

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

1. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. MAYOR JORDAN WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE, ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.
2. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 26, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
3. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,248.56. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION. MIKE ROBERTS STATED WE JUST HAD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS. I THINK YOU NEED TO DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO MAKE AN APPLICATION. IF YOU DO, I WILL NEED DIRECTION ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. IF YOU WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH STREETScape THAT WILL BE ENOUGH DIRECTION FOR ME TO GO AHEAD AND PREPARE SOME ESTIMATES. WE NEED TO SET THAT IN MOTION TO GET THE APPLICATION APPROVED. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED AT THIS POINT WE JUST NEED A MOTION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS. MIKE ROBERTS STATED YES, AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUPERVISORY POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THESE POSITIONS ARE THE CITY ATTORNEY- ATTORNEY MICHAEL RIVA, POLICE CHIEF- SHAWN TALLUTO, FIRE CHIEF- JODY ALLEN, CITY CLERK/ TREASURER- ANGIE BAKER, COMPTROLLER- CATHY DINN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK- TARYN HARTSEIL, STREET/ WATER SUPERINTENDENT- ROGER STANLEY, SEWER SUPERINTENDENT- CHARLES HUBBLE, INCUBATOR/ MALL MANAGER- DON GASS AND CODES OFFICER- ED HAMMONDS. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SERGEANT AND CORPORAL IN THE WEST FRANKFORT DISPATCHERS. POLICE CHIEF SHAWN TALLUTO STATED WE HAVE HAD THIS IN OUR CONTRACT FOR THE DISPATCH CENTER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THE LAST TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE RETIRED WE DID NOT FILL THOSE POSITIONS. THEY ARE CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TWO INDIVIDUALS INTO THOSE POSITIONS. THEY HELP OUT ON THE DAY SHIFT AND THERE IS AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK THAT WE DO. I WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT JOHN HAMPTON AS THE SERGEANT AND BARBARA GASS AS THE CORPORAL. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE WEST FRANKFORT LIBRARY BOARD. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES ARE BILL LEVANTI, JILL PERROTTO AND AMY DURFEE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED WE HAVE FIVE APPLICATIONS WE WILL GO THROUGH THESE INDIVIDUALLY.
 - A. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE FIRST APPLICATION IS FOR RISSI'S EVENT CENTER WHICH IS MIKE & GAIL THOMAS. THEY WANT TO PUT TWO SIGNS UP, ONE ON THE FRONT AND ONE ON THE SIDE THAT SAY RISSI'S EVENT CENTER. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
 - B. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE NEXT APPLICATION IS WEST FRANKFORT HOUSE FURNISHING AT 202 W. MAIN STREET. THEY ARE GOING TO DO SOME TUCK POINTING ON THE SOUTHEAST AND NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND REMOVE AND RELAY BRICK ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CHIMNEY. IT IS FOR \$4,200 WHICH WE WOULD PAY 50% SO OUR COST WOULD BE \$2,500. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
 - C. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE NEXT APPLICATION IS SWAIN'S FURNITURE AT 422 E. MAIN STREET. THEY ARE REPLACING (3) BAY DOORS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING. IT IS AROUND \$3,622 TO DO THAT WHICH WE WOULD PAY 50%. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
 - D. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE NEXT APPLICATION IS FOR MORTHLAND COLLEGE AT 309 W. ST. LOUIS STREET. THIS IS FOR A SIGN WITH THE COST OF \$793. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IS THIS APPLICABLE FOR THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT SINCE IT IS NOT ON MAIN STREET? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED WE WILL TABLE THIS.
 - E. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE NEXT APPLICATION IS FOR MORTHLAND COLLEGE AND IT IS PRETTY MUCH OUT OF THE RANGE. THIS IS A LIGHTED SIGN THAT THEY WANT TO PUT UP ON THE

CHURCH AT 422 E. MAIN STREET. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED INSTEAD OF BEING PART OF THE FAÇADE PROGRAM THIS SHOULD GO INTO A TIFF APPLICATION SO I BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO TABLE THIS. THEY WANT THE SIGN FOR THEIR DAVINCI BEVERAGES. WE WILL TABLE THIS AND WE WILL VOTE ON THE OTHER ONES.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING PROPOSED WATER/SEWER/TRASH RATE INCREASE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE OUR WATER RATES TO PAY REND LAKE. WE ALSO HAVE TO RAISE OUR SEWER AND TRASH RATES. WE FAILED TO RAISE OUR TRASH RATES WHEN WE SIGNED A NEW CONTRACT WITH BULLDOG EVEN THOUGH WE KNEW THE RATES WERE GOING TO BE HIGHER THAN WHAT WE WERE COLLECTING WE PUT IT OFF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. WE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN TO RAISE THE WATER RATE \$.25 CENTS PER 1000 GALLONS. THE SEWER RATE \$.75 CENTS PER 1000 GALLON AND \$1.00 A MONTH ON THE TRASH SERVICE FEE. THIS IS A ONE YEAR PROPOSAL AND WE NEED TO DO THIS EVERY YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO BRING US IN LINE TO WHERE WE SHOULD BE. COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED IF YOU LOOK AT BENTON, HARRISBURG, MOUNT VERNON AND WEST CITY WE ARE STILL CHEAPER THAN MOST OF THE TOWNS IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. THE TRASH SERVICE PICKS UP ALMOST ANYTHING CURBSIDE ALL YEAR LONG AT NO COST THIS SAVES A FORTUNE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THE MOTION WILL BE FOR AN INCREASE EVERY YEAR WITH THE SAME INCREASE OF (\$.25 CENTS FOR WATER, \$.75 CENTS FOR SEWER AND \$1.00 ON TRASH) ON THE 1ST OF MAY FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THIS WILL ONLY BE APPLIED TO CUSTOMERS WHO USE 2000 GALLONS OR MORE. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING AMENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED WE ARE GOING TO TABLE THIS MATTER UNTIL OUR LIQUOR COMMISSIONER IS HERE.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A 2012 FORD F250 TRUCK FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,240.00. COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED CHARLES THINKS IT IS CHEAPER TO BUY A GOOD USED TRUCK INSTEAD OF BUYING A NEW ONE. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL

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12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 8, 2016 THROUGH MAY 14, 2016 AS NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING OUT TO THE NURSING HOME IN PLACE OF THE MAYOR AND I ENJOYED GOING THERE IT IS A REALLY NICE NURSING HOME. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK ON MAY 28, 2016 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM PEARCE MASONRY & CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION REGARDING THE WFBI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800.00. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THIS IS TO REMOVE THE CRUMBLING STONE AND REPLACE THE SPLIT FACE BLOCK IN THE FRONT ENTRANCE. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. OFFICER'S 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.

16. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

NO BUILDING OR SIGN PERMITS.

17. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED AS YOU JUST HEARD THE CHIEF'S READ THEIR REPORTS IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING HOW BUSY THIS LITTLE TOWN STAYS. THEY DO A GOOD JOB I AM PROUD OF BOTH

DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED HE APPRECIATES THE PEOPLE COMING FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO GET INPUT ON OUR PROGRAM TO HELP BEAUTIFY WEST FRANKFORT. THAT IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT MAKING THIS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND A BETTER LOOKING PLACE TO LIVE.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE EVERYBODY ON 9TH STREET. WE ARE HOPING THAT THE CITY ENGINEER WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH UP THE FINAL LEG OF THAT. MY GOAL IS THAT THIS SUMMER WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUR BIDS AND EITHER DO IT FROM BRYAN TO LINCOLN AS WE PLANNED OR BE ABLE TO GET SOME BIDS ON A SIDEWALK FOR PLACES THAT WE HAVE EASEMENT. WE ARE TRYING TO GET EASEMENT ON EVERY PROPERTY BUT IF WE AREN'T ABLE TO DO THAT WE CAN STILL LOOK AT GOING FORWARD AND DOING WHATEVER THE COUNCIL'S PLEASURE WOULD BE. THAT IS THE PLAN, WE ARE STILL WORKING ON IT AND IT IS STILL A PROJECT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE OLD KING COAL COMMITTEE THIS IS A HUGE EVENT AND THEY WORK SO HARD ON IT. OUR DOWNTOWN LOOKS GREAT THE LADIES ARE PUTTING IN HARD WORK VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME. THE HABITAT HOUSE IS GOING UP AND LOOKING GREAT. THE RISSI BUILDING LOOKS GREAT AS WELL AS THE FORMER YADRO BUILDING IT GOT A FACE LIFT. THERE IS ALSO A NEW BUSINESS IN THE DAVIS BUILDING. THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR WEST FRANKFORT AND I AM THANKFUL TO BE A PART OF IT.

18. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

MR. SHAW FROM MT. VERNON ILLINOIS BROUGHT WITH HIM JIM FROM MT. VERNON. JIM IS PRESENTLY ON THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY I SERVED WITH HIM FOR TEN YEARS, IN JULY I GOT OFF OF THAT BOARD. I STILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN WHAT TAKES PLACE DOWN THERE. I AM HERE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE THAT I DON'T THINK IS VERY GOOD. MR. SHAW CONTINUED ON TO EXPLAIN THE FINANCES AND THE WAY REND LIKE CONSERVANCY RUNS. HE THEN EXPLAINED THE WAY THE WATER REVENUES SUPPORT THEIR RECREATION.

19. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:45 P.M.


MAYOR TOM JORDAN


ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK