

**WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 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 JULY 12, 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 \$292,411.31. 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 CHANGING THE OPERATING HOURS OF CITY HALL, 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. THE MAYOR STATED CURRENTLY WE ARE CLOSING AT 5 P.M. OVER THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE AND TRAFFIC THAT WE HAVE AFTER 4:00 P.M. AND IT DROPS OFF SIGNIFICANTLY. AFTER 4:30 WE HAVE NOBODY OR ONE PERSON COME IN SO I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE CHANGE THE HOURS. WE CHANGED THEM A YEAR AGO TO 5 P.M. TO TRY AND ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T GET HERE, BUT IT HASN'T REALLY MADE AN IMPACT. THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PAY WATER BILLS SUCH AS ONLINE OR THE DROP BOX. THE WATER DEPARTMENT WORKERS GO HOME AT 3:30 AND WE CAN'T CONDUCT TOO MUCH BUSINESS AFTER 3:30 WITHOUT CALLING SOMEONE OUT. IT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE CHANGE THE HOURS BACK TO 4:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN AND

MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS BY THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT WE DO AS ADOPTING THE PREVAILING WAGE FOR THE STATE. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO AND POST.

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

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. THE MAYOR STATED THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS. THIS IS THROUGH THE TIFF FUND WHAT WE DO IS MATCH UP TO \$2,500 OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS AND SIGNS. THE FIRST IS FROM MORTHLAND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES D/B/A/ GREENWICH AT 401 W MAIN STREET. IT IS FOR A BANNER/ SIGN THAT THEY ARE PUTTING ON THE BUILDING, THIS IS A FOR-PROFIT COMPANY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT ONE IS FROM MORTHLAND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES D/B/A/ SHATTERED. THIS IS ANOTHER BANNER AT 401 W. MAIN STREET. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. 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 I FELT LIKE I NEEDED TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. IF YOU REMEMBER SEVERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AGO WE HAD DEVOTED A LOT OF TIME TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GAMING. ONE OF THOSE WAS RUSSELL OIL COMPANY WHO WANTED TO PUT IN A RESTAURANT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THEIR GAS STATION. THEY APPLIED FOR A CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GAMING AND WE TABLED IT. THEY HAVE NOW COME BACK AND ASK FOR A CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT. I WAS HOPING SOMEONE WOULD BE HERE TONIGHT FROM RUSSELL OIL COMPANY TO

DISCUSS THIS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I BRING THINGS LIKE THIS TO THE COUNCIL. WE HAVE TAKEN A STAND THAT WE DO NOT WANT GAMING PARLORS IN OUR COMMUNITY. MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A GAMING PARLOR THAT SERVES FOOD. I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH STATUTORY ABILITY WE HAVE TO OVERSEE THIS WITH THE REGULATIONS THE STATE HAS. IF WE GIVE THEM A POUR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT THEY MIGHT GET GAMING. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO ASK THE COUNCIL TO MAYBE TABLE THIS TO LOOK INTO THAT. I STILL FEEL LIKE THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO A GAMING LICENSE THROUGH A RESTAURANT. IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A RESTAURANT WITH A CLASS D LICENSE I THINK THE MAJORITY OF THEIR INCOME AND REVENUE HAS TO BE DERIVED BY FOOD. WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE ANYBODY THAT HAS A CLASS D LICENSE THAT HAS GAMING. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS AN INTERESTING CONCEPT IS THAT PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO A RESTAURANT TO EAT IF THEY ARE EXPOSED TO GAMING. I WOULD LIKE TO GET YOU GUYS TO WEIGH IN ON THIS AND WE NEED TO DEFINE IF WE CAN POSSIBLY DO IT STATUTORY TO SAY THAT WE DON'T WANT GAMING PARLORS THAT SERVE FOOD. WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT COME IN HERE THAT WANT TO PUT IN A RESTAURANT AND THEY WANT A LIQUOR LICENSE, WE HAVE THREE AVAILABLE. I AM NOT OPPOSED TO THAT AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO BE A PROBLEM. IN THIS SITUATION SINCE THEY JUST APPLIED FOR A CLASS A LICENSE TO GET GAMING I DO THINK THERE IS A CONNECTION. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THEY ARE FURTHER ALONG IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING A RESTAURANT IN THERE. THE MAYOR STATED YES, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK OUR CITY ATTORNEY TO LOOK INTO THE REGULATIONS AND IF WE HAVE ANY ABILITY TO RESTRICT GAMING. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED POSSIBLY AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE THAT ONLY CALLS FOR THAT. THE MAYOR STATED AND IT MAY COME TO THE POINT IF WE TAKE A STRONG STAND ON FUTURE GAMING THAT WE MAKE THE GAMING LICENSE AFTER A CERTAIN DATE MORE EXPENSIVE. THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT. THIS MATTER WAS TABLED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING ANNEXATION OF THE WEST FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PARK INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AND WE HAVE BEEN BACK AND FORTH ON THIS ISSUE FOR YEARS. THE FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT HAS TAKEN A VOTE BY THEIR BOARD TO ANNEX INTO THE CITY LIMITS. WE WENT THROUGH SOME

SEMANTICS ABOUT THE FACT IS IT IN OR NOT IN? WE FINALLY CAME DOWN TO THE FACT THAT HALF THE PARK IS IN AND HALF THE PARK IS NOT IN. THEY HAVE COME TO TERMS THAT THEY NEED TO ANNEX TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE REASON THIS IS ON HERE IS BECAUSE WE NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PROCEED. DOES THERE NEED TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING? WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO AS FAR AS MEETING OUR REQUIREMENTS TO ANNEX THE CITY PARK? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED WE NEED TO COME UP WITH AN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES. COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED HOW DOES THAT WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR OFFICERS SHAWN? CHIEF TALLUTO STATED WE ARE RIGHT UP TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BAND SHELL RIGHT NOW. THE MAYOR STATED WE NEED TO HAVE OUR ATTORNEY DRAFT UP SOME PAPERWORK FOR AN AGREEMENT AND WE WILL VOTE ON IT FROM THERE.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A GOLF CART TYPE VEHICLE FOR GENERAL USES OF THE CITY, AS WELL AS FOR USE BY THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW MANY COMPLIMENTS I GET ABOUT THE FLOWERS ON MAIN STREET, THE POTS AND HOW BEAUTIFUL OUR DOWNTOWN LOOKS. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT WE HAVE A LADIES GROUP THAT HAS DEDICATED ALL SUMMER IN THIS HEAT WHO HAVE BEEN UP THERE WORKING. THEY HAVE ASKED IF WE COULD GET THEM SOMETHING TO HELP THEM OUT. I HAVE LOOKED AT A GOLF CART WITH A BENCH SEAT ON THE BACK THAT FOLDS INTO A TABLE THAT YOU CAN WORK OFF OF OR SET THINGS ON. THE GOLF CART IS STREET LEGAL, RUNS ON GAS AND IS VERY LOW TO THE GROUND. WE CALLED GLODICH HONDA AND ASKED IF THEY HAD SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT, THEY HAD A 4 WHEEL DRIVE 700 CC HONDA OFF ROAD VEHICLE FOR \$10,300.00. IT IS A GREAT VEHICLE I JUST DON'T THINK IT FITS THE PURPOSE WE ARE LOOKING FOR. I THINK IT WILL BE HARDER TO GET IN AND OUT OF BECAUSE IT SITS UP HIGHER. THE GOLF CART IS A 2015 LEFT OVER FROM LAST YEAR BRAND NEW. IT IS FROM ELITE IN NASHVILLE ILLINOIS THE PRICE IS \$6,499.00 WITH A THREE YEAR WARRANTY. CATHY DINN IS GOING TO CHECK WITH KEITH MORAN ABOUT PURCHASING THIS WITH TIFF MONEY, SINCE IT IS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR DOWNTOWN. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THERE ARE A BUNCH OF THINGS WE COULD USE THIS FOR. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA ESPECIALLY SINCE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE ENHANCEMENT GRANT TO EXPAND TWO MORE BLOCKS OF OUR DOWNTOWN. IT IS A LONG WAY TO

WALK AND LOAD YOUR CAR WITH PLANTS AND DIRT AND ALL THE THINGS THEY USE. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO USE LAST YEAR WITH ALL OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO BUY THE GOLF CART FROM ELITE. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ALLEN STATED WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A NEW AMBULANCE. WE HAVE ONE THAT HAS BEEN GIVING US FITS FOR YEARS, AS FAR AS MAINTENANCE AND KEEPING IT RUNNING. WITH IT BEING IN THE SHOP WE ARE USING OUR OTHER AMBULANCE MORE, AND AT TIMES WE NEED ALL THREE OF THEM. THE AMBULANCE THAT I AM SUGGESTING TO GET IS A 2017 DODGE ON A TRUCK CHASSIS INSTEAD OF AN AMBULANCE CHASSIS. THE AMOUNT DEPENDING ON TRADING IN OUR OLDEST AMBULANCE WHICH I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD, BECAUSE THEY ARE ONLY GOING TO GIVE US \$2,500. I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD KEEP IT OR DONATE IT TO ANOTHER TOWN OR DEPARTMENT THAT COULD USE IT. I AM ASKING PERMISSION FROM THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE THE 2017 DODGE TYPE 1 AMBULANCE FOR \$198,293.00. THE MAYOR STATED I GOT A CALL FROM A GENTLEMAN THIS WEEKEND PRAISING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN WEST FRANKFORT. I DON'T THINK UNTIL YOU USE IT YOU REALIZE HOW GREAT IT IS. THEY SEE YOU ON YOUR WORST DAY AND THEY DO A GREAT JOB. THEY BRING IN REVENUE, THERE IS REVENUE STREAM THAT COMES IN BEHIND US FROM THE BILLING THAT WE HAVE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 AN ESTIMATE FROM 4SIWI, LLC. REGARDING A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE PARKING LOT AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. THE MAYOR STATED DON GASS AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF INCIDENTS OUT AT THE MALL WHERE SOMEONE FALLS AND THEY HAVE BEEN OKAY, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN ISSUE WHERE WE WOULD HAVE SOME LIABILITY PROBLEMS. IF WE HAD SOME VISIBILITY OUT THERE AS FAR AS RECORDINGS THAT WE COULD GO BACK AND LOOK AT. IT WOULD REALLY HELP US AS FAR AS PUTTING

TOGETHER WHAT HAPPENED. IT WILL HELP US WITH OUR INSURANCE AND THEFT. DON IS ASKING US TO CONSIDER PUTTING IN SOME CAMERAS THE COST WILL BE \$5,841.55. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF A CONTRACTOR'S PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE #3 TO MIDWEST PETROLEUM & EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$386,284.97 REGARDING THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT RETROFIT PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW WE HAVE RECEIVED A 6.4 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO RETROFIT THE SEWER PLANT AND RELOCATE IT. THE CITY CAME UP WITH 2 MILLION DOLLARS THIS WILL COME OUT OF THAT FUND. WE WILL HAVE A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FRIDAY TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR PAST MAYORS AND COMMISSIONERS WHO WORKED ON THIS PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BLADES 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 A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL #3 FOR BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,875.39 REGARDING THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT RETROFIT PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. FOR THE DCEO TAFT STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION. MATT TOSH FROM BROWN & ROBERTS STATED THIS IS AN ADMINISTRATION TO ADMINISTER THE DCEO GRANT THAT YOU GOT FOR THAT PROJECT. A MONTH AGO WE DID THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT AND THIS GOT OVERLOOKED. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE DCEO TAFT STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT.

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

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN ENGINEERING BILL FOR BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,336.09 REGARDING THE ACCESS JUSTIFICATION REPORT. THE MAYOR STATED BROWN & ROBERTS SENT US A BILL FOR \$3,336.09 REGARDING THE AJR PROJECT. NUMBER 17 ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE; THIS \$3,336.09 IS INCLUDED ON THAT INVOICE. WE WILL DISREGARD THIS ITEM BECAUSE IT IS INCLUDED IN THE PAYMENT ON ITEM #17.
17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM HACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,358.42 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A SAMPLER FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF A PARTIAL INVOICE #14 & FINAL FROM BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,336.09 REGARDING THE ACCESS JUSTIFICATION REPORT. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS THE FINAL DRAFT. THIS IS OUR SAFETY PROJECT FOR I-57 IN WHICH WE CHANGED THE OFF RAMPS, WE ALSO ADD A ROAD BEHIND KMART. THIS IS SOMETHING THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING ON ABOUT THREE YEARS. THIS IS SOMETHING TO MOVE FORWARD TO IMPROVE AND GIVE OUR CITY ECONOMIC GROWTH. THIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE STATE, THEY APPROVED IT. IT IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,256.00 REGARDING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE STORM WATER PUMPS AT THE LEVEE STATION. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. THEY COME OUT TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR AND CHANGE THE FUEL IF THEY NEED TO AND LET IT RUN. THIS IS A \$110,000.00 GENERATOR THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON OUT THERE.

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

20. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TO HOLD A ROAD BLOCK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THIS IS FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY THEY WILL BE THE ONES DOING TO ROAD BLOCK. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

CODES OFFICER ED HAMMONDS STATED HE HAS TWO SIGN PERMIT REQUESTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING.

THE FIRST REQUEST IS FOR 401 WEST MAIN STREET. THEY HAVE TWO SIGNS THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT UP FOR MUSIC AND ART. THEY WILL BE ON THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING; THEY HAVE MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

THE OTHER SIGN PERMIT IS FOR THE J & S PHARMACY BUILDING. MORTHLAND COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES IS REQUESTING A SIGN FOR THAT BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED

22. MAYOR'S REPORT:

THE MAYOR STATED THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE GOOD THINGS HAPPENING. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING HERE FRIDAY AT 9 A.M. WE ARE GOING TO INVITE THE PRESS TO COME FOR THE GROUND BREAKING AT THE SEWER PLANT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THE SEWER PLANT PROJECT WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL. LARRY WARREN HAD

SET ASIDE HALF OF THE HOME RULE MONEY FOR THE SEWER PLANT. THERE WAS QUESTIONS AT THAT MEETING, WE HAD A CONFERENCE CALL AND EVERY QUESTION THEY ASKED BROWN & ROBERTS HAD THE ANSWER. THIS HAPPENED PRIOR TO OUR ADMINISTRATION THEY WORKED ON THIS FOR YEARS. THEY TOLD US THIS GRANT IS GOING TO COST SOMEWHERE AROUND 8.5 MILLION DOLLARS. WE ARE ONLY GOING TO GIVE YOU 6.4 MILLION SO YOU WILL NEED 2.1 MILLION, CAN YOU COME UP WITH THE MONEY? THE ANSWER WAS: WE HAVE THE MONEY. THE PAST ADMINISTRATIONS HAD THE FORESIGHT TO PUT THAT MONEY BACK. YEAR AFTER YEAR WHEN THE PAYMENTS CAME IN WE SAVED IT. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT WAS PUT INTO THIS. I ALSO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT RYAN BUCKINGHAM; HE IS OUR EMS COORDINATOR FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY. HE HAD THE EAR OF SOMEBODY VERY HIGH UP WITH IEMA; HE MENTIONED THIS PROJECT TO THEM AND TALKED ABOUT IT TO THEM. THAT CONVERSATION GREW INTO THE FACT THAT WE GET THIS GRANT. THINGS TAKE A LOT OF TIME AND HARD WORK. I WANT TO BE SURE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE CREDIT FOR THE RIGHT THINGS.

### 23. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUCH NEEDED AMBULANCE. OUR POLICE CHIEF HAS BEEN ON VACATION, IT IS NICE TO HAVE HIM BACK. HE HAD SOME GOOD GUYS TAKING CARE OF THE PLACE WHILE HE WAS GONE. EVERYTHING RAN SMOOTHLY AND I APPRECIATE THAT.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT JODY & THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES A GREAT JOB WITH THE AMBULANCE SERVICE. THEY KEEP THEM RUNNING AND THEY NEED A NEW ONE I AM GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO GET THEM ONE. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON KEEPING THINGS ORDERLY IN TOWN. WE DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAVE EVERYWHERE ELSE. THANK YOU SHAWN.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I GOT A REQUEST FROM THE BOY SCOUTS. I WAS TOLD WE DIDN'T HAVE TO APPROVE IT TO BLOCK THE ROADS. I JUST WANTED TO RUN IT BY THE COUNCIL AND MAKE SURE NOBODY HAD A PROBLEM. THEY WANT TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SOAPBOX DERBY ON AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:30 A.M. THEY WILL START AT THE CORNER OR LINDELL AND GARDNER. THEY WILL BLOCK THE ROADS,

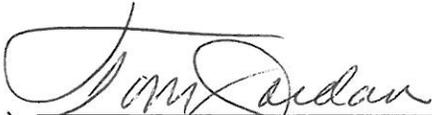
AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE US WITH THE BOY SCOUT INSURANCE. I HAVE SOME BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE I WANT TO RECOGNIZE TONIGHT. OUR BOWLING ALLEY HERE IN TOWN IS CELEBRATING 75 YEARS, AND I THINK THAT IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. WE HAVE DON MCCORD WHO OWNS MCCORD'S MARKET HE IS PERSONALLY CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AT MCCORD'S. HE WAS EMPLOYED THERE FOR 8 YEARS BEFORE HE PURCHASED IT. HE IS 50 YEARS INTO DEDICATING HIS LIFE TO ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES IN OUR TOWN. THE LAST PERSON I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT DOESN'T KNOW I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT HIM. WHEN I FIRST GOT ELECTED THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT OUR TOWN THAT I WANTED TO SEE IMPROVED AND CHANGE. THE MAYOR ASSIGNED ME TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND I KNEW THERE WAS A LOT THERE THAT I WANTED TO CHANGE AND PUT MY STAMP ON. I KNEW I NEEDED A SUPERINTENDENT THAT I MESHED WELL WITH. I WANTED TO TRY AND GET TO KNOW EACH OF THE GUYS AND FIGURE OUT IF ANYONE WAS ON THE SAME PAGE AS ME. I DIDN'T KNOW ROGER, BUT IT DIDN'T TAKE US LONG TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE OUR ONE ON ONE CONVERSATION TO REALIZE HE IS AN EVEN BIGGER CHEERLEADER FOR WEST FRANKFORT THAN I AM. I LOVE THIS TOWN IT IS MY LIFE AND HE LOVES IT MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE I KNOW. HE CAME IN WITH IDEAS AND THINGS HE WANTED TO SEE CHANGE WITH BETTER PLANS. I DON'T THINK THERE HAS BEEN ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN MORE HELPFUL THAN YOU IN THE ENTIRE TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE. HE IS THE HARDEST WORKING GUY I HAVE EVER MET AND HE WORKS BEFORE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AFTER HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AND WELL INTO THE NIGHT. WHEN IT RAINS HE IS OUT DRIVING AROUND OR AT THE PUMP PUSHING THE BUTTON IN THE STORM MAKING SURE IT IS WORKING PROPERLY. HE IS OUT PUTTING CONES OUT ON THE WEEKENDS FOR EVENTS AROUND TOWN. HE HAS TAKEN ON ANOTHER ENTIRE DEPARTMENT AND HE DID IT WITHOUT HESITATION BECAUSE HE IS HERE TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR TOWN. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU AND YOU DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR YOUR 40 YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN WITH THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT.

#### 24. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

DON STATED I HEARD THERE IS SOME ACTIVITY AROUND THE KROGER PARKING LOT. THE MAYOR STATED I KNOW THAT TRIPLE E IS FOR SALE I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE HAS BOUGHT IT? COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED WE HAD A MAN COME INTO CITY HALL MORE THAN ONCE WITH

INTEREST IN A BUSINESS IN THAT BUILDING. I THINK IT IS PROBABLY HIS PLACE TO SAY WHAT THAT BUSINESS IS. I HAVE TALKED TO HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES AND HE IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT BEING HERE AND FIXING UP THE BUILDING.

25. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:50 P.M.

  
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

  
ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK