

**WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2016. 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 \$235,762.57. 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 APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TWO-WAY VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON SOUTH ANNA (100 BLOCK) STREET. THE MAYOR STATED AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING THE STREET COMMISSIONER TARA FASOL CHAMBERS PROPOSED THAT WE CHANGE THAT. WE VOTED TO CHANGE THAT AND THIS IS THE ORDINANCE THAT OFFICIALLY MAKES THAT HAPPEN. I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LIKE THAT WE DID THIS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED SHE THINKS THIS IS A GREAT IDEA TOO. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
  
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. REGARDING INSTALLATION OF 550 LF OF 18" CONCRETE CULVERTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,423.30 FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND THE 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT. THE WATER AND STREET SUPERVISOR ROGER STANLEY STATED THIS IS WHERE WE WIDENED THE ROAD ON WALNUT STREET. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IT WAS AN AREA WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE TO GET OUT ON 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET OFF OF WALNUT AND THIS AREA IS WOODED ON BOTH

CORNERS SO YOU WOULD NEED TO PULL OUT INTO THE ROAD TO SEE IF ANY TRAFFIC WAS COMING. THE ROAD WAS ERODING ON BOTH SIDES SO WE WERE ABLE TO PUT THE CULVERT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD SO CARS COULD GET INTO THEIR LANE AN EASE OUT SAFELY AS THEY NEEDED TO. IT LOOKS WONDERFUL AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE DOWN THERE ARE THRILLED WITH IT. 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 APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM R & R ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,848.74 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF LED OUTSIDE LIGHTS FOR THE EAST SIDE OF THE WEST FRANKFORT OUTLET MALL. THE MAYOR STATED DON GASS IS OUR MALL MANAGER OUT THERE, HE DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB. IT IS DARK OVER ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MALL AND SOME OF THE LIGHTS ARE OUT. AS WE GO ALONG WE ARE MAKING SOME INVESTMENTS OUT THERE TO IMPROVE THE LIGHTING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THE CODES OFFICER STATED THERE WERE NO REQUESTS FOR BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS AT THIS TIME.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THIS TIME IS RECOGNIZE A COUPLE OF GUESTS THAT WE HAVE IN THE AUDIENCE. KEITH THOMASON HE IS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, AND OUR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD IS DON LUCAS. HE IS THE ATTORNEY HE USED TO BE THE CITY ATTORNEY.

KEITH THOMASON STATED HE HAS BEEN PROACTIVE TO GET AROUND TO THE DIFFERENT TOWNS AND TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENT THINGS GOING ON WITH THE DISTRICT. WE DID FINISH OUR AUDIT THIS YEAR THE DISTRICT IS POSITIVE IN ALL OF OUR FUNDS WE ARE IN GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE. WE ARE GETTING READY TO TACKLE OUR BIGGEST PROJECT THE SINGLE WATER LINE PROJECT SINCE WE HAVE BEEN THERE. THIS IS THE MAIN LINE COMING OUT OF OUR PLANT THIS WILL

BE NEXT YEARS PROJECT. WE ALSO HAVE A PIPE LINE PROJECT GOING ON RIGHT BEHIND YOUR SEWER PLANT. IF THAT LINE WERE EVER TO BREAK IN THIS AREA DURING HIGH WATER FLOODING TIMES WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FIX IT IN A QUICK ENOUGH MANNER TO STOP EVERYBODY FROM BEING SERIOUSLY IMPACTED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. WE HAVE ALSO REBUILT OUR PUMP STATION IN WEST FRANKFORT AND HAVE INSTALLED ALL NEW PUMPS. KEITH THOMASON TALKED ABOUT REND LAKE, WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER AND HOW MUCH WATER IS AVAILABLE. REND LAKE HAS A RECREATION AREA, GOLF, CAMPING, LODGING, SHOOTING COMPLEX, PUBLIC HUNTING LAND AND A FREE BOAT RAMP. WE HAVE GOOD AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH BY PUTTING PERMANENT LAKE SIDE CABINS AND CAMPERS. THIS WAS APPROVED ON MONDAY WE HOPE TO HAVE THE CAMPERS IN PLACE BY THE BEGINNING OF SPRING. THE FIRST CABIN WILL BE BUILT IN MAY AND THE SECOND CABIN IN JUNE. ATTORNEY DON LUCAS STATED HE WANTED TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE LAKES IN WEST FRANKFORT AND HOW BENEFICIAL IT IS TO HAVE REND LAKE. HE IS PROUD TO REPRESENT REND LAKE AND WEST FRANKFORT.

#### 9. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING JUST FINE.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE CITY CLERK, COMPTROLLER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK AND NANCY ARE ALL DOING THEIR JOBS VERY WELL.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED HE IS VERY PROUD OF THE GIRLS IN THE OFFICE. YOU DO A GOOD JOB.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED ROGER HAS DONE A GOOD JOB WITH THE SNOW. EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T GET THAT MUCH SNOW I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HOW QUICKLY, EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY IT WAS HANDLED THIS YEAR. I AM THANKFUL FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIONS FOR SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THAT HAVE ALLOWED THE WATER GUYS TO HELP ROGER AS NEEDED WITH THE STREET DEPARTMENT ON THE SNOW DAYS. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LENT US THEIR FOUR WHEELERS SO THE GUYS COULD GET THE SIDEWALKS DOWNTOWN. LITTLE THINGS

LIKE THIS THAT HAVE NEEDED TO HAPPEN FOR A LONG TIME ARE HAPPENING. ROGER ALWAYS HAS A PLAN B IN PLACE IF WE EVER RUN OUT OF SALT. A COUPLE YEARS AGO THERE WAS A SALT SHORTAGE AND ROGER HAD A WHOLE BACK UP SUPPLY OF CINDERS TO USE. WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENT BEING ABLE TO JUMP OVER AND HELP US WAS A TREMENDOUS HELP. IT IS SO NICE TO SEE ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER. I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS AND ROGER, HE WAS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD WINNER IT WAS WELL DESERVED.

10. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NOT NEEDED.

12. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:29 P.M.

  
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

  
ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK