OTHER TWO WERE COMPLETELY BROKEN PEOPLE HAVE TO SIGN THE SCREEN AND THEY COULDN'T GET IT TO WORK. WE WILL HAVE THREE NEW ONES AND THE EXTRA ONE WE WILL KEEP FOR A BACKUP. THE ONES WE ARE REPLACING ARE ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,095.00 REGARDING A SEWER LINE REPAIR ON LINDELL STREET 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.
14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FERRELL ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,827.36 REGARDING THE DISCONNECT OF ALL UNUSED SOFFIT LIGHTS AND INSTALL 6 NEW LED WALL PACKS AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED THE MALL LOOKS WONDERFUL WITH THE NEW PAINT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM RSP HEATING AND COOLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,502.00 REGARDING CLOSED CELL WALLS, GABLE ENDS AND TRUSS LINES ON 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.
16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MIDWEST METER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,435.45 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO TRANSFER LAKE LOT LEASE #106 FROM DWIGHT BUTLER AND NANCY BUTLER (DECEASED) TO DWIGHT BUTLER AND AMANDA L. BUTLER. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON.

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 BUILDING PERMIT FROM JACK FROST AT HAMMERS TIRES TO PUT UP AN ADDITIONAL POLE BARN BEHIND THE STRUCTURE ALONG THE STREET THERE. BEN WYANT SKETCHED OUT THE LAYOUT FOR A 30 X 40 WHICH WOULD FILL THE VACANT SPOT BEHIND THE FRONT BUILDING 1200 SQFT AND WOULD COST \$60.00 FOR THE BUILDING PERMIT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. MAYORS REPORT:

WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THE OFFICER REPORTS AND THEY STATE 176 AMBULANCE CALLS FOR THE MONTH THAT IS SIX AMBULANCE CALLS PER DAY AND YOU TAKE THE NUMBER OF CALLS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES FOR A LITTLE TOWN WE ARE PRETTY BUSY. OUR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT STAY BUSY ALL THE TIME. I WANT TO THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS TO GET IT READY FOR CHRISTMAS. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE MALL AND WHAT WE ARE DOING OUT THERE MIGHT SEEM LIKE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT I THINK IT IS GOING TO BRING US A LOT OF BENEFITS. WE FIXED THE ROOF, PAINTED, NEW AIR CONDITIONERS AND LIGHTS IN THE PARKING LOT. BON WORTH IS GOING TO MOVE FRIDAY FROM WHERE THEY ARE TO THE CORNER ACROSS FROM VANITY FAIR. WE ARE EXTENDING THE COFFEE SHOP TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE MORE ROOM. WE HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF STUFF OUT THERE AND I THINK BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR WE WILL BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE WHY IF EVERYTHING WORKS OUT. THE DOWNTOWN LIGHTS LOOK WONDERFUL. MACH 1 HAS BEEN FULL

THROTTLE OUT THERE AND ARE STARTING TO PUT UP THE FRAME.  
WE HAVE A GREAT STAFF AND OFFICE STAFF THEY DO A GREAT JOB.

21. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED I WAS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND  
THEY ARE VERY HAPPY ABOUT THEIR SEWER LINE AND ARE HAVING  
NO PROBLEMS WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THE STREET DEPARTMENT HAS  
DONE A GOOD JOB. THEY HAVE BEEN OUT EVERY SINGLE DAY  
HANGING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND GARLAND. THE LIGHTS PARADE IS  
TUESDAY AND THE TREE LIGHTING IS RIGHT AFTER THE PARADE.  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IS THE VENDOR SHOW AT THE MALL,  
SATURDAY IS SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING IS  
THE DRIVE IN MOVIE AT THE MALL.

22. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

DON STATED HOW WONDERFUL IT IS FOR THE COUNCIL TO WORK  
TOGETHER AND GET ALONG TO MAKE DECISIONS.

ISABELLE STATED THE MALL LOOKS REALLY NICE AND IT IS SO NICE  
TO SEE THE POLICE ALL OVER TOWN ESPECIALLY WHEN I AM  
DRIVING TO WORK AT 3:00 AM.

THE DOWNTOWN LOOKS GREAT AND CONNIE AND ALL HER HELPERS  
HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB.

23. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS  
ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 6:48P.M.

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MAYOR, TOM JORDAN

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ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK