

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE, COMMISSIONER BLADES, 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 MARCH 8, 2016. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. 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 \$179,671.73. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT'S APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WAS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A GRANT THAT WE USE THROUGH CROSS WALK. THESE ARE REALLY GETTING HARD TO GET AND WE RECEIVED A \$400,000.00 GRANT TO DO REHABILITATION TO HOMES IN WEST FRANKFORT. I WANT TO APPLAUD DEBBIE JACKANICZ SHE DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB AND ALWAYS SCORES VERY HIGH ON THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS BECAUSE SHE WORKS SO HARD ON IT. SHE DOES THIS FOR MORE THAN JUST WEST FRANKFORT. THIS IS MORE OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE ON THIS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW PLEASED WE ARE TO RECEIVE THIS GRANT.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE AN APPLICATION I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FROM ER BROW FURNITURE INC. AT 401 E. MAIN STREET. THE LOCATION THAT THEY ARE

GOING TO IMPROVE IS 313 E. MAIN STREET. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT IS THE BUILDING THAT SAYS BFJ ON THE SIDE OF IT. THEY ARE GOING TO DO TUCK POINTING, PAINTING, WORK ON SHUTTERS, SIGN REPAIRS. THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO COST \$25,600.00 AND THROUGH OUR TIF FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT WE ARE GOING TO PAY \$5000.00 OF THAT. THIS WILL BE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT TO THAT BUILDING. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MIKE ROLLA AS THE VALUE ESTIMATOR AND JOHN TIPPY AS THE NEGOTIATOR FOR THE ST. LOUIS STREET PROJECT. MIKE STATED PART OF THE PROCESS IS TO DESIGNATE AN ESTIMATOR. VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE QUALIFIED TO DO THIS. THE CITY HAD SENT A LETTER REQUESTING THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS BE APPROVED. WE GOT THE APPROVAL LETTER BACK AND NEED A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THEM SO THEY CAN BEGIN. AS FOR MR. TIPPY HIS RESOLUTION HAS ALREADY PASSED. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THESE ARE THE GUYS THAT WILL BE CONTACTING THE RESIDENTS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. 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 AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, CLASS D LICENSE, FOR JAYMA RICH AT OPIE'S RESTAURANT (F/K/A MIRANDA'S ON MAIN). THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE SIX AVAILABLE CLASS D LICENSE AVAILABLE AND CURRENTLY WE ARE USING TWO. THEY DID HAVE A LICENSE TO SELL BEER AND WINE WITH THE MEALS BUT CHOSE NOT TO RENEW THAT THROUGH THE YEARS. THE NEW OWNERS HAVE REQUESTED A LIQUOR LICENSE TO SELL BEER AND WINE WITH THEIR MEALS (CLASS D). COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED BECAUSE THEY ARE A RESTAURANT THAT DOESN'T GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE GAMING MACHINES DOES IT? THE MAYOR STATED NO GAMING. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NETWORK CONSULTANTS, LLC (SINC) REGARDING THE CITY'S COMPUTER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE. THE MAYOR STATED THEY ARE GOING TO BE THE IT PEOPLE THAT MAINTAIN OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM, SERVER, AND WIFI. THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO WORK WITH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THIS HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA SEVERAL TIMES BUT COMMISSIONER SIMPSON HASN'T HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK IT OVER. THE CONTRACT IS \$1090.00 PER MONTH. THIS IS A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT THROUGH THEM IN ORDER TO KEEP ALL OF OUR SOFTWARE RUNNING. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF A DONATION TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF BLACK STAGE CURTAINS FOR PASCHEDAG AUDITORIUM. BRYCE LEVANTI STATED I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT 168 ARTS BOOSTERS AND LEE IS VERY ACTIVE IN OUR ORGANIZATION AS WELL. THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WE HAVE BEEN RAISING MONEY AND JUST LIKE THIS LAST YEAR WE STARTED TO GET ENOUGH MONEY THAT STARTED TO GET OUR ATTENTION TO BUY SOMETHING FOR THE AUDITORIUM. THE IDEAS WAS THAT WE WANTED TO REPLACE THE BLACK CURTAINS WHICH ARE THE BACKGROUND CURTAINS IN THE AUDITORIUM BECAUSE THERE ARE RIPS IN THE CURTAINS. WE CONSIDER IT A POTENTIAL SAFETY ISSUE FOR THE STUDENTS SO THAT'S WHY WE HAVE FOCUSED IN ON GETTING THE CURTAINS DONE FIRST BACK THERE. WE HAVE DONE THREE FUNDRAISERS IN 2014 WE DID A CRAFT FAIR, IN 2015 WE DID A CRAFT FAIR AND WITH JOE DEMARETTI'S HELP WE DID A DRIVE WITH WEEKS AND THROUGH THE THREE FUNDRAISERS WE HAVE RAISED \$4451.21. WE GOT A PLEDGE FROM MR. GLODICH OF \$5,500.00 TO COME OUT OF THE WEST FRANKFORT ATHLETIC TRUST FUND. THIS WILL BRING US UP TO \$9951.28. I HAVE GOT BIDS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT COMPANIES AND THE CHEAPEST BID IS FOR \$22,840.00. WE HAVE AN EVENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16TH OUT AT THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WHERE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE WEST FRANKFORT SHOW CHOIR PERFORM AND A BAND. WE AS AN ORGANIZATION ARE CHARGING \$5.00 TO GET IN AND SELLING CONCESSIONS. WE HOPE TO MAKE ABOUT \$1000.00 SO WHAT I WOULD ASK IS THAT THE COUNCIL DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP US OUT AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY

AND ALL HELP. THE MAYOR STATED HE HAS AN E-MAIL FROM GREG GOINS AND HE COMMENDS YOU ON YOUR EFFORTS FOR THIS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTS THIS 100%. THE CITY TAKES HALF OF THE MONEY THAT WE GET FOR GAMING AND SET IT ASIDE FOR THE YOUTH OF WEST FRANKFORT. I TALKED TO LEE THROUGH THE YEARS AND I THINK THIS MONEY SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO SHOW THE KIDS THAT GROW UP IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE CARE ABOUT THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WHATEVER THEY COME UP SHORT WITH AS FAR AS BUYING NEW CURTAINS THAT WE MATCH THAT. IN OUR GAMING FUND WE CURRENTLY HAVE \$34,629.08. THERE IS NOTHING WORTH WHILE THAN HELPING THE KIDS. IF YOU EVER GO WATCH THEM AT THEIR PROGRAMS AND SEE ALL OF THEM UP THERE THEY ARE REALLY INSPIRING. I WOULD JUST ASK THE COUNCIL IF WE COULD PLEDGE TO MATCH WHATEVER THEY COME UP SHORT WITH ON THE CURTAINS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING APPROVAL OF \$5,000.00 TO THE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A COMMITTEE THAT IS WORKING ON OUR DOWNTOWN WE ARE BUYING PLANTERS & POTS. WE HAVE A GROUP OF LADIES SINCE I HAVE BEEN MAYOR HAVE DONE THIS EVERY YEAR. IT HAS GROWN AND WE HAVE A LARGER GROUP OF LADIES THAT HELP OUT. WE ARE GOING TO BUY SOME ADDITIONAL PLANTERS SO WE NEED TO TAKE SOME MONEY AND SET IT ASIDE FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION. THEY ARE ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5000.00 IN THEIR BUDGET SO THEY CAN SPEND THAT ON NEW POTS. THEY WANT TO TRY AND GET THIS DONE BEFORE OLD KING COAL TO MAKE IT LOOK NICE DOWNTOWN. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, FOR APPROVAL FOR THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A DOCUMENT DESIGNATING SELECT ENERGY PARTNERS TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY SERVICES. THE MAYOR STATED SELECT ENERGY IS WHO WE HAVE AGGREGATION WITH THROUGH THE CITY. WE ALSO HAVE AGGREGATION WITH THEM FOR THE SEWER PLANT, WATER TOWER, LIFT STATION, FIRE & POLICE

DEPARTMENT, AND WATER PUMPS. EVERYTHING IN THE CITY THAT HAS ELECTRICITY WE AGGREGATE THAT. WE ARE GOING TO BID THAT FOR A PRICE THAT IS LOWER THAN AMEREN. I TALKED TO ANNA WHO IS OVER THIS YESTERDAY AND THE PRICES ARE VERY GOOD RIGHT NOW. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO LOCK IN A PRICE THAT WILL SAVE US SOME MONEY AS THEY EXPECT RATES TO GO UP. I TALKED TO HER AND SHE WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE RATES. IF FOR SOME REASON SHE FEELS LIKE WE NEED TO LOCK THESE RATES IN BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, I WILL BE CALLING A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JUST FOR THAT. THE FIRST STEP IS TO GIVE THEM THE AUTHORIZATION AND SHE WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT THE RATES WITHOUT HAVING AUTHORIZATION BUT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OPEN UP A BROADER GROUP TO GET RATES FROM IF WE GIVE HER AUTHORIZATION TO DO THAT. 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 APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING, INC. REGARDING INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER SERVICE ON NORTH CHERRY STREET FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,060.00. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM CUMMINS MID-SOUTH REGARDING PUMP REPAIR AT THE NORTH WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,591.24. THE MAYOR STATED HE LOOKED OVER THE BILL AND IT IS TO WORK ON REPAIRS TO THE GENERATOR THAT IS OUT AT THE SEWER PLANT. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

CODES OFFICER ED HAMMONDS STATED HE HAS A REQUEST FOR A BUILDING PERMIT.

THE CODES OFFICER STATED HE DOES HAVE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR

MR. JOHN NAPIER. HE HAS PURCHASED FOUR LOTS IN THE NORTH SECTION OF TOWN ON 9TH STREET AND MY FIRST CONCERN WITH THIS BUILDING PERMIT WAS WHERE THE LOCATION WAS. I CHECKED WITH MR. PAUL OSMOND OF THE DNR SEVERAL TIMES AND HE HAS ASSURED ME THAT THIS LOCATION IS IN THE FLOOD PLANE AREA. THERE IS NO PROBLEMS HE IS GOING TO SEND ME THE INFORMATION THAT APPROVES THIS LOCATION FOR A BUILDING. IT CAN'T BE A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING BUT SINCE IT IS A STORAGE BUILDING IT WONT BE A PROBLEM. MR. NAPIER WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A 30X50 POLE BARN ON ONE LOT AND THE OTHER THREE REMAIN VACANT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT:

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ANYBODY THAT WROTE THE FLYER THAT THEY SENT OUT THAT WAS SIGNED CONCERNED CITIZENS. IF YOU ARE HERE I PUT OUT A CHALLENGE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE MEETING TO ADDRESS THIS. DAKOTA JORDAN STATED MR. MAYOR IS MY UNCLE. I DIDN'T WRITE THIS FLYER BUT I DO WANT A LITTLE INFORMATION ON IT. THE MAYOR STATED THE REQUEST IS...WHENEVER PEOPLE MAKE ACCUSATIONS THEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BACK THEM UP WITH PROOF. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME ANSWERS ABOUT THAT MYSELF. I WORK HERE I SERVE THE CITIZENS OF WEST FRANKFORT AND TO ME THAT'S A GUTLESS COWARDLY WRITTEN ARTICLE TO SLANDER AND LIBEL THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE ON THIS COUNCIL, THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY AND WHOEVER WROTE IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE COURAGE TO COME AND ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL FACE TO FACE. THAT SHOWS ME THAT THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT'S TRUE. I RESENT THAT FACT THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO COME HERE. DAKOTA JORDAN STATED I MEAN THE PICTURES ARE PRETTY CLEAR. I DON'T SEE ANY FALSE ACCUSATIONS. THIS SAYS IT'S WRITTEN BY THE CITIZENS OF WEST FRANKFORT. THE MAYOR STATED ARE THERE ANY CITIZENS OF WEST FRANKFORT HERE? I THINK WE ARE ALL CITIZENS OF WEST FRANKFORT AND WE DIDN'T WRITE THAT. DAKOTA JORDAN STATED OKAY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF. THE MAYOR STATED HE THINKS WHOEVER WROTE IT SHOULD BE HERE. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS WHEN WERE THE PICTURES TAKEN? I KNOW WHEN THEY WERE TAKEN. IF YOU

WORK HERE AND YOU HAVE BEEN HERE YOU KNOW WHO WROTE IT, YOU KNOW WHO CONTRIBUTED TO IT, YOU KNOW WHO TOOK THE PICTURES. I KNOW WHEN THE PICTURES WERE TAKEN AND THE ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT THEY SAID IT IS. THE THINGS THAT THEY HAVE IN THERE IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT TAKES PLACE AT CITY HALL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IF I TOOK A PICTURE OF THAT TABLE RIGHT NOW AND I ONLY TOOK A PICTURE OF ONE PERSON SITTING AT IT I COULD EASILY SAY SHE WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO SHOWED UP TO THE WEST FRANKFORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PROVE OTHERWISE; UNLESS YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF THE WHOLE ROOM. THE PICTURE SHOWS A SMALL 3 FOOT SPACE AT A BUILDING THAT CAN HOLD FIVE BACKHOES AND A BUNCH OF DUMP TRUCKS. IT WAS TAKEN SPECIFICALLY FOR A REASON AND A LARGER PHOTO MAY HAVE SHOWN A DIFFERENT STORY OF THE PURPOSE. COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE SOMEBODY DOES NOT LIKE US. THE MAYOR STATED WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS WE WILL BE BREAKING GROUND AT THE SEWER PLANT. HOPEFULLY WE CAN HAVE A GROUND BREAKING EVENT. I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNTY TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THAT. OVER EIGHT IN A HALF MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IT'S GOING TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS. THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF THAT LAST ADMINISTRATION WHO PUT THROUGH THE GRANT APPLICATION THAT WAS KICKED AROUND AND REVISED. IT WAS LIFTED UP BY THE EPA DIRECTOR IN BENTON RYAN BUCKINGHAM. THAT SEWER PLANT HAS FLOODED TWICE WHILE I WAS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND IT ALSO FLOODED BEFORE THAT. THIS IS A GREAT THING FOR WEST FRANKFORT 6.7 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY BACK. OUR PORTION IS GOING TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND 2.2 MILLION. WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO ADD ANOTHER MILLION TO THAT. THROUGH THE FORESIGHT OF THESE ADMINISTRATIONS WE HAVE SAVED OUR HOME RULE MONEY AND WE HAVE THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS THAT GOES ALONG WITH THAT SO WE CAN DO THAT. THAT'S THE THINGS THAT GOOD PEOPLE DO ON A CITY COUNCIL. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO SEE WHATS GOING ON. MIKE ROBERTS IS HERE AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE ST. LOUIS STREET PROJECT THAT STARTED OUT FIVE YEARS AGO. WE ARE GOING TO WIDEN ST. LOUIS STREET FROM BRYAN ALL THE WAY TO HORRELL. IT'S THINGS THAT YOU PLAN ON AND THINGS THAT YOU DO EVERYDAY AND THE DISTRACTION OF THINGS THAT THEY SAY ABOUT YOU. WE KNOW

WHAT WE ARE DOING AND THAT IS TO MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT PROJECT PROBABLY IN 2017 IN JUNE WE WILL LET SOME BIDS ON THAT AND IT WILL BE A GREAT PROJECT. I WANT TO THANK ER BROWN FOR THEIR FAÇADE APPLICATION THEY DID PURCHASE THE BFJ BUILDING. THE CITY IS GOING TO WORK WITH THEM AND TRY AND HELP THEM WITH TIFF MONEY TO REMODEL THE FRONT OF THAT BUILDING. THEY ARE GOING TO PUT A SIGN UP AND PAINT IT. I HAVE REACHED OUT TO THEM TO TELL THEM I APPRECIATE IT. I CANT SAY ENOUGH ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE WILLINGNESS OF TELLING US WHAT THEY THINK. I APPRECIATED DAKOTA COMING AND SAYING WHAT HE THINKS. I MET WITH ER BROWN THREE YEARS AGO AND THEY CHALLENGED ME AND ASKED ME A QUESTION THAT I THINK COULD CHANGE THE WAY I VIEWED WEST FRANKFORT. THEY ASKED ME IF YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE A THREE MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN A COMMUNITY WHY WOULD YOU DO IT IN WEST FRANKFORT. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ABOUT THAT. THEY JUST DECIDED TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I THANK GOD FOR THEM. I THINK IT IS GOING TO BE GREAT.

16. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT AS USUAL ARE DOING THE JOBS THAT YOU EXPECT OF THEM. THEY ARE A VERY GOOD BUNCH OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE. IT SEEMED LIKE THIS WEEK I HAVE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE COME UP TO ME BRAGGING ABOUT YOU GUYS. YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB YOU REALLY ARE. I DIDN'T GET A FLYER SO I DON'T FEEL LIKE I MISSED OUT ON ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JODY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR EVERYTHING THEY DID FOR THE FIRE AT MY HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THIS WEEKEND IS THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND I JUST WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL AND THE CLERK FOR THE DONATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE GAMING FUND HALF OF IT GOES TO THE YOUTH AND THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE CITY HAS PAID FOR THE EASTER EGGS SO WE CAN KEEP THE EASTER EGG HUNT GOING. THE DONATION WAS VERY GENEROUS. THE WHOLE CITY HAS GOTTEN BEHIND THIS AND HELPED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. I ALSO WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE CITY DONATED A LOT AT THE CORNER OF VAN BUREN AND OAK STREET TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. IT IS NOT AN EMPTY LOT ANY MORE IT IS

THE MAKINGS OF A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE. ON APRIL 2 AT 10AM THEY ARE INVITING ANYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY WITH ANY SKILL LEVEL TO COME HELP OUT. THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET AT THE HABITAT HOUSE AND THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS. I SPENT A LOT OF MY TIME TODAY DRIVING AROUND LOOKING AT SOME STUFF FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I TOOK MY LIST OF THE DEMO PROPERTIES WITH ME SO I AM GOING TO THROW A CHALLENGE OUT THERE TO EVERYBODY WHEN WE SEE PROGRESS, POSITIVE THINGS AND CLEANUP IN OUR COMMUNITY WE NEED TO GET THE BEFORE PICTURES AND PUT IT NEXT TO THE AFTER PICTURES. IT MAKES SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN SOME OF THE PLACES IT MAKES THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK BETTER. THE OLD CHURCH DOWN BY THE FOOTBALL FIELD ON LINCOLN IS COMING DOWN NOW. THE LAST THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE CLEAN UP DAY. THE NO NAME GROUP WHO STARTED THE CLEANUP IN WEST FRANKFORT HAD DONE THIS FOR A LITTLE UNDER TWENTY YEARS. THEY DO A TREMENDOUS JOB AND IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP IT GOING THEY REACHED OUT AND ASKED IF ANYONE WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE THIS ON. A FEW OF US AND THE CITY IS GOING TO PARTICIPATE, LEE IS GOING TO HELP AND WITH THE HELP OF MANY VOLUNTEERS WE CAN MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE RIGHT NOW TO PICK UP YOUR NEWS PAPERS WE WILL BE SENDING SOME INFORMATION OUT ON THE CHANGES AND WHAT THEY WILL BE. WE HOPE EVERYONE CAN COME OUT AND CLEAN UP THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS AND BE A PART OF THIS TO KEEP THE TRADITION GOING. THE CLEANUP DATE IS APRIL 23, 2016. ALSO WITH CLEANUP DAY WE HAD TWO SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DRAWING CONTEST THE FIRST ONE SAYS LOVE YOUR LAND AND IT IS A LITTLE GIRL WITH EXTRA LONG ARMS PICKING UP LITTER TWO HANDED. THE SECOND ONE IS REALLY CUTE ALSO IT SHOWS SOMEONE LIVING IN A CAMPER. I PERSONALLY LIKE THE FIRST ONE I THINK IT WILL BE THE BEST FOR THE SHIRT. IF EVERYONE IS ALRIGHT WITH IT WE WILL TURN IT IN AS OUR LOGO FOR THIS YEAR.

17. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

DON STATED WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR 19TH YEAR OF LIVING IN WEST FRANKFORT. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH SIX ADMINISTRATIONS WITH SIX DIFFERENT MAYORS. THIS IS THE BEST GROUP. THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS BUT TO ME THIS IS THE

BEST GROUP. YOU GUYS LIKE EACH OTHER, YOU HAVE FUN AND YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING. THE POLICE AND FIRE ARE GREAT WHO COULD WANT A GROUP OF BETTER PEOPLE TO HELP US AS WE LIVE HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT. SOME PEOPLE GET THEIR THRILLS FROM BASHING OTHER PEOPLE.

I AM SARAH URSHERY I AM FROM MT. VERNON. I WANT TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW EVERY TIME I COME DOWN TO WEST FRANKFORT I TRULY ENJOY IT. I JUST GOT TO TRY MIKES DRIVE-IN AND THE ROOT BEER IS AMAZING. I THINK THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND THE HEART TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY BETTER HAS REALLY ENCOURAGED ME EVERY TIME I HAVE BEEN DOWN HERE. IN JANUARY WE OPENED UP AND OUTPATIENT COUNSELING OFFICE OVER ON EAST ST. LOUIS STREET AT THE J&S PROFESSIONAL BUILDING. THAT PROGRAM ACTUALLY EXISTS IN MT. VERNON AND HAS BEEN OPEN FOR SIX YEARS. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR MULTIPLE YEARS TO COME DOWN THIS DIRECTION. WE SPECIALIZE IN DEALING WITH TRAMA FROM LITTLE ONES TO THE ELDERLY. WE DEAL WITH ANY KIND OF CLIENTELE AND INSURANCE. WE DO HAVE SOME GRANTS AND FOUNDATIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T PAY FOR COUNSELING. I AM HOPING THIS WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL PARTNERSHIP. AS YOU BECOME AWARE OF THE HEALTH NEEDS IN YOUR AREA PLEASE CALL US.

ISABELLE STATED SHE IS EXCITED THE ABANDONED HOUSE ACROSS FROM HER IS NOW GONE. THE CITY HAD ORDERED THE OWNER TO TEAR IT DOWN AND IT LOOKS WONDERFUL.

18. 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 7:49 P.M.
19. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:19 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.
20. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 8:19 P.M.

Tom Jordan
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

Angie Baker
ANGIE BAKER, CITY CLERK