

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 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 JULY 26, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. 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 \$258,220.65. 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A CLASS "D" LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FROM RUSSELL OIL COMPANY FOR A DINE-IN RESTAURANT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS WAS ON THE AGENDA LAST COUNCIL MEETING AND WE TABLED IT. I HAVE SPOKEN TO JAY STEPHENS AND IF THEY WILL PUT A RESTAURANT IN AND SPEND THAT MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITY THEN WE SHOULD GIVE THEM A LIQUOR LICENSE. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT WHEN HE INITIALLY APPLIED FOR A CLASS "A" (POUR) LIQUOR LICENSE FOR VIDEO GAMING AND THEN THEY CAME BACK AND REQUESTED THE RESTAURANT LICENSE. I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED ON WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS WERE SO WE HAD A DISCUSSION ON THE PHONE AND I FEEL IF HE IS WILLING TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY AND PUT IN A CHARLEY BIGGS CHICKEN RESTAURANT THEN WE SHOULD GIVE HIM THAT OPPORTUNITY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A POSSIBLE DONATION TO CENTERSTONE TO REPLACE AWNINGS. THE MAYOR STATED THIS HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA A COUPLE OF TIMES AND I HAVE STRUGGLED WITH THE WAY WE WOULD PAY FOR THIS. I THINK IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY TO HELP OUT. ACCORDING TO THEIR LETTER THEY ARE GOING TO PUT IN A CANOPY THAT IS GOING TO COST \$7,200.00, TWO SIDE CANOPY'S FOR \$3200.00, TWO SMALLER FRONT AWNINGS FOR \$800.00. MY REAL CONCERN WAS THE FACT THAT WHEN THEY PULL THE BUSES UP TO UNLOAD AND IT IS RAINING THEY CAN'T GET THE BUS UNDER THE CANOPY SO THEY HAVE TO RUN FROM THE BUS TO THE CANOPY. MIKE STATED THEY DO HAVE A CANOPY THERE BUT THE BUSES CANNOT GET UNDER IT. IN THE WINTER TIME THIS WILL HELP WITH THE ICE AND PEOPLE HAVING TO WALK ON IT. THE MAYOR STATED I PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA SO WE COULD DISCUSS IT. THE TOTAL COST IS \$11,200.00 I THINK ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP THEM OUT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED WHAT IS THE DONATION THROUGH? HOW ARE WE DONATING IT? THE MAYOR STATED THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DECIDE. WE HAVE HOME RULE MONEY, GAMING MONEY AND POSSIBLY TIFF. MIKE STATED WE HAVE RAISED SOME MONEY THE REMAINING AMOUNT WE NEED IS \$7,200.00. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THEY NEED \$7,200.00 TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO REDBIRD READY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS DEAR TO MY HEART. I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS THAT WE GIVE MONEY TO STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. IT GOES TO THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT THE MOST. I THINK IT IS GENERATED BY TEACHERS, THEY SEE A NEED THEY ASK FOR IT AND YOU GUYS FILL THE NEED. I AM ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP OUT WITH IT. LAST YEAR WE HELPED ABOUT 47 KIDS WE SPEND ON AVERAGE ABOUT \$100 PER CHILD DEPENDING ON WHAT THE NEED IS. THIS IS TEACHER REFERRALS AND NOT PEOPLE COMING TO US ASKING FOR MONEY. IT'S FOR THE STUDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE COATS OR SHOES. IT HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS HELP AND THE MONEY IS SPENT HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL

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7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO MINER'S MEMORIAL PARK FOR A BANDSHELL. SHARON OSSIG STATED WHEN WE FIRST ENVISIONED THAT PARK IT WAS A TWO PART PHASE. WE ALSO ENVISIONED A BANDSHELL TYPE STAGE ACROSS THE STREET. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE CAROLERS UP THERE DURING CHRISTMAS TIME AND THERE ARE SEVERAL BANDS THAT SAID THEY WOULD VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME. IT CAN ALSO BE USED AT OLD KING COAL WITH OUR MEMORIAL SERVICE. IT IS MULTI FUNCTIONAL; I ALSO THINK IT IS GOING TO FIT IN WELL WITH THE BEAUTIFICATION OF WEST FRANKFORT. MR. MCGEE STATED MR. MAYOR AND COUNCIL IT IS A PLEASURE TO STAND BEFORE YOU AS AN OLD TIMER FROM WEST FRANKFORT. I GREW UP IN THIS LITTLE TOWN WHEN I LEFT IT WAS A FULL BLOWN COMMUNITY. I THINK THE FLOWERS ARE BEAUTIFUL AND WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN IS SEEING WEST FRANKFORT BLOOM AGAIN. I THINK MR. MAYOR THIS WOULD BE A PART IN MAKING WEST FRANKFORT BLOOM AGAIN. WITH A COLLEGE TOWN NOW WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME BANDS PLAY. THE LIONS CLUB IS INTERESTED IN ALL TYPES OF CIVIC PROJECTS AND HAVE DONATED \$2000 TOWARDS THIS TO KICK IT OFF AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CITY PICK UP THE REST. SHARON OSSIG STATED WE HAVE ANOTHER PLEDGE FOR \$1,500.00 FROM THE OLD KING COAL COMMITTEE SO WE ARE UP TO \$3,500 PLUS I HAVE MANAGED TO RAISE \$1,200 OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE APPRAISAL FROM A CERTIFIED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS FOR \$9,970.00 WE WOULD LIKE THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IS THIS GOING TO GO AT THE BACK OF STRAND PARK NOT THE COAL MINERS PARK? SHARON OSSIG STATED IT WILL GO BEHIND STRAND PARK. THE MAYOR STATED YOU HAVE \$4,700.00 SO YOU NEED \$5,300.00. THE MAYOR SAID I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE FOR THE KIDS AND YOUTH. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BIDS REGARDING THE CHERRY STREET REPAVING PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS ONE BLOCK FROM NORTH CHERRY FROM MAIN TO POPLAR. WE HAD THREE BIDS THAT WERE OPENED AND THE LOW BID WAS SAMRON MIDWEST

CONSTRUCTION FOR \$73,420.00, E.T. SIMONDS BID \$74,270.47 AND SIERRA BRAVO BID \$79,718.08. THE LOW BID WAS \$73,420.00 SAMRON MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED SAMRON ISN'T ONE THAT WE HAD WORKED WITH IN THE PAST BUT THE ENGINEER MIKE ROBERTS RECOMMENDED THEM AND SUGGESTED THAT WE GO WITH THEM. HE SAID THEY DO A GOOD JOB AND THEY ARE OUR LOWEST BIDDER. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING REMOVAL OF THE UNDERBRUSH ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF WEST FRANKFORT MALL AND ACTION TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF MALL. THE MAYOR STATED MIKE ROBERTS WITH BROWN & ROBERTS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SECURE A PERMIT TO DO SOME CLEARING ALONG THE RIGHT AWAY OF THE VF FACTORY OUTLET MALL. THE DISCUSSION I WANT TO HAVE WITH THE COUNCIL IS THE FACT THAT SOME OF THIS STUFF WE COULD POSSIBLY DO OURSELVES IF WE COULD CLEAR THE BRUSH WITH SOME SORT OF MACHINE. THE MACHINE IS LIKE SOME SORT OF BOB CAT WITH A GRINDER ON THE FRONT OF IT AND TAKE OUT ALL THE BRUSH THAT IS THERE AND THEN HAVE A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFIED TREE TRIMMING SERVICE COME IN AND CLEAR THE LOW HANGING LIMBS UP TO 15-20FEET IN THE AIR. THAT WOULD GIVE US CLEAR SIGHT VISIBILITY TO THE MALL, ALSO SOME OF THE TREES IN THE FRONT THEY HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AT IDENTIFYING THE TREES THAT ARE GOING TO BE REMOVED, CLEARED AND CUT. ROGER ISN'T HERE TONIGHT AND WHEN WE ASK HIM TO DO SOMETHING HE ALWAYS SAYS YES. THE QUESTION WAS AS FAR AS GETTING IT DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER AND NOT TO OVERWORK THE EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE WITH OTHER PROJECTS. WE HAVE A SIDEWALK PROJECT THAT TARA IS TRYING TO GET DONE ON 9TH STREET. I WANT THE COUNCIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE GET BIDS FROM THE SAME PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING THE TRIMMING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE UNDERBRUSH AND THEN WE LOOK AT THE TIME FACTOR AND SEE IF WE CAN SAVE ON THE COST BY HAVING OUR CITY WORKERS DO IT. IF WE HAVE OTHER PROJECTS GOING ON WE CAN ALWAYS SWITCH OVER AND ACCEPT THE BID FOR THE UNDERBRUSH REMOVAL FROM THE TREE TRIMMERS. I DID NOT WANT TO MAKE THAT DECISION WITHOUT TALKING TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT IT. I WANT TO THANK OUR CITY WORKERS FOR DOING WHATEVER WE ASK THEM TO

DO. I JUST DON'T WANT THIS TO CAUSE US TO GET BEHIND ON OTHER PROJECTS THAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE STREET DEPARTMENT. WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK? COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I THINK GETTING BIDS FOR BOTH IS A GOOD IDEA EITHER WAY. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IT WOULD BE THREE SEPARATE BIDS. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK WE COULD BID IS SEPARATE FOR THE TREE TRIMMING AND THE BRUSH REMOVAL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I THINK THAT WOULD BE A WISE THING TO DO. THE MAYOR STATED DO WE NEED TO HAVE SPECIFIC BIDS OR CAN WE GET QUOTES IF IT IS UNDER \$15,000.00? HOW DOES THAT FALL OUT AS FAR AS WHEN WE CALL THEM UP AND GIVE THEM A PACKAGE THAT SAYS THIS IS WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO. THE CITY ATTORNEY MIKE RIVA STATED THE PACKAGE WOULD BE THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY SO IT WOULD BE SPECIFIC. THE MAYOR STATED WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT WAS WE PICKED THREE LOCAL CERTIFIED TREE TRIMMERS THAT WE KNOW CAN DO THE JOB AND HAVE WORKED IN THE AREA IN THE PAST. IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH US DOING THAT? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED AS OPPOSED TO ADVERTISING THE BIDS? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED IS THE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION? THE MAYOR STATED WE WOULD LIKE TO GET IT DONE AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE YOU TO ADVERTISE? THE MAYOR STATED WHAT WOULD IT INVOLVE IF WE WENT THROUGH A BID PROCESS? MIKE ROBERTS FROM BROWN & ROBERTS STATED MOST OF THE EXHIBITS ARE DONE WE WOULD HAVE TO PUT SOME LANGUAGE IN THE AGREEMENT ABOUT REMOVING THE BRUSH, SO WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER. MIKE ROBERTS STATED THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE DO ALL THE TIME I DON'T KNOW IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT \$10,000.00 OR \$30,000.00 BECAUSE WE AREN'T CUTTING THE TREES DOWN (ALL OF THEM). WE ARE DOING SELECTIVE CLEARING IT IS REALLY HARD FOR ME TO GET A HANDLE ON WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST. WE HAVE EXHIBITS THAT SHOW WHAT TREES ARE BEING REMOVED AND IDOT IS REQUIRING A QUALIFIED COMPANY TO REMOVE THEM. THEY HAVE GIVEN US A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE DONE IT FOR THAT BEFORE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IT HAS TO BE BIDS WE CAN'T GET QUOTES? MIKE ROBERTS STATED WE CAN START THE PROCESS AND THEN HAVE MIKE LOOK INTO IT. THE MAYOR STATED DO WE NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED WE CAN TAKE ACTION TO ELECT BIDS OR QUOTES AND THEN DETERMINE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND AT THE NEXT MEETING AND CAN TAKE ACTION.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

MIKE ROBERTS STATED EXPECTATION IS A LOT. I DON'T WANT EVERYONE TO THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO CLEAR EVERYTHING OUT AND YOU WILL SEE THE MALL FROM EVERYWHERE. THAT IS NOT WHAT IDOT IS ALLOWING US TO DO. WE ARE GETTING A VEGETATION CONTROL PERMIT AND BASICALLY THEY WANT THE MINIMUM DONE. WHEN YOU DRIVE IT IT'S NOT LIKE YOUR LOOKING AT IT FROM ABOVE OR AT THE SIDE. MOST OF THE INTERSTATE IS ADJACENT TO THAT IS DOWN LOWER, SO WE ARE THINKING IF WE CLEAR THE BRANCHES UP HIGH YOU WILL GET VISIBILITY. WE ARE CLEARING SOME TREES AROUND THE SIDE AND CLEARING TREES ALONG ROUTE 149 TO SEE BACK IN. FOR THE MOST PART WE AREN'T DOING A LOT OF TREE CLEARING AT ALL. JUST GETTING RID OF THE LOWER UNDERBRUSH IS GOING TO HELP VISIBILITY FROM THE INTERSTATE A LOT. I DON'T WANT EVERYBODY EXPECTING A CLEAR VIEW OF THE MALL BECAUSE THAT WONT HAPPEN. IDOT REQUIRES US TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY AND MARK EACH TREE.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF A BILL FROM GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,045.50 REGARDING A REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE COMMISSION'S OCTOBER 2016- SEPTEMBER 2017 OPERATION YEAR. THE MAYOR STATED THIS A FEE THAT IS GENERATED PER CAPITA THAT WE PAY ANNUALLY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A ONE TIME SHOWING AGREEMENT WITH BROKER, NAI DESCO, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE TRYING TO DRAW PEOPLE INTO THAT FRONT SIX ACRES AT THE MALL. WE HAVE A BUYER FOR APPROXIMATELY 7/10 OF AN ACRE. THIS IS AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM, A 6% COMMISSION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BROKER FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY. WE WANT TO APPROVE THIS SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THE SALE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN

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12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL FIRE REPORTING SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY REPOSTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,532.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE CHIEF JODY ALLEN STATED THIS IS OUR REPORTING THAT WE HAVE TO DO ON EVERY CALL THAT WE GO ON WE HAVE TO ENTER IT INTO A COMPUTE. OUR OLD PROGRAM WAS ON ONE COMPUTER AND VERY OLD IT COST US ABOUT \$1,200.00 A YEAR. THIS NEW SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFER OUR REPORTS THAT ARE ALREADY ENTERED INTO THIS SYSTEM. ONCE THESE REPORTS ARE IN THE COMPUTER THEY HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE AND THIS AUTOMATICALLY DOES IT. BEFORE WE HAD TO GO IN AND UPLOAD THEM AND SEND THEM TO THE STATE. THIS SYSTEM ALSO HAS OTHER FEATURES TO IT SUCH AS GETTING ON IT FROM OTHER LOCATIONS. I CAN GET ON IT AT HOME AS WELL AS ANYWHERE, IT IS INTERNET BASED. THERE IS A ONE TIME FEE FOR TRANSFERRING ALL OF OUR OLD REPORTS FROM LONG AGO INTO THIS SYSTEM. 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 FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM COLLIER APPRAISERS, LTD. REGARDING AN APPRAISAL REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS WHEN WE ARE DEALING WITH PROPERTY PURCHASES AND PROPERTY SALES. THIS IS THE COST FOR APPRAISING THE PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF TALLUTO READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CODES OFFICER, ED HAMMONDS, READ THE CODES REPORT.

15. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

CODES OFFICER ED HAMMONDS STATED HE HAS 1 BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING.

THE FIRST REQUEST IS FOR RAYMOND HANSEN HE LIVES AT 503 S DOUGLAS STREET. HE WANTS TO INSTALL A K&K PORTABLE BUILDING, THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM. IT IS 10X 16 FT AND 160sqft BUILDING BEHIND HIS HOUSE. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

16. MAYOR'S REPORT:

THE MAYOR STATED TOMORROW AT 1:30P.M. I AM GOING TO GO OUT TO THE WEST FRANKFORT OUTLET MALL AND HAVE MY PICTURE TAKEN WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE US A \$61,000.00 GRANT TO WORK ON THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AND ROOF OF THAT BUILDING. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE HARD WORK FROM ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND DON GASS ON ALL THE HARD WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL, THEY HAVE TAKEN A BOLD STEP WITH THAT MALL. I THINK EVENTUALLY THIS COMMUNITY IS GOING TO SEE WITHOUT US BEING IN CHARGE OF THAT AREA OUT THERE, NOTHING HAPPENS. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS SUCH AS ROADS ACROSS THERE, EXTENDING SEWER LINES AND MAYBE PUTTING IN A LIFT STATION. WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND DEVELOP THAT. THE COMMUNITY HAS WAITED FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THEY HAVE, BUT IT'S BEEN A SLOW PROCESS. IT MAKES ME VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT MY COUNCIL AND THE OPPORTUNITY THEY HAVE GIVEN US TO DO THESE THINGS. I DON'T ACCEPT THE PRAISE FOR IT, I ALWAYS WANT TO SHARE IT WITH EVERYBODY UP HERE BECAUSE WE WORK VERY WELL AS A TEAM.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK ABOUT A PROBLEM WE ARE HAVING AT THE INCUBATOR. THE LAWN MOWER OUT THERE HAS QUIT WORKING, DON TOLD ME IT BLEW UP. MORTHLAND COLLEGE IS USING THE FRONT OF THE MALL FOR A PRACTICE FIELD AND PART OF THE AGREEMENT WAS FOR THEM TO MOW IT FOR US. THEY ARE GOING TO MOW THE MALL PROPERTY, BUT WE HAVE NO WAY TO MOW THE INCUBATOR PROPERTY. DON GOT A QUOTE FOR A 60 INCH KAWASAKI LAWN MOWER

FROM BEN'S LAWN SERVICE IN BENTON. THE COST IS \$7,999.00. THEY KNOCKED OFF \$1,500.00 FOR A MUNICIPAL PURCHASE, SO OUR COST IS \$6,499.04. IF I CAN GET COUNCIL PERMISSION, WE CAN MAKE A MOTION TO DO AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE SO THE GRASS DOESN'T GET HIGH. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED EVERYTHING WITH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEMS TO BE OKAY.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I AM GLAD TO SEE PEOPLE COME TO THE COUNCIL WITH NEEDS. AS LONG AS WE ARE ABLE TO DO IT, WE WILL GLADLY CONTINUE TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I AM GOING TO BRAGG ON ED HAMMONDS. THE CODES DEPARTMENT GETS TONS OF COMPLAINTS, BUT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF DEALING WITH A COUPLE OF THOSE COMPLAINTS WITH HIM IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. A COUPLE OF THEM HAVE HAD AN ABNORMAL AMOUNT OF NEIGHBORS THAT HAD ISSUES WITH. WE REALLY NEEDED TO RESOLVE THEM MORE QUICKLY THAN THINGS ARE ABLE TO BE RESOLVED. I JUST WANT TO COMMEND ED FOR BEING ABLE TO HANDLE A COUPLE OF THOSE VERY QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. HE IS WORKING THROUGH THE PROCESS TO COMPLETE EVERYTHING, BUT IN THE MEANTIME A FEW OF THE REALLY TROUBLESOME COMPLAINTS HAVE AT LEAST BEEN MOWED OR KNOCKED DOWN. IT IS A VERY LENGTHY REMEDIATION PROCESS AND A COUPLE OF THESE THINGS ARE TRICKY THINGS WE HAVEN'T DEALT WITH BEFORE. THE RESIDENTS APPRECIATE IT AND I APPRECIATE IT. I WANT TO MAKE THE COUNCIL AWARE THAT MORTHLAND COLLEGE IS HAVING THEIR STUDENT ORIENTATION ON MONDAY AUGUST 15TH AND THEY ARE DOING THAT AT WHITFIELD HALL (NEXT TO SONIC). THEY ARE GOING TO BE REALLY SHORT ON PARKING IN THAT AREA WITH THE AMOUNT OF STUDENTS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE. THEY ARE HAVING LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE SAY CHEESE TRUCK WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE FOR A PRIVATE EVENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PARK IN THE ALLEY RIGHT BEHIND WHITFIELD AND I HAVE GIVEN THEM PERMISSION TO BLOCK THAT ALLEY FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. ROGER IS GOING TO PUT CONES AND BARRICADES OUT AS LONG AS NOBODY HAS A PROBLEM WITH IT. I JUST WANT TO

LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED THE SEWER PLANT IS GOING FINE. IT IS A BIG PROJECT THERE ARE SOME BIG PARTS GOING IN OUT THERE. I WAS OUT THERE THE OTHER DAY WITH CHARLES AND IT COMING ALONG.

18. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

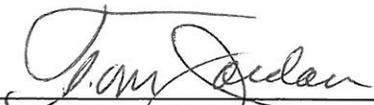
YOU GUYS SAID YOU WERE CLEARING OUT SOME OF THE BRUSH AND TREES OUT BY THE MALL, DO YOU GUYS HAVE PLANS? THE MAYOR STATED AT THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING WE TALKED ABOUT PUTTING IN SECURITY LIGHTS AND CAMERAS OUT THERE. I HAVE A MEETING TOMORROW WITH AMEREN THEY ARE GOING TO BE WORKING ON SOME GAS LINES. THEY HAVE A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE LIGHTING AND I WANT TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SOME OUTSIDE LIGHTS TO BRIGHTEN IT UP. AS FAR AS THE MALL HOURS GO, VANITY FAIR SETS THE HOURS OUT THERE. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET BIG NAME STORES OUT THERE AND AT THE COMING COUNCIL MEETINGS I THINK WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT SOME LOCAL PEOPLE WHO MAY WANT TO RENT A PLACE FOR 6-12 MONTHS. SINCE WE WERE NOT BEING OVERRUN BY PEOPLE WANTING TO BE IN THERE WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT CHANGING SOME OF THE FORMAT AS FAR AS IT GOES. OUR PROBLEM IS WITH THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BE OPEN THE HOURS THE MALL IS OPEN THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE TWO SHIFTS AND THAT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT FOR THEM.

IN REGARD TO THE TREES ALONG THE INTERSTATE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE TREES WERE PLANTED UNDER LADY BIRD JOHNSON'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM AND THAT IT WAS SACRED PLANT LIFE AND IT COULD NOT BE TOUCHED OR REMOVED. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK MIKE DID A GOOD JOB ADDRESSING IT. WE ARE NOT REALLY REMOVING TREES WE ARE TAKING OUT THE VEGETATION AND SMALL SAPLINGS. TO TAKE OUT ANY EXTRA WE HAVE TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THE TREES ARE SOMEWHAT SOUND BARRIERS FROM THE INTERSTATE TRAFFIC AND THEY LIKE THE LOOK OF IT. WE CAN'T CUT THE TREES DOWN WE ARE GETTING A PERMIT TO DO VEGETATION CONTROL.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT MOSQUITO ABATEMENT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THE COUNTY DOES IT WE ARE NOT LICENSED TO

DO IT. IT IS ON YOUR TAX BILL AND THE COUNTY CONTRACTS IT OUT BY A COMPANY IN CARTERVILLE. IF YOU CALL THEM AND COMPLAIN TO THEM THEY WILL COME TO YOUR HOUSE AND DO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY DON'T COME HERE ON A FREQUENT OR REGULAR BASIS. THEY ARE THE ONLY COMPANY IN CARTERVILLE WHO DO IT, BUT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD I CAN'T THINK OF WHAT THEIR NAME IS. THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGHWAY MIKE ROLLA IS THE GUY YOU CAN CALL AND GET ALL OF THE INFORMATION FROM. THAT IS WHO I CALLED A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK TO FIND IT ALL OUT AND WHEN I CALLED THE COMPANY THEY PRETTY MUCH SAID THEY COME HERE AND THERE BECAUSE THAT IS ALL THEY ARE PAID TO COME. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THE COUNTY PAYS THEM TO DO ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE CITY CAN'T DO IT, YOU HAVE TO BE LICENSED AND HAVE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT WHICH WE DON'T HAVE. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK INTO. I AM WITH YOU IF ZIKA IS HAPPENING IN FLORIDA THAN IT CAN HAPPEN HERE. I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT A COUPLE OF NIGHTS AGO AND THOUGHT I SHOULD GET A HOLD OF SOMEBODY. WHAT IS THIS STUFF THEY ARE SPRAYING? IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE COUNTY HAS THE RESOURCES TO DO THIS. I KNOW WE ARE GETTING TAXED FOR IT, MAYBE WE CAN GET SOME OF THE MONEY BACK FROM THE COUNTY SINCE THEY AREN'T DOING IT. I DO NOT GO OUT IN THE EVENING BECAUSE FOR SOME REASON THEY EAT ME ALIVE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED A FEW YEARS AGO ROGER AND I HAD PRICED AND LOOKED AT SOME THINGS YOU DIDN'T NEED A LICENSE TO DO. IT WASN'T ACTUALLY SPRAYED THEY WERE TABLETS THAT YOU DROP INTO THE STORM DRAINS. THAT WAS ABOUT THE ONLY OTHER OPTION SO WE CALLED AROUND TO SOME OF THE OTHER TOWNS THAT DID THAT AND THEY SAID DON'T WASTE YOU MONEY IT DOESN'T HELP AT ALL YOU HAVE TO SPRAY. I AGREE WITH YOU I AM COVERED IN MOSQUITO BITES FROM BEING OUTSIDE FOR TEN MINUTES. ED RECOMMENDED THAT WE FOLLOW WHAT SESSER AND BENTON HAVE DONE WITH THE TIRE COLLECTION THROUGH THE EPA AND I HAD ALREADY PULLED SOME INFORMATION ON THAT, SO WE WILL SEE IF THAT COULD BE AN OPTION FOR US. I HAVE ASKED THE EPA SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND THEY DIDN'T APPROVE IT. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYBODY AROUND US IS DOING IT SO I WILL CHECK INTO IT AGAIN. SOMEONE FROM THE AUDIENCE STATED WHEN I WAS A KID THE GUY HAD AN OLD JEEP TRUCK WITH A BIG TANK IN THE BACK AND EVERY OTHER NIGHT HE WOULD DRIVE AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

19. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 8:03 P.M.



MAYOR TOM JORDAN



ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK