

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2020 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 \$287,291.82. 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 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER FROM THE ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PRUDENT STATED AS YOU KNOW I SPOKE WITH THE MAYOR ABOUT THE UPCOMING LOSS OF TWO OF OUR OFFICERS TO THE STATE POLICE. THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING WE APPOINTED KYLE WEBB AS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO GET HIS PROCESS STARTED TO GET HIS CERTIFICATIONS SWITCHED OVER FROM FLORIDA. TONIGHT, I AM ASKING THAT WE HIRE RONNIE RUSSELL HE IS FROM HERE IN WEST FRANKFORT, HE HAS SERVED FOUR YEARS IN THE ARMY AND PASSED HIS POWER TEST ON FEBRUARY 18TH. I AM ASKING TO MAKE A MOTION TO HIRE RONNIE RUSSELL TO THE WEST FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS A RESOLUTION APPOINTING P.O.C. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, LUCAS LINGLE AND JOSH THARP TO THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN STATED WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THESE TWO ON AS P.O.C.AND BOTH ARE GOOD YOUNG MEN. I ASK YOUR PERMISSION TO PUT THEM ON AS P.O.C. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A 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 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE 911 BOARD. THE MAYOR STATED SHAWN TALLUTO RETIRED AND HE WAS ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE 911 BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNCIL PERMISSION TO APPOINT OUR POLICE CHIEF JOHN PRUDENT TO SERVE ON THE FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY 911 BOARD. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 DECLARING THAT THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES HAS CREATED A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CRISIS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WEST FRANKFORT AND TO RETAINN THE FIRMS OF HOWERTON, DORRIS, STONE & LAMBERT AND GOLDENBERG, HELLER & ANTOGNOLI, P.C., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ON A CONTINGENT FEE BASIS, TO PURSUE ALL CIVIL REMEDIES AGAINST THOSE IN THE CHAIN OF DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION OPIATES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPIOD EPIDEMIC WHICH IS PLAGUING THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS. CITY ATTORNEY, MIKE RIVA STATED IT IS AS NO EXPENSE TO THE CITY. THE MAYOR STATED THE CITY IS NOT IN THIS FOR THE MONEY, WE ARE TRYING TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PRODUCERS OF THE OPIOD'S. COMMISSIONER HARKINS 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 OF AN EMERGENCY RENTAL OF DIESEL PUMP TO TEMPORARILY REPLACE ONE OF THE FLYGT PUMP FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A PUMP THAT IS DOWN ON OUR MAIN FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM OUT HERE JUST NORTH ON 37. THIS IS A REQUEST TO HAVE SOMETHING ON STANDBY WHILE THE PUMP GETS REPAIRED. THE PRICE IS \$4,100.00 AND IF THE PUMP IS USED IT WILL BE ABOUT \$7,000.00. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO STOCK BOTH LAKES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO TRANSFER LAKE LOT LEASE #23A2 FROM ROY HARKINS (DECEASED), STEVE HARKINS & STACY CULP TO STEVE HARKINS, STACY CULP & NATHAN CULP. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR DAWN BROWNING ON CHARLES STREET. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

11. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED I WAS ABLE TO GO SEE THE NEW SUPER WOK RESTAURANT ON 37, IT WAS REALLY NICE AND THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT. WE OWN THE PROPERTY BEHIND THERE AND I ASKED THE STREET DEPARTMENT IF WE COULD PUT SOME GRAVEL IN THERE BECAUSE THEIR DRIVE UP IS PRETTY NARROW. WE WANT THEM TO BE SUCESSFUL AND IT IS ALWAYS NICE TO WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES INTO OUR COMMUNITY.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED I AM GLAD TO BE GETTING OUR NEW POLICE OFFICER AND OUR P.O.C IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I THINK THEY WILL WORK OUT JUST FINE.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I AM GLAD TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY STEPPING UP AND BECOMING FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICEMEN BECAUSE WE CAN ALWAYS USE SOME. WE HAVE ON OF THE FINEST DEPARTMENTS IN BOTH AREA'S IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND WE WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. WE ARE GLAD TO SEE THE ADDITIONS THAT WE HAVE AND IT WILL BE CONTINUED.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY ARE WORKING ON 9TH STREET RIGHT NOW ON A BIG BREAK THAT WE HAD LAST WEEK AND HAD TO SHUT OFF A BUNCH OF WATER AND THEY ARE STILL OUT TONIGHT WORKING. I APPRECIATE ALL THOSE GUYS AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL GET IT FIXED. THE WATER IS FLOWING.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED ROGER AS USUAL HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND TO GET THE PUMP FIXED. HE ALWAYS HAS THE FORESIGHT TO PLAN AHEAD AND GET A PUMP PUT IN, HE DOES A REALLY GOOD JOB. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WE WERE THE ONLY TOWN AROUND HERE THAT HAD CYNDERS WHEN IT SNOWED BECAUSE ROGER LOOKED AHEAD AND GOT WHAT WE NEEDED.

13. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

14. 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 6:32 P.M.

15. THE COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:04 P.M. ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

16. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:01 P.M.

Tom Jordan
MAYOR TOM JORDAN

Angie Baker Deaton
ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK