

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 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 MARCH 26, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING. 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 \$238,504.28. 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 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE IRWIN AS CHIEF OF THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2019. THE MAYOR STATED HE WAS RECOMMENDED VERY HIGHLY TO BE SOMEONE TO BRING INTO OUR DEPARTMENT AS A CHIEF AND TO GIVE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE TO THAT DEPARTMENT. I MYSELF COULD NOT BE MORE PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME. EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS SPOKE ABOUT CHIEF IRWIN AND THE GOOD JOB HE HAS DONE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF IRWIN STATED I LIKE TO SAY IT'S BEEN A TRUE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND THE REST OF THE STAFF OF THE CITY. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I THINK THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO A GOOD JOB. HE CONTINUED ON TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS TIME HERE AND THANKED EVERYONE. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO APPOINT JOHN PRUDENT AS ACTING CHIEF OF THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED JOHN PRUDENT HAS BEEN HERE 12 ½ YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY A CAPTAIN. JOHN IS SOMEONE MR. IRWIN HAS RECOMMENDED AND I FULLY AGREE THAT HE IS THE RIGHT MAN FOR THIS ACTING POSITION. WE WILL MAKE SOMETHING FORMAL AFTER THE NEXT COUNCIL IS SEATED. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 RATIFYING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES HIRED BY THIS COUNCIL TO CONFORM WITH COUNCIL APPROVAL. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A SIMPLE SITUATION THAT OUR COUNCIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS HAS OPERATED UNDER WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS AN ORDINANCE THAT THE FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN NEED TO BE HIRED BY COUNCIL APPROVAL AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. WE WENT THROUGH THE SAME HIRING PROCESS AS FAR AS PUTTING THE JOB OUT, DOING INTERVIEWS AND SELECTING THE PERSON TO HIRE, BUT THEY WERE NEVER APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT CORRECTION WE HAVE A LIST OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT WERE HIRED DURING THE LAST EIGHT YEARS AND IT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE TAKE COUNCIL ACTION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE EMPLOYEES. 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH UNION FUNERAL HOME FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS. THE MAYOR STATED UNION FUNERAL HOME HAS ASKED US TO HELP THEM WITH THE PURCHASE OF A SIGN IN FRONT OF THEIR FUNERAL HOME ON OAK STREET. THE COST OF THE SIGN IS \$11,646.00 AND THEY ARE ASKING US IF WE WOULD AGREE TO PAY HALF OF THAT. WE HAVE A TIF AGREEMENT DRAWN UP BY KEITH MORAN. 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 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE SURPLUS PUBLIC REAL ESTATE: LAKE LOTS 57-65 AND A PART OF P.I.N. 13-17-376-003. THE MAYOR STATED WE DID A LAKE LOT LEASE WITH EAGLES NEST WITH SCOTT WILLIAMS AND THERE WERE SOME THINGS WE NEEDED TO CHANGE. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THIS WILL GET EVERYTHING IN THE PROPER ORDER. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON 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 APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LAKESHORE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EAGLES NEST AT THE LAKE, LLC. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A 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 OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MAI, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, d/b/a QUEST FITNESS FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED ACTUALLY THEY HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF THAT TO MAI PROPERTIES, LLC. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACT WITH MAI, LLC RE: LOT 13, IN FRANKFORT WEST SUBDIVISION. THE MAYOR STATED MAI PROPERTIES, LLC. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT. THE PURCHASE PRICE WITH A TRADE IN IS GOING

TO BE \$18,500.00. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN AND ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.00 REGARDING 2017 ITEP APPLICATION INVOICE #1. 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM CLINTON ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,401.56 REGARDING REPLACEMENT FIXTURES FOR SUITE 113 AT THE WEST FRANKFORT MALL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM TCB FLOORING/WALLACE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,146.00 FOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING AT THE WFBI. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

16. OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF ALLEN READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF IRWIN READ THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

ED HAMMONDS READ THE CODE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT.

17. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

I HAVE A REQUEST FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FROM STEVEN GLEN AT 405 E. 4TH STREET IS GOING TO BUILD ON AN ADDITION TO HIS HOUSE. THE ADDITION IS GOING TO BE 6 FEET BY 12 FEET ON THE BACK CORNER OF HIS HOUSE. 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. MAYORS COMMENTS:

WEST FRANKFORT HAS RECEIVED A HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. THE GRANT WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY CROSSWALK AGENCY GRANT NUMBER 17-243012 AND IS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000.00 AND WILL BE FOR TEN HOMES. THE SPECIFIC TARGET AREA IS NORTH SHORT STREET EAST TO NORTH JEFFERSON STREET BEGINNING WITH THE NORTH SIDE OF ST. LOUIS STREET AND NORTH TO THE END OF THE 600 BLOCK OF ORCHARD AND EMMA AND THE 500 BLOCK OF NORTH JEFFERSON.

WE WERE ABLE TO GO OUT LAST WEEK AND PUT SOME FISH IN THE OLD AND NEW LAKE. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PURCHASE AND WE PUT APPROX. 300 FISH IN THE OLD LAKE THESE WERE BASS ABOUT 5-8 INCHES LONG AND AROUND 850 WENT INTO THE NEW LAKE.

19. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED WE HAVE OUR NEW AERIAL LADDER BACK AND I AM GLAD TO HAVE IT BACK. WE HAVE OUR NEW BREATHING APPARATUS IN AND THEY ARE AN UPGRADE TO WHAT WE HAD BEFORE. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL BACK IN JANUARY WE HAD A SQUAD CAR THAT WAS EQUIPPED WITH A CAMERA AND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL TO EQUIPPED THE OTHER CAR WE HAVE. THE AMOUNT ON THAT INVOICE IS \$5,020.00 FOR THE PRICE OF THE CAMERA AND INSTALLATION. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I RECEIVED A CALL THIS WEEKEND FROM DINK BROY FORMER COMMANDER OF THE VFW POST HERE IN TOWN AND DUE TO THE LACK OF RESOURCES AND MAN POWER THEY FEEL THEY CAN NO LONGER MAINTAIN THE VETERANS MEMORIAL IN FRONT OF THE DEPOT ON MAIN STREET. SINCE IT IS CITY PROPERTY I TOLD HIM THE CITY WOULD RESUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THAT. IT IS NOW OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE GRASS MOWED, CLEAN IT UP AND

REPLACE THE FLAGS A COUPLE TIMES A YEAR WHEN THEY BECOME WORN. IT GOES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR THE ONES WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIFE FOR THE COUNTRY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED DOES THAT MEAN WE NEED TO LOOK AHEAD AND PLAN THE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY THAT THEY USUALLY PUT ON? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED BASICALLY OUR VFW POST IS NON-EXISTENT HERE IN TOWN.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED I HAD A WOMEN CONTACT ME CRYING ABOUT THIS GRANT. I THINK SHE LIVES AT 209 E. ST. LOUIS STREET AND HER ROOF IS LEAKING IS ANY WAY WE COULD HELP HER GET HER ROOF FIXED? THE MAYOR SAID WE HAVE A LIST AND THE CHURCH IS GOING TO DO SIX OR SEVEN. I WILL SEE IF THAT IS ON THE LIST.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT IS APRIL 20TH AT THE MUSEUM. ROGER AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THINGS WE CAN DO TO BETTER THE STREET DEPARTMENT OR THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO START DOING AND WE HAVE A TON OF EQUIPMENT THAT DOESN'T RUN AND HAS BEEN SITTING OUTSIDE THE STREET DEPARTMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE AUCTIONED OR SOLD. IF THERE IS EVER THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN AUCTION WE NEED TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO GET OFF OF THEIR HANDS.

20. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

I HAVE A HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO ME AND I NOTICED THEY GOT RID OF THE HOUSE NEXT TO CASEY'S. THE MAYOR STATED THAT WAS NOT THE CITY WHO DID THAT IT WAS THE PROPERTY OWNER. WELL TWO BLOCKS DOWN FROM ME THE BURNED OUT HOUSE WAS TORN DOWN TODAY AND IT HAS ONLY BEEN THAT WAY ABOUT A YEAR. THE HOUSE NEXT TO ME HAS BEEN SITTING BURNED OUT FOR YEARS AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE. THE CITY ATTORNEY SAID WE HAVE A LIST OF ABOUT FIFTY HOUSES WE ARE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW I WILL CHECK AND SEE IF THAT ONE IS ON THE LIST.

JOHN PRUDENT STATED I JUST WANTED TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE TELECOMMUNICATORS AND ALL THE OFFICERS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IN A NEW PHILOSOPHY TO OUR DEPARTMENT.

21. 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 6:41 P.M.

22. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:38 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.

23. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:38 P.M.


MAYOR TOM JORDAN


ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK