

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS, COMMISSIONER SIMPSON, COMMISSIONER WARREN WERE IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK. COMMISSIONER HARKINS WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,285.38. 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 A PROPOSAL FOR COVERAGE FROM ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. OR IML RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2019 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2020 REGARDING PROPERTY, LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE. THE MAYOR STATED THERE WAS A 6% INCREASE THIS YEAR. THIS INCLUDES PROPERTY INSURANCE, LIABILITY, AUTO, UMBRELLA, CRIME AND WORKMANS COMPENSATION. THE COST WILL BE \$510,608.00 THE NATURE OF THE INCREASE IS BASICALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE EXPANDED A LITTLE ON ADDITIONAL PROPERTY AND COST OF LIVING INCREASES. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS 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 OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION. THE MAYOR STATED THIS IS A FINAL SETTLEMENT ON AN EMPLOYEE AND THIS WILL CLOSE OUT THIS CLAIM. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF IEPA LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE MONROE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT. MATT TOSH STATED THIS IS A PROJECT WHERE THE CITY RECEIVED A \$500,000.00 DCEO GRANT AND THERE IS A CITY SHARE TO THIS. THE CITY COMMITTED THEIR FUNDS AND THE IEPA HAS IN THEIR LOAN APPLICATION UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 45% GRANT OF PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS. WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO SEE IF WE CAN GET SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS WHICH WOULD BE AROUND \$160,000.00. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A 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 AN AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. FOR THE MONROE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 IEPA LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE TAFT STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION- PHASE 2 PROJECT. MATT TOSH STATED WE DID A TAFT STREET PROJECT A FEW YEARS BACK AND THERE WAS A SECTION THAT WAS LEFT AND THIS IS FOR THE FORGIVNESS FUNDS TO REPLACE THIS SECTION OF THE SEWER. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN & ROBERTS, INC. FOR THE TAFT STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION – PHASE 2 PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM JOHNSON'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,407.16 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. 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 TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HAWKINS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,888.54 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SANDNER ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,633.66 FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WARREN 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 FOR HUCK'S TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CARING FOR KIDS ROADBLOCK ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 FROM 3:00P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 149 AND HIGHWAY 37. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THE FIRST REQUEST WAS FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR SUBWAY. THEY ARE GOING TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BUILDING ON MAIN STREET NEXT TO THE NEW CITY HALL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON

MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT REQUEST WAS FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR HUCK'S MARTIN & BAYLEY FOR 208 N. LOGAN THEY ARE ADDING ON A \$70,000.00 ADDITION ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE NEXT REQUEST WAS FOR A SIGN PERMIT FOR THE MCGUIRES AT THE FORMER SPARKLING ARRANGEMENTS BUILDING. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

15. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE NOT HAVING THE LIGHT PARADE TONIGHT. THE PARADE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE CHINEESE RESTAURANT AND THAT SHOULD BE OPENING SOON. QUEST FITNESS IS ALSO GETTING CLOSE TO BEING OPEN. MACH 1 HAS THEIR TRUCK PARKING OPEN AND IT IS BEING USED. IN 2020 IDOT IS GOING TO LET BIDS FOR THE MAIN STREET PROJECT FROM 37 TO I57. IN 2021 THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AND THEY WILL REDO AND RESURFACE MAIN STREET FROM RT 37 TO HORRELL AVE. BASICALLY THE ENTIRE TOWN WILL BE TORE UP. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT 101 W. MAIN THE CITY WAS SUCESSFUL IN A 2 ½ YEAR COURT BATTLE WITH JOHN MIZE ON THAT STRUCTURE AND IT WAS CONDEMNED. I WANT TO THANK A LOT OF PEOPLE CONNIE HOWARD, HARRIET WILLIS, CROSSWALK ALL STEPPED UP AND HELPED TO RELOCATE THE TENNANTS. THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY FELL ON THE FACT THAT WE TOLD THE LANDLORD THE BUILDING HAD TO BE VACATED. SWAINS AND ER BROWN GAVE NEW MATTRESSES AT COST. THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER AND HELPED OUT AND DID A REALLY GOOD JOB.

16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED WE MET WITH IDOT AND THEY NOT ONLY HAVE PLANS TO DO THE IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST MAIN, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE PLANS TO RESURFACE EAST MAIN IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THE STREET DEPARTMENT HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB WITH ALL THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWNTOWN. THEY HELPED TIM MURPHY PUT UP THE ENTERANCE AND THE CANES ALONG THE LANE. I KEEP CALLING AND TELLING THEM THE THINGS THAT NEED DONE AND THEY NEVER COMPLAIN AND DO A WONDERFUL JOB AND I APPRECIATE THEM. I LOVE THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD IT LOOKS VERY NICE. THE GLODICH HONDA IMPROVEMENTS LOOK BEAUTIFUL, IT LOOKS AMAZING.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED WATER AND SEWER IS GREAT. THESE GUYS WORK HARD AND DO A GOOD JOB. I AM THANKFUL FOR IT.

17. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

N/A

18. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON AT 10:36 A.M.


MAYOR TOM JORDAN


ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK