

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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 JUNE 14, 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 \$376,857.49. 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 AMENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE COUNCIL MEETING THAT WE HAD TWO WEEKS AGO. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR GIVING CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE OUR LIQUOR ORDINANCE. THE RECOMMENDATION AND DISCUSSION ON THIS WILL BE ABOUT SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES. CURRENTLY THE ORDINANCE IS ONLY PACKAGED LIQUOR STORES CAN BE OPEN "CLASS B" FROM 1-6P.M. ON SUNDAYS TO SELL ALCOHOL. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE ALL CLASSES A, B, C AND D TO ALLOW LIQUOR SALES ON SUNDAY. I THINK THE DISCUSSION BROUGHT A LOT OF IDEAS BEFORE US LAST MEETING AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE AT A BIT OF A DISADVANTAGE FOR OUR RESTAURANTS AND TAVERNS THAT ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAY. I FEEL LIKE THIS MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP GIVE THEM A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD AND GENERATE REVENUE FOR THEM. WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE OUR ATTORNEY HAS DRAFTED. I AM GOING TO READ YOU THE PART THAT I THINK IS THE MOST SPECIFIC. IT TALKS ABOUT THE HOURS OF OPERATION; ALL PLACES OPERATING UNDER A LAWFULLY ISSUED LIQUOR LICENSE SHALL BE ALOUD TO BE OPEN AND TO SELL ALCOHOL LIQUOR ALOUD

BY THEIR LICENSE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF ____ AND ____ ON SUNDAY. THE FIRST THING IF WE WANT TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE WE NEED TO SET THE HOURS. SOME OF THE DISCUSSION WE HAD WAS THAT A LOT OF SPORTING EVENTS GO BEYOND 6 P.M. IN THE AFTERNOON. RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AS FAR AS 10 A.M. AND IN THE EVENING WHAT HOUR WE WOULD CLOSE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OPINIONS ON WHAT YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE DISCUSSION WAS THAT THE OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE LIQUOR SALES ON SUNDAY. I THINK MOST OF THEM ARE BETWEEN 12 A.M. AND 10 P.M. THAT OPENS UP THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO GO TO SPORTS BARS TO WATCH SPORTING EVENTS ON SUNDAYS. IF WE CAN'T PROVIDE IT HERE IN TOWN THEN THEY GO TO OTHER TOWNS TO DO IT. I WOULD BE IN FAVOR TO THE HOURS GOING TO 10 P.M. AND IF THEY OPEN AT 11 A.M. OR 12 A.M IT IS INDIFFERENT TO ME. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I AGREE WITH MIKE I THINK WE HAVE WORKED TO HARD TO TRY AND BRING NEW BUSINESSES TO OUR TOWN WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP SUPPORT AND RETAIN THE BUSINESSES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE. THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL TIMES. LA FIESTA HAS HAD A COUPLE OF EVENTS JUST FOR EXAMPLE THAT THEY HAVE HAD PEOPLE WANT TO RENT THEIR FACILITY FOR EVENTS ON SUNDAY AND IT HAS CUT THEM OUT OF THAT BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY WE NOT ABLE TO SERVE ALCOHOL. I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO GO OUT OF TOWN FOR THINGS LIKE THIS AND WE ARE NOT MAKING WEST FRANKFORT ABLE TO COMPETE IN THAT DEPARTMENT. I AM GOOD WITH THE SUNDAY SALES EXTENDED. SOME BUSINESSES SAID THEY WOULD PREFER 11 A.M. BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN A LOT OF SPORTING EVENTS COME ON AND BY 10 P.M.-11 P.M EVERYTHING IS OVER. BOBBY FROM THE CASINO STATED NOON WOULD WORK FOR ME BUT I THINK OTHER BUSINESSES MAY WANT IT EARLIER FOR LUNCH. I WOULD LIKE TO STAY OPEN UNTIL 11 P.M. BECAUSE SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ISN'T OVER BY 10P.M. AMY PRUDENT STATED I WOULD LIKE AN 11 A.M. STARTING TIME WHEN WE HAVE TOURNAMENTS AT THE BOWLING ALLEY THEY START EARLY. THE MAYOR STATED TO START AT 11 A.M. AND END AT 11 P.M. DOES ANYBODY OBJECT TO THAT? COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I FEEL LIKE IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE BY STARTING AT 11 A.M. THEN I SAY THAT IS WHAT WE GO WITH. AS FAR AS THE STOPPING POINT BOBBY MAKES A GOOD POINT THAT SOME OF THE SPORTING EVENTS GO LATER THAN 10 P.M. THE MAYOR STATED WE

NEED A MOTION TO SET THE HOURS ON SUNDAY SALES FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. EFFECTIVE THIS DATE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS. THE MAYOR STATED FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT AT THE MEETING ON THE 14TH WE HAD FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES. WE DID DENY ONE AND WE CARRIED OVER THE APPLICATIONS FROM KELLY KIRK (HEIGHTS MARKET), RUSSELL OIL COMPANY (ROC GAS STATION), RUSSELL OIL COMPANY (SUPER LUBE BUILDING) AND ROLLNUP. I HAD A MEETING AND SPOKE WITH THE CURRENT GAMING LICENSE HOLDERS AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE APPLICANTS HERE. WE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS ON THE 14TH. WE ONLY HAVE TWO CLASS A LICENSE LEFT. THE CLASS A LICENSE IS A POUR LICENSE AND WITH THAT YOU WOULD BE ALDUD TO APPLY FOR GAMING. WE ALSO HAVE RESTAURANT LICENSE AVAILABLE WHICH IS ALSO A POUR LICENSE. I DID TALK TO THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TODAY AND THESE ARE NON TRADITIONAL LICENSES FOR GAMING AND CURRENTLY ILLINOIS IS NOT DISAPPROVING THESE LICENSE BUT THEY ARE NOT PUTTING THE MACHINES IN. THE DID VERIFY THE FACT THAT THEY WERE INITIATED WITH THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT WERE APPLYING FOR GAMING PERMITS. THE WORDS THAT THEY USED AT THE IML WAS THAT THEY ARE SLOW WALKING IT. THERE IS SOME RELUCTANCES FROM SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT ALREADY HAVE GAMING LICENSES. EXPANDING THIS IS GOING TO HURT THEIR REVENUE. THERE IS ALSO A CONSIDERATION THAT ONCE WE GIVE OUT THESE LICENSE AND SOMEONE ELSE COMES ALONG WHAT WILL WE DO? WILL WE EXPAND THE LICENSE TO RAISE THE NUMBER THAT WE WILL ALLOW? IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK I WOULD LOVE TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY AT THIS TIME. JOE BEVERAGE STATED WE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR ELEVEN YEARS NOW WE HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION OF BUILDING NICE PROPERTIES. WE FOLLOW ALL THE RULES WE CARD EVERYBODY THAT COMES THROUGH. IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE US A POUR LICENSE SO WE COULD APPLY FOR A GAMING LICENSE PERMIT. WE HAVE TWO CERTIFIED TIPS TRAINERS THAT WORK FOR OUR COMPANY. TIPS STAND'S FOR TRAINING FOR INTERVENTION PROCEDURE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR RESPONSIBLE SERVICES SALES AND

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL. AMY PRUDENT STATED I THINK I SPEAK FOR A LOT OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS THAT CURRENTLY HOLD A LIQUOR LICENSE AND GAMING. WE DON'T WANT EVERYPLACE IN WEST FRANKFORT TO BE ABLE TO SELL BEER AND PLAY GAMES. WE HAVE OUR REGULAR CUSTOMERS I JUST THINK THIS WILL TAKE AWAY FROM WHAT IS ALREADY HERE. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK I TALKED A BIT ABOUT THE FACT THE I GAVE HUCK'S A LIQUOR LICENSE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE AND HAVE MADE AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I FELT LIKE THEY WERE REINVESTING AS FAR AS REMODELING SO I ASKED THE COUNCIL TO GIVE THEM A LIQUOR LICENSE AND THEY APPROVED. AGAIN, I WANT TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO GIVE EVERYBODY AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE TO THE PEOPLE INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT THE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE TO FEEL WELCOME. I DO FEEL LIKE WE DID DO THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT THING BY PROHIBITING THE PARLOR FROM COMING IN FROM OUTSIDE RENTING A SPACE AND TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM THE BUSINESSES THAT WE HAVE. I AM RELUCTANT TO CLASSIFY ROC, ROLLNUP AND THE HEIGHTS MARKET INTO THAT GROUP BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HERE AND ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. I REALLY DON'T HAVE AN OBJECTION EITHER WAY ON THIS. IT IS UP TO THE COUNCIL AS FAR AS WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO. I SEE BOTH SIDES VERY CLEARLY I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO HURT THE PEOPLE THAT ALREADY HAVE GAMING. THIS IS CALLED A NON TRADITIONAL GAMING LICENSE BECAUSE IT'S NOT A BAR. I TALKED TO KELLY FROM THE HEIGHTS MARKET I THINK SHE'S GOT A GREAT GROCERY STORE UP THERE AND SHE DOES A WONDERFUL JOB. IF SHE WAS JUST GETTING PACKAGED LIQUOR I THINK THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING. I THINK GAMING AND TO GO INTO PUTTING THE MACHINES IN AND HAVING A PLACE FOR IT IS MY CONCERN. KELLY STATED IF IT IS SO FAR IN THE FUTURE ONCE YOU APPLY FOR IT THEN WE WILL BE READY FOR IT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I DON'T PERSONALLY LIKE THE LIQUOR LICENSES SPECIFICALLY FOR GAMING. I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE INTENTION AND I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE CITY'S PLACE TO BE ISSUING THE LIQUOR LICENSE OUT AND I DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE INTENTION WITH THE VIDEO GAMING. I LIKE VIDEO GAMING IN PLACES WHERE LIQUOR IS BEING SOLD BECAUSE IT IS A LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT. THE BOWLING ALLEY, THE TAVERNS IN TOWN THAT IS THEIR ESTABLISHMENT, A LIQUOR SERVING ESTABLISHMENT. IT IS A WAY FOR US TO BEND AND MIX INTO SOMETHING IT IS NOT INTENDED FOR. I WANT TO DO

WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESSES SO I HAVE BEEN TORN ON THIS BECAUSE WE REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT YOU AND WE HEAR FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT IT WILL HELP YOU KEEP YOUR DOORS OPEN AND WE WANT EVERYONE TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN. THIS IS NOT WHAT THIS WAS INTENDED TO DO. MAYBE WE ARE GRABBING AT STRAWS IN AN AREA THAT ISN'T THE BEST PLACE TO BE PULLING FROM. KELLY KIRK STATED IS THE PROBLEM NOW BECAUSE THERE ARE THREE BUSINESSES APPLYING FOR TWO PLACES? BUT IT WASN'T A PROBLEM INITIALLY GIVING IT TO HUCK'S I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. IF WE HAD THE RESERVATIONS AND THERE WERE THESE ISSUES WHY DIDN'T THEY APPLY TO HUCK'S TO BEGIN WITH? THE MAYOR STATED I WILL ANSWER THAT BECAUSE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO THERE WAS A LARGE GAS STATION THAT WANTED TO LOCATE HERE AND MAKE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND ONE OF THE THINGS HE ASKED ME THE MAYOR AND LIQUOR COMMISSIONER WAS IF I DROP FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS COMMUNITY AND BUY A CITY BLOCK TO BUILD A HUGE GAS STATION WITH A CAR WASH WILL YOU WORK WITH ME BECAUSE I AM GOING TO NEED YOU TO GIVE ME THE ALLEY. THIS WILL BE A GREAT THING IT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL SO I SAID ABSOLUTELY. HE ALSO STATED HE WAS GOING TO NEED GAMING TO MAKE THIS PROFITABLE AND MAKE IT WORK. THAT IS WHENEVER I CAME TO THE THOUGHT THAT IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND THEY ARE GOING TO BRING PROSPERITY WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT? I SAID I WOULD CONSIDER IT AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A TRADE OFF THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING I COULD LIVE WITH. HUCK'S SAID IF THEY REMODEL THEIR STORE AND BUY PROPERTY AND REVITALIZE WHY WOULDN'T YOU GIVE US THE SAME CONSIDERATION? HE MADE A GOOD POINT. I THINK THERE ARE VALID POINTS FROM ALL OF YOU OUT HERE AS WELL. YOU POINTED OUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO LIQUOR LICENSE AVAILABLE. OUR RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES WE CAN EXPAND OR REDUCE THEM IT WOULD JUST DEPEND ON THE SITUATION. WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A LEVEL PLACE AND WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED SHE HAS ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS STILL. I DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL PUTTING ONE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM ANOTHER FOR THE ROC. I FEEL LIKE THAT IS A BIT MUCH AND A LOT OF PULL IN ONE AREA. I LOVE THE IDEA OF THE RESTAURANT THAT YOU GUYS SHOWED US LAST MEETING, I WOULD LOVE TO TALK MORE ABOUT THAT. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A BUSINESS GO INTO AN EMPTY BUILDING. AS FAR AS YOU BOTH ARE

CONCERNED (ROLLNUP & HEIGHTS MARKET) ROLLNUP YOU SAID YOU WOULD BUILD ONTO THE BACK SIDE AND THE HEIGHTS YOU SAID YOU WOULD LOOK INTO EXPANDING IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE SPACE ALREADY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE NOT THAT FAR IN THE THOUGHT PROCESS IF I CAN VOTE ON IT WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THE PLANS ARE. JOE BEVERAGE STATED WE HAVE ENOUGH SPACE AS OF RIGHT NOW AND WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO INVEST IN THE TOWN. SOME PEOPLE PREFER A DIFFERENT LOCATION TO GAMBLE A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD HAVE SOME PRIVACY AND THEY AREN'T INTERESTED INTO GOING INTO A BAR OR TAVERN. AS FAR AS TAKING AWAY REVENUE FROM OTHER PLACES THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. ROC ONE STOP STATED AS FAR AS EXPANSION WE HAVE SUBMITTED PLANS FOR EXPANSION. THE RESTAURANT I THINK IT WOULD MAKE OUR DECISION BECAUSE IT'S TAKING A CHANCE THAT MAY NOT WORK. WITH THE GAMING SUPPLEMENTING IT I THINK IT WOULD DEFINITELY TAKE OFF. AMY PRUDENT STATED I THINK IT WOULD TAKE BUSINESS AWAY FROM OTHER BUSINESSES WHO HAVE BEEN HERE. OUR PLACE HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 75 YEARS AND THERE COMES A POINT WHERE MAYBE YOU STOP BEING SO GREEDY. I WANT TO SEE OUR CITY EXPAND, I WANT TO SEE US DO BETTER. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I DON'T FEEL REAL STRONG EITHER WAY BUT I WOULD GO ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER. DEAN SCHMITT WITH UNIVERSAL GAMING GROUP AND OPERATOR I SUPPORT KELLY AND JOE HERE AND I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANY THOUGHT ON POSSIBLY EXPANDING IT AND THEN CAPPING IT OFF? SO IF YOU LOSE YOUR GAMING THE NEW OWNERS WOULD NOT HAVE GAMING. IF A BAR IS IN BUSINESS AND IT EVENTUALLY GOES OUT OF BUSINESS THE NEW PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE GAMING BUT IF IT SELLS THEN THEY COULD APPLY FOR IT. WEST CITY ADDED GAMING PARLOR LICENSE AND CARBONDALE ADDED FIVE. I AM JUST KIND OF THROWING SOME IDEAS AT YOU GUYS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED CAN WE CAP GAMING WITHOUT CAPPING THE LIQUOR LICENSES? THE MAYOR STATED I THINK WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT IS THE EXACT SAME THING WE ARE TALKING ABOUT UP HERE. TO APPLY FOR A GAMING LICENSE YOU HAVE TO HAVE A POUR LICENSE. THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO ASK FOR POUR LICENSES AND WE ARE JUST MAKING A DECISION WHETHER WE WANT TO ADD TO THE SEVEN WE ALREADY HAVE OR IF WE WANT TO REDUCE IT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IT IS HARD BECAUSE WE HAD A GUY COME INTO CITY HALL TODAY WHO WANTS TO START A BUSINESS IN TOWN, HE WANTS A

LIQUOR LICENSE. HE DOESN'T WANT VIDEO GAMING HE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN A RESTAURANT. THE PROBLEM WE RUN INTO IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO RUN OUT OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR VIDEO GAMING AND NOT HAVE LIQUOR LICENSES FOR LIQUOR AND THAT BOTHER ME. FROM AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAND POINT I HAVE CALLED A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HERE. WHO WOULD LOVE TO SERVE BEER WITH THEIR STEAKS AND CHEESEBURGERS AND WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF LIQUOR LICENSES TO SUPPORT GAMING. WE NEED LIQUOR LICENSES FOR LIQUOR SO WE ARE ATTRACTED TO THESE NATIONAL CHAINS THAT WE REALLY WANT HERE AND ARE INTERESTED IN BEING HERE. THAT GOES BACK TO MY ORIGINAL STATEMENT THAT I FEEL LIKE WE ARE MISUSING IT. WE ARE NOT USING IT FOR THE REASON IT IS INTENDED AND I DON'T WANT TO GET TO A POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO SAY WE HAVE TOO MANY LIQUOR LICENSE WE CAN'T GIVE YOU ONE. I CAN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT TURNING AWAY A MILLION DOLLAR DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY TO SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO PUT A BUSINESS IN. DEAN SCHMITT STATED HOW MANY DIFFERENT CATEGORIES DO YOU HAVE FOR RESTAURANTS/POUR? THE MAYOR STATED WE DON'T HAVE ANY RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE GAMING CURRENTLY IN WEST FRANKFORT THERE ARE SIX LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR RESTAURANTS. DEAN SCHMITT STATED IF YOU HAVE A RESTAURANT LICENSE YOU CAN LEGALLY GET GAMING RIGHT? THE MAYOR STATED YES, THAT IS ANOTHER POINT WE DISCUSSED. I THINK A RESTAURANT IS EITHER GOING TO RISE OR FALL BASED ON THE RESTAURANT ABILITY. WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A GAMING PARLOR THAT SERVES FOOD. WE WANT A RESTAURANT THAT HAS GAMING. IF THE RESTAURANT DOESN'T MAKE IT THEN THE GAMING GOES WITH IT. OUR FOCUS IS THE RESTAURANT NOT THE GAMING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I DON'T KNOW THAT AT THIS TIME WE ARE OF THE MINDSET OR IN THE POSITION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS A LICENSE THAT ARE OUT THERE FOR GAMING. THERE ARE SOME CERTAIN CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND I THINK THAT THE SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES ARE GOING TO HELP THE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE HERE. I THINK DOWN THE ROAD WE MAY WANT TO REVISIT THIS BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT I AM IN THE POSITION NOW TO ISSUE NEW GAMING PERMITS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING TO PUT IN GAMING WANTING A POUR LICENSE TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PLAN ON WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AND WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO FOR THE COMMUNITY NOT JUST WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO FOR THEM. THE MAYOR STATED I

WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE SUPPORT OF THE STATE. I WOULD LIKE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE STATE IS GOING TO DO. WE CAN REVISIT THIS WHEN THE STATE DECIDES WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO ON THIS. JOE BEVERAGE STATED YOU CAN'T EVEN APPLY FOR A LICENSE UNLESS YOU HAVE A POUR LICENSE. IF YOU WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE STATE IS GOING TO DO THAT'S INSANITY TO RELY ON THEM THEY CAN'T EVEN GET A BUDGET. THE MAYOR STATED I WILL GO THROUGH THESE FOUR LICENSES AND YOU CAN VOTE ON THEM OR VOTE TO TABLE THEM. I CAN'T MAKE A MOTION SO IT IS WHATEVER THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO DO. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED PERSONALLY I WOULD LIKE TO TABLE IT OR DENY THESE. IF WE CAN TABLE IT TO DOWN THE ROAD GET AN IDEA OF WHAT TYPE OF EFFECTS SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES ARE GOING TO HAVE AND SEE IF THE PROSPECTS GET BETTER. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I WOULD LIKE TO TABLE THIS PART AS WELL. IF YOU GUYS WOULD LIKE TO COME TALK TO US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND THE CONCERNS THAT THIS WAS TO SUPPORT AND HELP. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU GUYS COME IN AND TALK TO US ABOUT THE SPEEDY LUBE AND THE CHICKEN RESTAURANT. WEATHER IT IS A CHICKEN RESTAURANT WITH GAMING OR A GAMING PARLOR THAT SERVES CHICKEN. IF WE CAN GET THAT WORKED OUT I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS WE CAN HAVE MOVING FORWARD AND NOT JUST STOP THE DISCUSSION. I AGREE WITH MIKE I DON'T FEEL LIKE WE ARE IN THE POSITION TO MAKE THIS DECISION RIGHT NOW. THE MAYOR STATED WE AREN'T SAYING NO. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION AND WE WILL FIND OUT WHAT THE STATE IS GOING TO DO AND WHAT IT IS GOING TO MEAN TO THE CITY.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTOR'S PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE #2 TO MIDWEST PETROLEUM & EXCAVATING, INC. REGARDING THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT RETROFIT PROJECT. THE AMOUNT EARNED WAS \$606,092.13 THERE IS A 10% RETAINED SO THE AMOUNT DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR IS \$545,482.92 OF THAT \$521,843.93 IS STORED MATERIALS THAT WERE DELIVERED ON SITE. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING BILL#2 FOR BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,565.36 REGARDING THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT RETROFIT 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.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. FOR THE DCEO TAFT STREET SEWER REHABILITATION. COMMISSIONER BLADES 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 APPROVAL FOR BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY IEPA PAPERWORK TO RENEW THE CITY'S NPDES PERMIT FOR THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL TO FURNISH MATERIALS AND APPROVAL OF AWARD REGARDING THE MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED WE DID REALLY GOOD THIS YEAR ON THE BIDS FOR THE MATERIALS THAT WE NEED FOR THE MFT PROGRAM. 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 APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GAS TAX FUNDS WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. REGARDING THE CHERRY STREET PROJECT. MATT TOSH STATED THIS IS A BLOCK ON CHERRY STREET TO DO A CONCRETE STREET BETWEEN RT.149 AND LOCUST STREET. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND TAKE MAIN STREET ALL THE WAY BACK ON CHERRY TO MAKE IT MATCH THE WORK THAT WAS DONE SEVERAL YEARS BACK. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE CITY'S GAS TAX NOT MOTOR FUEL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A DONATION OF \$1000.00 TO CASA FROM THE VIDEO

GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED CATHY MINTON IS HERE TONIGHT SHE IS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR CASA. CATHY STATED I BROUGHT MY DIRECTOR WITH ME TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE FOR HER TO GIVE YOU A FEW STATISTICS ON HOW CASA SERVES THE COMMUNITY. CASA HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1999 WORKING IN THIS COMMUNITY. 59% OF OUR FUNDING HAS COME FROM DONATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. 31% OF THE PETITIONS THAT ARE IN OUR COURT ACTUALLY COME FROM WEST FRANKFORT. I BELIEVE OUR POLICE AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE ENGAGED IN REPORTING HOT LINE CALLS. CASA IS THERE TO BE A VOICE FOR THE CHILDREN. THESE CHILDREN HAVE NOBODY; THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME, TOWNS AND FRIENDS. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS MONEY THAT WE PUT ASIDE FOR THE YOUTH. IT IS AN HONOR FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THIS BACK COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY TO PURCHASE BACKPACKS FROM THE VIDEO GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A BLOCK PARTY HERRON REHAB WELLNESS CENTER IS HAVING. THEY ARE GOING TO FILL BACKPACKS FULL OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KIDS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THE LAST SHE HEARD THEY HAD 320 BACKPACKS THAT THEY HAVE BOUGHT AND FILLED. 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 FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH JACKSON STREET FOR E.R. BROWN'S ANNUAL STREET SALE ON JULY 7 THROUGH JULY 9, 2016. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,635.00 REGARDING CONTRACT SERVICE FEES AS WORKERS COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO

APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM JOHN TIPPY REGARDING THE ST. LOUIS FAU DESIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,080.00. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A MASSIVE PROJECT THAT IS GOING TO START NEXT YEAR. IT WILL BE FROM CHERRY STREET TO HORRELL DOWN ST. LOUIS STREET. JOHN TIPPY IS WORKING WITH BROWN AND ROBERTS WORKING ON EASEMENTS AND RIGHT AWAY. THIS IS A BILL FOR HIS SERVICES. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,446.00. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPER KEITH MORAN, WE HAVE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THEM I JUST WANTED TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT. THE MALL AND DOWNTOWN PROJECTS HE IS WORKING ON AND WE ARE USING THE MONEY FROM THE CITY TO TRY AND GET SOME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HERE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,623.72 REGARDING SEWER REPAIRS IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN N. BRYAN AND COCHRAN AND 4TH AND 5TH STREET FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THEY REPLACED 152 FT OF 10 INCH SEWER PIPE FROM TREE ROOTS GROWING INTO IT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

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

THE FIRST ONE IS FROM FREEDOM TRANSPORT. IT IS ON ROUTE 37 HERE IN TOWN. HE HAS ASKED TO PUT IN A 10 X 12 LIGHTED LED SIGN ON BOTH SIDES. IT WILL BE UP 15 FT ABOVE GROUND AND 15 FT OFF THE HIGHWAY. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE SECOND ONE I HAVE IS FROM MORTHLAND COLLEGE. THEY HAVE MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAM MITCHELL TO PUT AN ADDITIONAL SIGN ON THE BUILDING AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 37 AND ROUTE 149 RIGHT NEXT TO THE SAM MITCHELL SIGN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. MAYOR'S REPORT:

THE MAYOR STATED IT HAS BEEN A LONG NIGHT. I APPRECIATE OUR CITY COUNCIL, OUR CITIZENS AND OUR BUSINESSES. I DON'T EVER WANT TO GIVE YOU THE THOUGHT THAT WE AREN'T TRYING TO DO WHAT'S BEST. SOME OF THESE DECISIONS ARE DIFFICULT, WE MAY NOT ALWAYS GET THEM RIGHT BUT WE TRY OUR BEST TO WORK ON THEM AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK WE LIVE IN A CHALLENGING TIME. I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR OUR FIRE MEN, POLICE MEN, WATER GUYS, SEWER GUYS, STREET GUYS AND THE OFFICE STAFF. MY JOB IS NOT AS HARD AS IT COULD BE BECAUSE WE HAVE GREAT EMPLOYEES. WE ARE WORKING ON A LOT OF THINGS FOR THE CITY AND I THINK ONE DAY EVERYTHING WILL COME TOGETHER.

21. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE ALWAYS DOING THEIR JOB PROFESSIONALLY. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT I BELIEVE EVERYTHING IS GOING ALRIGHT. FIRE CHIEF JODY ALLEN STATED THE PACKING FOR THE PUMP IS ON BOTH SIDES. THE SHAFT INSIDE THE PUMP IS BENT SO IT WOULDN'T PASS THE PUMP TESTING. THEY FIXED THE PACKING ON IT RE-PUMP TESTED IT AND IT FAILED AGAIN. THE MAYOR STATED ALL OF THE FIRE TRUCKS HAVE TO PASS THE ANNUAL PUMP TEST AND SO DURING THIS IT FAILED. WE SENT IT UP BY SAINT LOUIS AREA TO RE PACK THE PUMP

BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THAT WOULD FIX IT BUT WE HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS. WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT TRUCK I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU GUYS AWARE.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I JUST WANT TO SAY WE HAVE HAD SUCH GOOD CONVERSATIONS AND THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD THINGS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY. I CAME INTO THIS POSITION FROM BEING A REPORTER AND I JUST WANT TO TELL EVERYBODY EVERYTHING, I AM SO EXCITED. WE ARE HAVING SO MANY GREAT CONVERSATIONS AND GREAT MEETINGS AND THERE ARE SO MANY AMAZING BUSINESSES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO THAT ARE INTERESTED IN WEST FRANKFORT. I THINK IT IS A LOT OF US GETTING EXCITED AND MAKING EVERYBODY ELSE EXCITED. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD EVERYTHING EVERYONE ELSE HAS HAD WE JUST HAVE NOT HAD THE RIGHT ATTITUDE ABOUT IT. EVERYTHING IS SHIFTING AND IT IS REALLY GREAT TO BE A PART OF IT. KEEP BELIEVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR GOING TO EVENTUALLY SEE THE CHANGES. WE ALL KNOW ABOUT THEM AND WE GET REALLY GREAT DRAWINGS IN OUR E-MAIL FROM DEVELOPERS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. WE CAN'T SHARE ALL OF THAT, YOU JUST NEED TO KNOW IT'S COMING AND BELIEVE IN IT. IT'S SUCH A FUN TIME TO BE IN WEST FRANKFORT AND BE A PART OF IT. I HAVE SAID THIS BEFORE BUT ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS THAT WE DO AT COUNCIL MEETINGS IS THE DONATIONS FROM THE VIDEO GAMING. IT ALWAYS GOES TO SOMETHING SUPER IMPORTANT AND IS ALWAYS YOUTH RELATED. THERE HAS BEEN WAY TO MUCH TIME THAT HAS GONE PAST THAT THE STUFF THAT IS IMPORTANT TO KIDS IS NOT TO ADULTS. THERE IS A BUSINESS OF BEING A CHILD AND WHEN YOU DO THAT IN A SMALL COMMUNITY AND YOU DO IT WELL, YOU GROW UP AND FEED IT BACK INTO THE TOWN. IT WAS THE MAYOR WHO DECIDED TO TAKE HALF OF THE VIDEO GAMING MONEY WE GET AND PUT IT TOWARDS THE YOUTH. THE MAYOR STATED THIS PAST WEEKEND AT THE PARK WE HAD PETER PAN JR. PUT ON BY BRAXTON MELVIN AND A CREW OF PEOPLE THAT HE HAD AROUND HIM. LAST YEAR WITH THE MONEY THAT WE HAD FROM VIDEO GAMING WE SPONSORED HIM AS HE WENT TO THE MUNY TO PERFORM. WE HELPED HIM GET UP THERE, RENT A CAR AND THE HOTEL ROOM. THIS YEAR OUT OF THAT HE HAD THIS CAMP AT THE PARK IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY SO THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO ASK US FOR MONEY. THAT IS ONE OF THE WAYS IT HELPS OUT. MARY JANE THE MAYOR OF MT. VERNON WAS THE ONE TALKING ABOUT THIS AND I GOT THE IDEA BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH A POSITIVE WAY TO GIVE MONEY TO THE YOUTH.

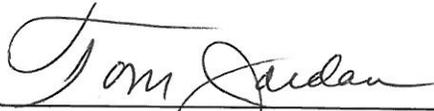
22. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

MY NAME IS TERRY I LIVE ON EAST 9TH STREET. I HAVE HAD SOME TILES IN MY YARD AND I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT THEY WERE FOR? COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THE 9TH STREET SIDEWALK I AM GOING TO BE HONEST AND BLUNT. I HAVE GOTTEN TO A POINT THAT I DON'T WANT TO WAIT ON THE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T GOING TO PARTICIPATE ANY LONGER. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR FAR TOO LONG. WE HAVE MET A DOZEN TIMES WITH THE ENGINEERS AND THEY HAVE MET WITH ANYBODY WHO HAD AN ISSUE WITH IT. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TO BE PATIENT MUCH LONGER. WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD TO CATER TO EVERYONE. WE NEED FOUR EASEMENTS, WE HAVE TWO. ONE IS A LEGAL PROBLEM SO THE CITY ATTORNEY IS TRYING TO WORK THE DEED PROBLEMS OUT. THEY ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO THE SIDEWALK. WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THE BANK AND EVERYTHING IN ORDER. I AM READY TO JUST DO IT. THE LAST CONVERSATION I HAD WITH THOSE WHO ARE STILL HOLDING OUT ON THE EASEMENTS AND PARTICIPATING, WAS THAT WE WILL DO A COUPLE MORE WEEKS AND I WILL COME TO THE COUNCIL AND ASK IF WE CAN GET THIS DONE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. ROGER AND I ARE READY; WE HAVE THE TILE READY TO GO INTO THE CREEK AREA. IF WE CAN'T GET THE WHOLE SIDEWALK BID AND INSTALLED BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS AT LEAST THE KIDS CAN GET OVER THE CREEK WITHOUT FALLING DOWN.

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 HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.

24. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:04 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 9:04 P.M.


MAYOR TOM JORDAN


ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK