

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER BLADES AND COMMISSIONER SIMPSON WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 OCTOBER 27, 2015. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS 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 \$604,582.95. THE MAYOR STATED HE SPOKE TO OUR COMPTROLLER BEFORE THE MEETING AND \$324,563.35 OF THIS IS SIMPLY A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE TAXES THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE PENSION FUND AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION FUND. WE DO NOT KEEP THAT MONEY IN OUR ACCOUNT IT GOES INTO THOSE TWO FUNDS. IT COMES TO THE CITY IN FORM OF TAXES. WE ALSO HAD ANOTHER TRANSFER OF \$100,000.00 TO OUR INSURANCE. THE ACTUAL BILLS ARE \$180,019.60 WITH PAYROLL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ILLINOIS FOR LABOR COUNCIL/SWORN PEACE OFFICERS TO COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019. THE MAYOR STATED THIS CONTRACT REPRESENTS A FOUR YEAR AGREEMENT THAT HAS A \$0.25 RAISE THAT WE GAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, STREET AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS BACK IN MARCH. THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE IN THIS AGREEMENT IS THAT IT IS NOW A FOUR YEAR AGREEMENT AND HAS A WAGE RE-OPENER IN IT. THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE US THROUGH OUR ADMINISTRATION. BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES IF SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE CHANGED WITHIN THIS CONTRACT WE CAN

DO THAT. THIS IS A DOCUMENT THAT IS IN A DRAFT FORM THAT WE HAVE READ AND APPROVED. THE FINAL FORM WILL BE PRESENTED TO US ONCE THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS UNION RATIFIES IT.

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

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING AN INCREASE FOR PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS WHO OBTAIN THEIR EMT LICENSE TO \$20.00 PER INCIDENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 PER YEAR. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A PAID ON CALL STAFF WHO HAVE GONE ON THEIR OWN TO BECOME EMT'S. THEY ARE CURRENTLY PAID \$15 PER CALL; THIS WILL INCREASE THE PAY FOR THE EMT TO AN ADDITIONAL \$5 PER CALL. THIS WON'T INCREASE THE \$25,000.00 PER YEAR. THIS WILL GIVE THE VOLUNTEERS AND P.O.C. FIREMEN A LITTLE MORE INCENTIVE TO GET THEIR EMT. THIS WAS A RECOMMENDATION FROM CHIEF ALLEN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING PURCHASE OF A KONICA MINOLTA BIZHUB PRINTER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,494.85. THIS MATTER WAS TABLED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR HUCKS TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ROADBLOCK/FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CARING FOR KIDS ON DECEMBER 4, 2015 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND DECEMBER 5, 2015 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE FOLLOWING ALL THE RULES BECAUSE THAT IS A STATE HIGHWAY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM WYANT SURVEYING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,805.00 REGARDING THE ALTA SURVEY OF THE WEST FRANKFORT OUTLET MALL. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAD WYANT SURVEYING DO A SURVEY FOR THE MALL BEFORE THE PURCHASE. THIS WAS DONE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LOAN APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,765.15 REGARDING ENGINE 2 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THIS WAS FOR THE AIR TANK FOR THE BREAKS. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM JOHNSON'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,268.41 REGARDING 1997 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM SCHULTE SUPPLY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,296.39 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF METERS FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED THE INVOICE IS FOR FIFTY METERS. THESE NEW METERS ARE MADE WITH A PLASTIC BOTTOM GOOD FOR THE WINTER. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM J.M. JONES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,700.00 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF 500 FEET OF WATER LINE FOR THE WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS INCUBATOR. THE MAYOR STATED OUR RENTER

(CHEMSTREAM) RENTS THE OLD STREET SHED. IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PUT THEIR MANUFACTURING IN THAT BUILDING THEY NEED A LOT OF WATER. WE PAID \$10,700.00 TO PUT IN A WATER LINE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM METRO-AG, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,070.03 REGARDING SLUDGE REMOVAL AND LAND APPLICATION FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. 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.

15. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THE CODES OFFICER STATED A REQUEST FOR 1 BUILDING PERMIT.

DOYLE MILLS WHO RESIDES AT 214 W. 7TH STREET IS REQUESTING A BUILDING PERMIT TO ADD A 10 X 24 ADDITION TO HIS HOUSE. THE COST FOR THIS BUILDING PERMIT IS \$12. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER HARKINS, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. MAYOR'S REPORT:

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT AN INCIDENT THAT HAS COME UP RECENTLY. ED IS GOING TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS GOING ON. I HAVE A REQUEST HERE FROM MR. AND MRS. JD MACALEY. THE SITUATION IS THEY LIVE IN A MOTOR HOME THEY ARE RETIRED AND TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY. THEY WANT TO BUY PROPERTY HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT ON SOUTH MARION ROAD. THEY WOULD LIKE THE

COUNCILS APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY PARK THEIR MOTOR HOME ON THE LOT USING THE SEWER AND WATER HOOK UP. THEIR GOAL IS TO BUILD A LARGE POLE BARN TO STORE THEIR MOTOR HOME. THEY ARE ASKING FOR YOUR PERMISSION TO BUY THE LOT, DEMOLISH THE HOME, AND IN THE PERIOD OF 1-2 YEARS TO CONSTRUCT THE BARN AND LIVE IN THE MOTOR HOME. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS ASKED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE NEW ORDINANCE THEY RECENTLY PASSED THAT STATES SOMETHING ABOUT TEMPORARILY LIVING IN A CAMPER OR MOTOR HOME. ED HAMMONDS STATED YES, IN AN EMERGENCY OR A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THIS IT IS 90 DAYS. THE MAYOR STATED THE PROBLEM IS WE ALREADY HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING IN CAMPERS. I TOLD JD WHATS GOING TO PROHIBIT ME FROM GOING OUT AND BUYING A \$3000.00 CAMPER AND PARKING IT ON A LOT HOOKING UP TO THE WATER AND SEWER AND LIVING THERE PERMANENTLY. HE STATED THIS WILL NOT BE HIS PERMANENT RESIDENCE HE WILL HAVE A P.O. BOX. IT WILL BE LICENSED AND DRIVEABLE. THE MAYOR STATED WHEN YOU STEP BACK AND LOOK AT THE TOTAL PICTURE NONE OF THAT VIOLATES OUR CODE AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T JUST LIVE IN THE MOTOR HOME FOR THREE YEARS. IT IS HIS PROPERTY AND NOT A CAMP GROUND. COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED HE LIKES THAT THE PROPERTY IS GOING TO BE IMPROVED AND LOOK BETTER THAN WHAT IT DOES NOW. ED HAMMONDS STATED HE CAME TO COUNCIL TO GET APPROVAL BEFORE HE PURCHASED THE PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BARN ITSELF. WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE POLE BARN HOUSES AS LONG AS I AM ON COUNCIL. IT IS A DEATH TRAP FOR A FIRE FIGHTER. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED ANYTIME YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO TEAR DOWN AN OLD HOUSE AND BUILD A NEW ONE WE NEED TO TRY AND WORK WITH THEM TO DO THAT. IT IS MOST LIKELY ONE OF THE HOUSES THE CITY HAS ON THE RADAR FOR US TO PAY FOR, TEAR DOWN AND GO THROUGH THE DEMOLITION PROCESS. ED HAMMONDS STATED THIS IS ONE OF THE LOTS THE CITY WAS MOWING. MY CONCERN IS; ARE WE KNOWINGLY ALLOWING AN ORDINANCE TO NOT BE FOLLOWED AS WE PASSED IT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE CASE IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE IT'S A UNIQUE SITUATION. I THINK IT OPENS THE DOORS FOR SOME PEOPLE TO ABUSE IT. THE MAYOR STATED THE POINT WOULD BE IF HE VIOLATED OUR ORDINANCE HE WOULD HAVE TO MOVE HIS MOTOR HOME AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND PENALTIES. HE WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD ABOUT HIS PLANS AND WHAT HIS INTENTIONS ARE. THIS IS

HIS HOME TOWN HE GRADUATED FROM HERE IN 1968. HE COULDN'T BE HERE TONIGHT. MIKE RIVA THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK THIS OVER. WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO GET SOMETHING IN WRITING STATING THE TIMELINE AGREEMENT FOR THIS.

17. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING FINE. THEY BOTH STAY VERY BUSY. THE NEW POLICE CAR IS CLOSE TO BEING IN SERVICE. THE AMBULANCE A2 IS STILL RUNNING SO THAT'S A GOOD THING.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED WE HAVE BEEN SIGNING BILLS FOR SALT AND GETTING READY FOR WINTER TO COME. WE ALWAYS HAVE A BACKUP PLAN FOR THE SALT SORTAGE ISSUE. WE HAVE BEEN USING THE CINDERS WHICH ACTUALLY WORK BETTER THAN THE SALT. WE ARE PREPARED FRO WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY. THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS THE 24TH AT 10AM INSTEAD OF 7PM BECAUSE OF THE LIGHTS PARADE AT DUSK. THE COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING IS RIGHT AFTER THE PARADE, REFRESHMENTS, CAROLERS AND SANTA WILL BE IN HIS HOUSE. SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY IS NOVEMBER, 28TH 2015 THE DAY AFTER BLACK FRIDAY. THERE WILL BE A VENDOR SHOW DOWNTOWN, FROSTY THE SNOWMAN PARADE DOWNTOWN, CANDY CANE LANE OPENS THAT NIGHT AND A DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATURE HELD BY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

IF YOU HAVENT BEEN PAST THE OFFICE THAT THE FIRE CHIEF HAS TAKEN OVER IT IS ONE OF THE NICEST OFFICES IN THE WHOLE TOWN.

HAS ANYONE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE LOT SOUTH OF THE MALL? WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF SWITCHING EVERYTHING OVER.

I AM FROM THE LITERCY PROGRAM THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE DONATION WE HAVE ALREADY USED IT TO PURCHASE SOME BOOKS. WE ARE HAVING A FAMILY READING NIGHT ON THE 19TH. THE MONEY HAS GONE TO BUY BOOKS, EDIBLE CRAFTS AND SOME MORE THINGS FOR CHIRSTMAS TIME.

18. MAYOR JORDAN STATED THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THEY ARE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE OUR COUNSEL BACK.

19. 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