

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

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 OCTOBER 13, 2015. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. 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 \$195,026.87. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE THE 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 AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A PURCHASE-MONEY MORTGAGE TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BANK TO SECURE THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE DESANTIS REAL ESTATE (WEST FRANKFORT OUTLET MALL PINs 11-23-428-001; 11-23-279-005; and 11-12-427-012). THE MAYOR STATED ON AUGUST 25, 2015 THE CITY COUNCIL HAD AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE DESANTIS PROPERTY. THERE WAS A PUBLIC MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2015. THE CITY PERFORMED A DUE DILIGENCE AND HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TO MAKE THIS PURCHASE. THE CITYS COMPTROLLER HAS NEGOTIATED AN INTEREST RATE OF 4% PER ANNUM FOR TEN YEARS WITH SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BANK FOR \$1,200,000.00. THE CITY WILL BE PUTTING DOWN \$600,000.00 ON THE PURCHASE. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE \$50,000.00 EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS. THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE \$600,000.00. THAT WILL BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS ARE BEING PREPARED AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE SIGNING THOSE BY THE END OF THE WEEK. I WANT TO THANK PEOPLES BANK, BANTERRA BANK, AND FIRST SOUTHERN BANK FOR THEIR INPUT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS

AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A GREAT MOMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK THIS SHOWS THE ABILITY OF THE COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER TO TRY AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN ECONOMICALLY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS A BOLD STEP TO GENERATE A DESIRE FOR PEOPLE TO GET OFF THE INTERSTATE. IF WE CAN DEVELOP THAT AREA OUT THERE I THINK IT WILL BE REALLY GREAT. I APPRECIATE THE COUNCIL'S HELP ON THIS AND THE COOPERATION WE HAVE HAD. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK OF OUR CITY CLERK / TREASURER AND COMPTROLLER AND ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR HOLCOMB FOUNDATION ENGINEERING TO PERFORM FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL SOIL BORINGS FOR THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT. MATT TOSH STATED THIS PROJECT IS OUT FOR BIDS FOR THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS. CONTRACTORS ARE REVIEWING IT AND HAVE ASKED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL SOIL BORINGS WHICH CAN GIVE THEM MORE INFORMATION FOR A MORE ACCURATE BID. THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO BE PERFORMED IS ABOUT \$2600.00. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE THE 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING A DONATION TO THE FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM TO PURCHASE CHILDRENS BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FOR ART ACTIVITIES FROM THE VIDEO GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED AMY DURFEE CONTACTED ME AND TALKED TO ME ABOUT THIS. SHE IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE. THIS PROGRAM IS A NOT FOR-PROFIT PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN BEING FUNDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. WITH NO STATE BUDGET APPROVED THERE IS NO MONEY COMING TO THEM. SHE HAS ASKED IF THE CITY WOULD CONSIDER GIVING A \$500 DONATION TO THEM TO BUY ART SUPPLIES AND BOOKS. LAST YEAR THIS PROGRAM SERVED 25 FAMILIES AND 40 CHILDREN. I THINK THIS IS A WORTHY DONATION; THIS IS MONEY THAT WE OBTAINED FROM THE VIDEO GAMBLING. THIS IS WHY WE SET THIS MONEY ASIDE. FOR THE CHILDREN OF WEST FRANKFORT TO HELP THEM AND SHOW THEM THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT CARES ABOUT

THEM. I ASK FOR THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION FOR THIS. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE C.A.R.E. ASSOCIATION TO SPONSOR THE FANTASY OF LIGHTS PARADE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. THE MAYOR STATED HE THINKS THIS IS GREAT, WE DO IT EVERY YEAR. THERE MAY BE A REQUEST TO GET SOME SORT OF PRIZE FOR THE BEST FLOAT. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL DRAW SOME MORE ATTENTION TO OUR PARADE. WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE POWER COMPANY TO CUT THE LIGHTS ON MAIN STREET SO WE CAN HAVE THIS IN THE DARK. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TO HOLD A ROADBLOCK FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR HUCK'S TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ROADBLOCK/FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CARING FOR KIDS ON NOVEMBER 20, 2015 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND NOVEMBER 21, 2015 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE THE 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 APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF A BILL FROM BEELMAN LOGISTICS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,069.46 FOR CA10 AND CA16 ROCK UNDER THE MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAM FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF A BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,580.00 FOR REPAIRS TO A-2 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ALLEN STATED THE AMBULANCE HAS BEEN RUNNING FINE FOR NOW. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THE CODES OFFICER STATED A REQUEST FOR 1 SIGN PERMIT.

I HAVE A REQUEST FROM RACHEL BOEHLER SHE WOULD LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO INSTALL A NEW SIGN AT 412 E MAIN ST. HER BUSINESS IS BEAUTY GLOW TANNING. HER SIGN WILL BE 6 FT LONG AND 18 IN WIDE IT IS A NEW LED SIGN. THIS WILL BE ON THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND SAY BEAUTY GLOW TANNING. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT:

THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN THE CITY. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT WE GET AND EVEN THE SUPPORT WE DONT GET. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ASK QUESTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE IS NOT GOING TO AGREE WITH SOME OF THE DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU AND HOPEFULLY GOING FORWARD WE CAN LOOK FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE. IT IS EXCITING AT THIS TIME FOR ME TO BE THE MAYOR AND I APPRECIATE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

14. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE FIRE AND POLICE ARE DOING GREAT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HAVING LUNCH THURSDAY FROM 11:00- 2:00. TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THIS WAS HOMECOMING WEEK FOR MORTHLAND COLLEGE AND THEY HAD A LOT OF ACTIVITIES GOING ON. THERE WERE A COUPLE FOOTBALL GAMES THAT WERE VERY WELL ATTENDED AND IT APPEARED TO BE A GOOD THING FOR THE

COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED WE HAVE A LOT OF SEWER PROBLEMS OVER ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN. THE GUYS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF WORK OVER ON MONROE STREET AND STILL DOING IT. CHARLES SAID THE SEWER COULD LAST FOR A WHILE OR COLLAPSE TOMORROW. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MATT LOOK AT IT AND GIVE US AN OPINION ON WHAT TO DO. ITS FALLING APART IN FRONT OF US, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT FIX IT.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THIS WEEKEND IS THE TRAIL OF TREATS AND TRICK OR TREATING. I WANT TO THANK JAMIE VOORHEES SHE IS THE ONE WHO PUTS THIS ON. SHE DOES THIS ON HER OWN WITH THE HELP OF HER FAMILY MEMEBERS. SHE HAS DONE A LOT OF THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY SHE DESERVES A THANK YOU FOR ALL HER HARD WORK. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ROGER STANLEY AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE NEW SIDEWALKS THROUGH OUR TOWN THEY LOOK GREAT.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

DON STATED HE REALLY APPRECIATES YOU FOLKS UP THERE AS OUR LEADERS. IT IS GOOD TO SEE THE NEWSPAPER HERE TONIGHT. IS THERE GOING TO BE AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE DORMS BEFORE THE STUDENTS MOVE IN? THERE WILL BE A RIBBON CUTTING, I AM NOT SURE OF A WALK THROUGH DATE YET. THIS IS A BIG THING FOR OUR TOWN.

15. 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 CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE MAYOR VOTED YES. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:27 P.M.
16. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:59 P.M. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

17. WHILE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE DISCUSSED CITY VACANICES. WE WOULD LIKE TO HIRE TWO EMPLOYESS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE ADVERTISED FOR THESE POSITIONS AND INTERVIEWD SIX APPLICANTS. THE RECOMMENDATION I WOULD MAKE IS TO HIRE JUSTIN HERRON AND JIM WHITE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

18. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 8:00 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK