

**WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER BLADES, COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS AND COMMISSIONER HARKINS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.
2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 22, 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 \$578,894.84. 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 APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT REGARDING LAND DONATIONS FOR INTERSTATE 57 – ROUTE 149 INTERCHANGE MODIFICATIONS. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS PHASE 1 ENGINEERING. WE HAVE SECURED IN THIS DOCUMENT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAND OWNERS SO THIS CAN MOVE FORWARD. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR REMAINING 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE IN PLACE A RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE SCHOOLS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL TAKE US THROUGH THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND WILL END IN MAY. WE WILL ALSO BEGIN TO PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE FOR NEXT YEAR. 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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 13.04 WATER UTILITY SECTION OF THE WEST FRANKFORT CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SECURITY DEPOSIT REFUND. THE MAYOR STATED OUR CITY ATTORNEY HAS PREPARED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED BACK IN 2006. THE CHANGES ARE TO THE SECURITY DEPOSIT WE ARE REQUIRING THE CUSTOMER TO MAKE A DEPOSIT INCASE THEY LEAVE AND DO NOT PAY THEIR WATER BILL. COMMISSIONER BLADES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SALES TAX PROPOSITION THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUBLIC FACILITY PURPOSES. JIM MUIR, FRANKLIN COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK SPOKE ABOUT THE SALES TAX PROPOSITION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.
8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR CITY PROPERTIES. THE MAYOR STATED SELECT ENERGY IS OUR BROKER FOR ENERGY ON OUR CITY OWNED BUILDINGS. THIS CONTRACT IS TO BUY ENERGY FOR THE BIG DITCH PUMP STATION, FIRE STATION, CITY HALL, INCUBATOR, KEN GRAY BLVD BUILDINGS, LIFT STATIONS AND EVERYTHING AT THE SEWER PLANT. THEY WERE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE A PRICE FOR OUR ELECTRICITY THAT WAS LOWER THAN THE PRICE WE GOT THREE YEARS AGO. IN ORDER TO LOCK THAT IN WE RENEWED IT ON THAT DAY. I NEED THE COUNCILS APPROVAL TO SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS TO LOCK IN THIS AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING THE LEASING OF COPIER/PRINTERS FOR CITY HALL, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEASE THE COPY MACHINES AND NOT BUY THEM. THE CITY CLERK STATED WE CAN LEASE BRAND NEW PRINTERS WITH THE OPTION TO PRINT IN COLOR AND THE

PRICE IS CHEAPER THAN WE ARE PAYING NOW. WE PURCHASED OUR OLD COPY MACHINES AND THEY ARE SO OLD THAT WE CAN'T SELL THEM BACK THAT IS WHY WE WOULD LIKE TO LEASE THEM. COMMISSIONER BLADES 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 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A BID FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A 2000 BUICK LESABER 4 DOOR THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT USED. WE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS FOR THIS AND WE GOT ONE BID FOR \$500.00 THIS HAS BEEN DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SELL IT TO JIMMY HEMPHILL FOR \$500.00. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE WITH MID AMERICA ADVERTISING, INC. THE MAYOR STATED WHEN YOU GET ON 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND DRIVE TOWARDS THE INTERSTATE THERE IS A BIG BILLBOARD RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD. THIS BILLBOARD IS ON A LEASE BECAUSE IT IS ON OUR PROPERTY. THE AGREEMENT IS THEY WILL PAY US \$5,525.00 FOR THEIR LEASE FROM 2014 TO DECEMBER 2018. THE AGREEMENT IS THEY WILL PAY US \$1,400.00 A YEAR FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS UNTIL 2029. 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 DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, REGARDING RECENT BURNED OUT PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-331-1(a) REQUESTING DEMOLITION OF A DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE BUILDINGS. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE A HOUSE FIRE WHO ABANDON THE SITE, LEAVE THE PROPERTY, TAKE THE MONEY FOR THE DEMOLITION, GO SOMEWHERE ELSE AND WE ARE STUCK WITH IT. THIS IS ONE WAY THAT WE CAN GET THESE BUILDINGS TORN DOWN AND WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO RECOUP OUR MONEY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,637.28 REGARDING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT'S PORTION OF BILLING FROM MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE RECENT I-57 ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE GONE IN WITH WEST CITY, CITY OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR THE ENTERPRISE ZONE. THIS IS OUR 25% OF THE COST OF THAT BEING DONE AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE APPROVED SOMETIME IN AUGUST. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM BROWN AND ROBERTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,505.38 REGARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PERFORMED FOR FAU E. ST. LOUIS STREET PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLADES. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HERITAGE PETROLEUM, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,132.17 FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT REGARDING FUEL FOR THE PUMP GENERATORS. 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:

N/A

18. MAYORS COMMENTS:

WE HAD A MEETING OUT AT THE WEST FRANKFORT EVENT CENTER.

IDOT WAS THE ONE WHO PRESENTED FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS ON RT. 149 BETWEEN 37 AND I-57. IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED I HAVE THE IDOT MAPS IN MY OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM. IT IS GOING TO BE A REAL IMPROVEMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IDOT IS GOING TO DO THE RESURFACING AND A LOT OF THE WORK. WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AND SEE IF OUR UTILITIES AND WATER LINES WILL BE OKAY. WHAT I WANT TO TRY AND DO IS GET A GROUP OF PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH BUSINESS OWNERS AND CITIZENS TO LOOK AT THIS AND TALK ABOUT WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS IN MIND FOR THE APPEARANCE OF IT. THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE LET AND THEY WILL PROBABLY SET OUT BIDS FOR IT EARLY TO MID 2020. THERE IS A GROUP THAT HAS TAKEN INTEREST IN OUR ABANDONED BUILDINGS. THEY WANT TO TALK TO THE CITY ABOUT HOW THEY CAN HELP. I AM GOING TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THEM AND FIND OUT HOW WE CAN UTILIZE THEM AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST TO COME TO THE LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6P.M. ON FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> RIGHT HERE AT CITY HALL. WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS TEARING THE BUILDING DOWN AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, WE ARE ALSO GOING TO HAVE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SALE OF THE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD PROPERTY.

19. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED EVERYTHING IS GOING GREAT AT THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. OUR AERIAL LADDER IS STILL BEING REPAIRED AND CHIEF STATED IT WILL BE ANOTHER 6-8 WEEKS AND WE WILL HAVE THAT BACK.

COMMISSIONER BLADES STATED I WANT THE GIRLS IN THE WATER OFFICE TO PRINT THE METER BOOKS. WE HAD TWO METER READERS READING THE SAME BOOK. I WANT THE GIRLS IN THE OFFICE TO PRINT THEM SO THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN.

20. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

CAPTAIN PRAK STATED WE WERE TOLD WE HAD TO COME UP HERE AND TALK ABOUT THE SIGN FOR 114 S. EMMA STREET. ED HAMMONDS STATED I DON'T HAVE THE PAPERWORK FOR IT. CAPTAIN STATED WE HAVE IT FILLED OUT AND WE ARE GOING TO PETITION THE COUNCIL FOR A FEE WAIVER. THE MAYOR STATED IT NEEDS TO GO THROUGH THE CODES OFFICER SO TURN IT INTO HIM

AND WE CAN DO IT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. CAPTAIN STATED HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD BE FINED EVERY DAY IF HE DIDN'T GET IT IN TODAY. CODES OFFICER ED HAMMONDS STATED NO, I SAID I NEEDED IT IN MY HAND AND YOU NEED TO RETURN IT BACK TO ME BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT AND I HAVEN'T SEEN IT. CAPTAIN STATED HE HAS IT.

21. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:05 P.M.

  
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

  
ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK