

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2015**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, March 5, 2015 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Michael Peck – (Invoked by Scout Lillian) The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that six members were present: Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Mr. Asbach made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mrs. Schildmeyer seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – Good evening and welcome to Scout Night. I would like to acknowledge our Scouts that are participating this evening. Please stand when I call your name. Ms. Lillian McMullan, Ms. Samantha Mattox, Ms. Avery Elliot, Ms. Emma Rutenmueller, Ms. Jessica Ridder, Ms. Lauren Emhoolah, Ms. Faith Harrison and Ms. Jaida Ridder. I would also like to recognize the new Troop Leaders, Mrs. Kathy Monday and Mrs. Rachel Elliott. St. Bernard City Council and Administration would like to thank you and the Girl Scouts for your involvement in tonight's Council Meeting. To each of the Scouts here tonight, I commend you for serving this great organization that builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. You are to be recognized for your interest in community government and I thank you again for your contribution to this evening's Council meeting.

We have several items on the agenda this evening and I would like to begin with the official swearing in of our newly hired and promoted Fire Department members. I would like to ask Captain John Schutte to come forward.

Ms. Van Valkenburg – Do you solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio, the Laws and Ordinances of the Village of St. Bernard, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Bernard Fire Department and that you will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties as Captain of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio Fire Dept. to the best of your abilities, so help you God.

John Schutte – I do.

Ms. Van Valkenburg – Do you solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio, the Laws and Ordinances of the Village of St. Bernard, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Bernard Fire Department and that you will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties as Lieutenant of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio Fire Dept. to the best of your abilities, so help you God.

Mark Sicking- I do.

Ms. Van Valkenburg – Do you solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio, the Laws and Ordinances of the Village of St. Bernard, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Bernard Fire Department and that you will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties as Firefighter/Paramedic of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio Fire Dept. to the best of your abilities, so help you God.

Jason Smith – I do.

Ms. Van Valkenburg – Do you solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio, the Laws and Ordinances of the Village of St. Bernard, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Bernard Fire Department and that you will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties as Firefighter/EMT of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio Fire Dept. to the best of your abilities, so help you God.

Michael Imhoff – I do.

Congratulations to all those men who were promoted and hired tonight.

I would now like to introduce Mrs. Kim Fender, Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. She is here to provide an update of the new St. Bernard Branch library project.

Ms. Fender was happy to see the Girl Scouts, she is presently a Girl Scout Leader. She reported that the library was on schedule, should be ready for the summer of 2015 and is very technologically savvy. Asked for questions concerning the opening.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Will the Library Board allow the extra hours without any problems?

Ms. Fender – No problems were foreseen with the allocation of different hours of operation for the new library.

Mayor Burkhardt – Lastly, I would like to announce that the Annual Easter Egg Scramble will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Vine St. Park beginning at 1:00pm rain or shine (or snow, the way this has been going). The Easter Bunny and I will be visiting the streets of St. Bernard in the morning passing out treats for all.

Melissa McMannus, owner of Atmosphere Salon & Lounge on Vine Street, along with many others, is organizing a “Bunny Fun Run” following the Easter Egg Scramble. Registration is \$25.00 and includes a t-shirt and tote. Proceeds will be donated to a local animal shelter. To register, stop by Farmers Insurance or the salon or visit [bunnyfunrun.org](http://bunnyfunrun.org). FB page.

Under CIC news – Councilwoman Dianna Schildmeyer was voted President of the CIC. There will be more information in her report.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared Resolution No. 4, 2015 and Ordinances Nos. 9, 2015 and 10, 2015. Resolution No. 4, 2015 is the

second Resolution that is needed to place the seven mill tax levy on the August 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. This Resolution is required to be certified and sent to the Hamilton County Board of Elections. If the renewal is approved by the voters it will bring St. Bernard \$563,147.00 per year in income.

Ordinance No. 9, 2015 allows the Village to enter into a contract to purchase four new Police Cruisers with the Ohio Department of Public Safety and to finance the cruisers through Mainsource Equipment Finance. The cost for all four cruisers is \$109,080.24; the four year interest is \$8,879.76 for a total cost of \$117,960.00.

Ordinance No. 10, 2015 provides the following additional appropriations:

01-2-L-3	Civil Service Medical Exams	\$3,000.00
01-2-L-6	Civil Service Polygraph Tests	\$2,300.00
01-2-L-10	Civil Service Promotional Tests	\$500.00
07-06	Safety Center Project	\$29,000.00

The additional appropriations for Civil Service are needed because there are more entry level and promotional openings than anticipated when the 2015 budget was prepared. The \$29,000 for the Safety Center Project is revenue the Village received from ODOT for additional concrete work needed and a new antenna. The money went into the General Fund and needs to be placed in the Safety Center Project line item so it can be used.

Council and the Administration were given the end of the February Expense and Revenue spreadsheets. The revenues for February were \$742,528.58. When compared to the February 2014 revenues they are down \$248,696.06. The biggest differences were in the General Fund and Employee Health Plan. The General Fund was down \$119,710.27 compared to 2014, with the income tax and sale of fixed assets down. In February 2014 the Village received a large stop loss payment for \$125,050.79. The year to date expenditures for 2015 were \$2,020,066.66. The expenditures with the bond projects out, compared to year to date for 2014 are down \$130,317.55.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 11, 2015 as discussed at the COW last week. This is the Ordinance that will allow the Service Director to enter into the contract to purchase the lot behind LaRosas’ which will provide 42 additional parking spots for the Streetscape project for the Village.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – Absent

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – No report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Absent.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – This being tax season, I have not completed the monthly Tax Department income sheet I normally provide each member of Council. I will put a copy in your mail box when the report is completed. This past week I attended a meeting with a number of tax administrators and an attorney reviewing the changes to HB 5 and I will go into depth with that at some point in the future. Some startling changes that are going to have a definite affect

on the Tax Code and we need to be aware of that and you as Council need to be aware of those changes.

I am asking Council to go into Executive Session after the Council meeting to discuss pending litigation that we need to address at this time.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – Absent. (read by Scout Samantha) I am inviting our residents to a Clean Up St. Bernard day Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 12:00noon. We will meet in the lower level parking lot by Fifth Third Bank. We will be picking up trash along the residential streets. I would like to thank the following sponsors: Scherpies Deli, Ju Ju Beans, St. Bernard Larosa's and New Shoots Landscaping.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – (read by Scout Faith) The next Block Watch meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and will take place in the lower level of City Hall. The meetings typically last about an hour. They start with a current crime update from Officer Derek Setters and then a presentation follows. All residents are encouraged to attend.

I would also like to congratulate Council member Diana Schildmeyer for being elected as the President of the CIC.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – (read by Scout Jessica) I have the Service Department report for January 2015. There were 3 trucks placed at residences, 28 dumpsters placed at residences, 79 special pick-ups at residences and 166.34 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. For recycling; 36.30 tons of recycling material, 30 pounds of scrap aluminum, and 1720 pounds of scrap metal.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – (read by Scout Samantha) The St. Bernard Community Improvement Corporation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization the mission of which is to act as the development arm of the Village of St. Bernard.

Specifically, the President is charged with the following.

- Coordinate with the Director of Planning on planning and development issues. Advise the Village Council as appropriate.
- Advise and support the CIC Board of Trustees on all corporate business matters, planning and development issues.
- Build positive relationships with other professional organizations, agencies and entities that will promote development in the Village.
- Oversee projects that are in line with and support the Village's Revitalization and Urban Renewal Plan.
- Develop and implement a Board approved Work plan.
- Pursue financing and funding for CIC projects.
- Handle media events for the organization.
- Oversee the administrative affairs of the organization including preparation for board and committee meetings or other special meetings. Oversee the financial management of the CIC assets.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – (read by Scout Jaida) Last week the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee met to discuss several ordinances. 1) Solicitation Ordinance; 2) Junk Car Ordinance; and 3) Property Owner responsibility and consequences for blighted and/or foreclosed property. There is still more discussion to take place.

The Committee will be meeting again on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – (read by Scout Emma) After some discussion with the Mayor, I will be scheduling a Business and Industry Committee Meeting to further discussion on ways the Village can better attract and retain businesses here in St. Bernard. Before we hold this meeting I want to do some more research on our old Chamber of Commerce to see what we can do as a Village to help restart this group. I will be getting with patty and Don soon to schedule a meeting date and will let everyone know.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – (read by Scout Avery) During the month of February there were 1,257 passengers on the Dial-A-Ride which brings the yearly total to 2,466.

Mr. Asbach – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Committee of the Whole  
Feb. 12, 2015

1. Council approved the minutes of the Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
  - a. Said that City Hall had run out of the history books that we give out to new residents and asked Council if they would pay to purchase 200 new ones at a cost of \$2,400.00. Council voted 6-0 to pay it out of the Miscellaneous line item.
  - b. Asked Council to go into Executive Session to discuss two contracts. Council voted 6-0 to do so at the end of the meeting.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
  - a. Gave Council the expense spread sheet for January.
  - b. Brought up the fact that the part time pay scale will have to be looked at because of the minimum wage increasing to \$8.10. This was placed in the Finance Committee.
  - c. Discussed the Ordinance to lease the new police cars. She, along with the Law Director, said that section 13.1, of the lease agreement, had an option to purchase the cars at the end of the lease. Council voted 6-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
  - a. Reported that he had talked to Cindi Bedinghaus and Chief Moeller and he will be making the necessary changes to bring our Ordinance into line with the PUCO regulations. These changes will be brought to the next COW meeting.
  - b. Chief Moeller also asked for some changes to two ordinances regarding junk cars. These changes will also be brought to the next COW meeting.
  - c. Said that since Council had discussed changes to the property code for failing to follow Building Department orders, the Laws, Contracts & Claims committee will meet in two weeks at 6 PM before the next COW meeting to discuss these changes.
  - d. Gave a report on things that could be done about the feral cat problem around town.
5. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
  - a. Reported that the Village's newest fire fighter will be sworn in tomorrow.
  - b. Reported that tomorrow, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, is the last day to register for the police officer test on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.
6. Service Director, Phil Stegman

- a. Said that Monday is a holiday for the Service Department and he asked that no trash be placed at the curb. Monday pickup will be on Tuesday and Tuesday pickup will be on Wednesday.
  - b. Reported that there was some sidewalk damage on Vine St at Spring Grove at the end of last year. The insurance company is sending the check to cover the work and he asked that the \$7,855.00 be put back into 33-4 Street line item so that when the work is done he can pay the bill. Council agreed to put the money there.
  - c. Said that the \$29,000.00, that Peggy reported at the last COW meeting, was from ODOT and that money needs to go into 07-06 Safety Center Project line item. Council agreed to put the money there.
  - d. Reported that in mid-March we are going out for bids on the Ross Ave water main and resurfacing project. The information will be presented at the Feb 26<sup>th</sup> COW and have an Ordinance for the Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting for the project. The work will start in May and take 90 days to complete. A letter was sent to Duke asking for the \$25,000.00 to help pay their portion of the resurfacing.
  - e. Said that Duke is going to grind and pave Tower Ave from Jefferson to Washington the full width of the street and from Washington to McClelland one lane. The work will start in April so it will be done in time for the soapbox derby.
7. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
- a. Said that the department sent out over 2,000 notices for taxes. Retired exempt residents do not receive these notices.
  - b. Talked about vacant properties and said that we should look into an ordinance to collect the taxes on these properties. This was placed in the Laws committee for review. He also said that the City of Cincinnati has a license program for vacant properties to make sure they're kept up to code. He will have the Mayor and Building Department review this program.
8. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
- a. Reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fund is \$5,622.59.
9. Finance, Don Tobergte
- a. Thanked Peggy and Chief Meyer for being at his town hall meeting. Chief Meyer gave him a report on EMS run info and fire run info.
  - b. Gave a report on the purchase of property and demolition. Since 2009 we have spent \$1,750,581.66 on purchase of property and \$22,000.00 on demolition.
  - c. Talked to the Building Department about the rental property and owners are given 45 days to make the repairs, but if there is progress extra time may be given.
10. Safety, Ray Culbertson
- a. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the new Safety Center where we will tour the new building.
11. Public Improvements, Diana Schildmeyer
- a. Gave the following report. The demo of properties via the Port Authority is complete. Two additional demos happened on Vine St buildings as part of the Safety Center. The Service Center is now occupied and functioning for daily operations. There are still a few items that need to be finished before the project is completed. The Safety Center work is 98% completed with occupancy of the building last December. The Hamilton County Library is progressing and is scheduled for completion during the early summer months. The streetscape project is progressing with Duke working on their portion of the improvements. P&G & Emery Oleochemicals are both progressing with their additions/modifications of structures. These projects total in excess of \$60 million dollars. Presently there are two lots available for new housing at Tower and Franklin. The CIC is in the process of selling a home on Tower Ave. The building was acquired for \$25,000.00 and remodeled and is now selling for \$122,500.00.
12. Two residents addressed Council about problems at the St Bernard Schools. They were told that this was not a Council matter, but the Mayor said that he would make the school board aware of the matter.

13. Council voted 6-0 to excuse the absent member. They also met in Executive Session to discuss two contracts. These items were placed in the Finance Committee when the meeting was back in session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Asbach  
President of Council, Pro-Tem

Mr. Asbach – The February 26<sup>th</sup> COW Report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Committee of the Whole  
Feb 26, 2015

1. There was no Council meeting on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
  - a. Thanked Elaine Sipe and Ed Kallmeyer for their work on the wall in Council Chambers. There are shovels from the ground breakings on the projects that have been done in the Village.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
  - a. Asked for a Resolution for the next part of the levy in the fall. Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.
  - b. Used the Miscellaneous line item for test related items for Civil Service. Council voted 7-0 to place an Ordinance on the table for additional appropriations and to move money.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
  - a. Said that he is working on five items and that he attended the Laws, Contracts & Claims committee meeting tonight.
5. Service Director, Phil Stegman
  - a. Thanked the residents who said what a good job the Service Department did on the streets in town.
  - b. Said that a position was filled in the Service Department and another one should be hired in the near future.
  - c. Said that he received the \$25,000.00 check from Duke for the work on the Ross Ave Project. That work has gone out for bid.
  - d. Gave Council a copy of the property at Vine and Martin St. that we are purchasing. He asked for an Ordinance for the purchase. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.
  - e. Said that he is going to spend about \$2,000.00 to have the old police station put on its own plot. When the building was built, it remained on the plot for the park.
6. Finance, Don Tobergte
  - a. Said that he has talked to the Mayor about the proposed increases for certain positions and the increase for the minimum wage positions that will increase this year.
  - b. Reported that he talked to Melisa McManus and Amy Burkhardt to plan for an Easter fun run and business hop on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Run starts at 4 PM at Vine St Park and will proceed up Washington to Kemper to Church and back to the park. Costumes are encouraged. He is working on getting our local businesses to donate coupons that will be good for that 1 day only, to encourage the participants to spend some time in our business district after the event. More details will follow.
7. Safety, Ray Culbertson

- a. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be Mar 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the lower level of City Hall.
  - b. He thanked the Service Department for their work on the snow removal.
8. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus
- a. Said that the committee met tonight to discuss four items. Nothing was decided, so they will meet again next Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM to discuss further.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Steve Asbach  
 President of Council, Pro-Tem

## COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Read by Scout Lillian in its entirety.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2015. DECLARING THE OUTDOOR CODE OF ST. BERNARD, DESIGNATING ALL GIRL SCOUTS IN THE COMMUNITY HONORARY PARK POLICEWOMEN; AND ASKING ALL OF THE YOUNG LADIES AND YOUNG MEN OF ST. BERNARD TO HONOR THIS CODE.

**WHEREAS**, the Girl Scout Program encourages Community betterment as well as individual member improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, a Girl Scout is a special citizen who knows her duty to her fellow women and will face opposition to do what she knows is right; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Bernard youth is interested in a better St. Bernard of the future now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS VOTING:**

**Section 1.** I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods and roadways.

**Section 2.** I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

**Section 3.** I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

**Section 4.** I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands and wildlife; and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsmanlike methods in all my outdoor activities.

**Section 5.** I will observe bicycle safety rules and obey all traffic laws when operating my bicycle or walking through the streets of St. Bernard.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, (Scout Jessica )seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus (Scout Jaida) to adopt Special Resolution No. 2, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.



Mr. Peck – I would like to thank the Scouts for their involvement in our government and we will now take a short recess.

Council resumed regular session.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2015. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF THE SEVEN (7) MILL TAX LEVY ON THE CURENT REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, CERTIFYING SAID RESOLUTION TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 4, 2015.

### **REMARKS**

Mr. Kalb – Just as in the Resolution that we passed earlier this year, I am totally in favor of putting the renewal of the tax levy on the ballot but am not in favor of putting it on in August. There are two established elections every year in May and November where we should have put this on. For that reason I will be voting no on this Resolution this evening.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – As previous too, I did vote no for the other Resolution to deny a special election for August so I will follow that course and vote no for this too.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2015 as read. Motion passed 4-2. Mr. Kalb and Mrs. Bedinghaus voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2015. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO PURCHASE FOUR NEW POLICE CRUISERS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO FINANCE THE CRUISERS THROUGH MAINSOURCE EQUIPMENT FINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 9, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 9, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2015. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 10, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 10, 2015.  
Motion passed 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 11, 2015. DECLARING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 4551 VINE STREET TO BE NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEED OF SAID TRACT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 11, 2015.

### **REMARKS**

Mr. Kalb – Just to let the audience know, the money for this purchase is covered under the Bonds for the Vine Street Streetscape. No additional appropriation will be needed as the money is already covered.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 11, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Asbach – I would like to put on the COW agenda for discussion the property located at 4433 Greenlee again. After talking with the Building Dept. I would like to discuss that further at the COW.

Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to go into Executive Session after the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation. Motion passed 6-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Kerri Messer, Tower Ave. – I would like to say that I like the Streetscape, what you're doing and I think CIC (Chamber of Commerce) getting started and Mr. Kalb having a meeting with everybody and everything that is going on. The only thing I find disheartening is a house behind me I guess his aunt left it to him or something, my boyfriend went over and asked him what he was going to do to fix things up and he said, oh I don't really care, I'm just going to slap some paint on and get some renters. So I didn't know, that's one of the big problems and I know you're trying to get rid of that and get home owners. Also I know there is somebody, I don't know, the MHA or somebody that makes you do things or if there is some thing we can do to people who really could care less who lives in the house or who they're renting to. I mean that bothers me. I didn't know if there was something you guys could do with that or give them some kind of regulation and not let certain situations happen. You know what I mean. I don't want to put up a privacy fence because I got some not- so- nicers living behind me.

Mayor Burkhardt – Kerri we have a rental inspection program and if you can get me the exact address of that house, I will see to it that he gets up there and we'll watch what they do and we'll make sure they do everything according to code.

Kerri Messer – OK.

Mr. Walden – We're also looking into possibly adopting something like Cincinnati did with the certificates to rent. That's in the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee right now and they've asked me to look into it to see what the upsides and downsides are, so hopefully that by the 19<sup>th</sup> I'll be able to be in a position to discuss that with them.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to excuse the absent member.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to have the Tax Dept. proceed with the settlement of pending litigation that was discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.