

I did have a calculation error in the month of April and have submitted to Council members, Mayor and Auditor which has corrections for the months of April, May, June. The July figure of the \$7,723,159.08 is the correct figure. If they wish to update their monthly year to date items they were listed on the memo that I passed out.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Chatman – Several things, perhaps later in the meeting tonight we will have discussion on the Fire Inspector position. It is my hope and I don't want to rehash any pros or cons that may have been discussed in the COW, but it is my hope that, and I appreciate any support that we get in that regard. I do believe a dedicated person could fill this position on both the existing residential and business community as well as and perhaps most importantly, the businesses that we hope to attract. Lastly I do believe that is the correct thing to do. Additionally, I do think that this is an exciting time of growth and opportunity for our City. I am hoping that citizens are excited as I am and I'm hoping that they would like to take an active part in the City and therefore I am soliciting any information or names and addresses of people that might be interested in participating in a Citizens on Patrol here in the City of St. Bernard. At this point we are looking at interest only, we're not looking for commitments. But if you do have an interest in participating, I would appreciate either an email or a phone call to City Hall.

Lastly, on August 5, I was really honored to participate and receive an award given to the City. Rather than try to explain the award, I'm going to read the nomination letter and then show everyone the award that we received.

July 1, 2008

Dear Awards Committee:

I would like to nominate the City of St. Bernard for the Ken Mars award as one of the more outstanding communities in our area. After moving into St. Bernard in 2000, I discovered a lot of benefits which have helped me as a visually impaired citizen: talking pedestrian signals at three intersections on Vine Street, local bus service which takes anyone to and from anywhere within the St. Bernard City limits, twice a week trash pick up, discounted trash bags to keep the City clean, medical bus service which picks up and drops off it's citizens at any medical establishment throughout the greater Cincinnati area. Most of the street corners are tactile friendly and most of the sidewalks are in good shape for walking.

The police and fire departments will go out of their way to assist citizens. My wife and I have had the police check on our house while we were on vacation. We've had the Fire Department come to our house to check our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. City Hall is always willing to answer our questions whenever there is an issue. City Hall even has some Saturday office hours. We even get free ambulance service when the need arises.

St. Bernard even has community gatherings throughout the year for kids and adults: concerts in the park four times in the summer, a Halloween party for the kids, a Christmas celebration for everyone in the City, parades on Memorial Day the fourth of July to honor country and our fallen heroes, the fun of fireworks, and so much more.

These are some of the reasons my family and I like living in St. Bernard, and I hope you give this community serious consideration for the Ken Mars Award.
Thank you.

Lynn M. Wachtell

I would like to show everyone the award we received and read the inscription as well:

The American Council of the Blind of Ohio, Greater Cincinnati Chapter proudly presents its Ken Mars Award to the City of St. Bernard. An organization that has made outstanding progress in its programs and services, thus enhancing the quality and equality of life for individuals who are blind or visually impaired in the Greater Cincinnati Area.

August 5, 2008

Joyce Rogers, President

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Schrand – No report.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent. (Report read by Mr. Tobergte) The Tax Board of Review will be meeting next week, August 14, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to review the many activities and changes in the tax department including the updated Tax Rules and Regulations, the refund policy, and proposed changes to the tax ordinance. Any recommendations by the tax board of review will be sent back to Council

The tax department sent our nearly 450 landlord notification letters yesterday. Enclosed in each packet was a letter explaining the landlord notification law as well as the forms needed to provide their tenant information to the City. As could be expected, the phone calls have started rolling in after only one day.

We took the county records of all owners in the city and cross referenced the information to the different city listings. If the information indicated that the owner was not a resident at that location, they were sent a letter.

The Tax Code requires all owners of RENTAL property in the City of St. Bernard to provide information concerning each tenant. Within 30 days of a tenant moving in or moving out, the owner must notify the Tax Department of this change.

This law has been in effect since 2000, however, there has been no compliance to any significant extent. While, the tax code provides for penalties for any landlord who fails to comply with this notification requirement, the Tax Department is more interested in working with the City's landlords to bring them into compliance rather than seeking penalties at this time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – No report.

SAFETY, Ms. Hausfeld – I really don't have a report, I just wanted to see if the Mayor had any updates on what we discussed last week about the fire truck and what's going on there?

Mr. Burkhardt – Mike Haarman, Rodney Chatman and myself went up last Saturday to look at the fire truck. It is due to be delivered in two weeks. Yes it is way too late to make any changes. The ladder was already made so all they had to do was mount it at that point so we're getting a stick ladder for the fire truck. I wish we'd have known sooner.

Ms. Hausfeld – Just to let the rest of the citizens know, I had mentioned last week, and Chief Scherpenberg since you weren't here, but I have discussed this with you, the new truck that we're getting, we're getting a ladder truck, which is a straight ladder truck verses a bucket truck which is what we have now. There are some concerns from the firemen and there are a few people down there that do like the straight ladder verses the bucket ladder. I don't know if I want to go on TV saying this but I said it last week so you can't hide the truth, I'm a little bit waylaid I guess in my opinion because being a big girl, it would be easier for me to get into a bucket ladder, especially living on the second floor and need to be rescued verses a straight ladder. Mainly my concern to mention and let the rest of Council be aware that we are getting a straight ladder verses a bucket ladder and if we would have known about it sooner we might have been able to discuss it a little bit further and figure out what we would want to do as far as a bucket ladder verses a straight ladder but unfortunately it was brought up too late and as the Mayor just said, we are getting this ladder truck in two weeks so there is nothing we can do as far as a straight ladder verses a bucket ladder.

Mr. Burkhardt – Also for Council's information, the Chief will be giving you a report on reasons why he came to that conclusion and the pros and cons. We did go over those and there are a lot of pros to the stick ladder in our situation here in St. Bernard with as tight as our streets are and especially the way that the ladder and bucket truck are put out in time of a fire. He will be giving Council his report on all that and he's here so if he has anything to say I would let him go ahead and talk.

Chief Scherpenberg – The process of getting the aerial truck was a long process. It went through an apparatus committee which was five people. It was offered to everybody down there to sit on the apparatus committee. I understand some of the firefighters came up last week and had some discussion. Two of the firefighters were not even on the committee even though they were offered to, so their input at that time was not even there because they chose not to be on the committee. The aerial truck that we are buying is \$250,000.00 less than the aerial platform. Myself, the apparatus committee was split on a decision on whether to get a platform or a straight ladder. I consulted two other command officers, both captains, they both agreed with my decision that a straight ladder was a better fit. The City of St. Bernard, and I'm sure you all know, has very narrow car lined streets. The aerial truck that we currently have, in 19 years of service has been out of service six months of its lifetime, over \$40,000.00 worth of damage from the firefighters hitting and striking objects. The bottom, the carriage has been knocked off four times, the yoke twice and the one time, with the ladder, it had to be completely taken back up to Sutfin for about three months to be replaced. They lopped off the nozzle three times so there's a very difficult time getting this piece of apparatus even to the scene. The aerial platform, if you look at the size of it, is about four deep, about six wide and most probably from the bottom of the carriage to the top of just the

carriage its about seven feet. With the firefighter in there, now you have a profile of almost nine foot tall. As we go on narrow streets, we pull up to our narrow buildings with wires and trees, its extremely difficult and limited to place that piece of apparatus on that building to make it functional enough for us to use. The straight tip ladder has a lot smaller profile, getting it to the scene, and also being able to place it in. So it has a lot more service capability when we pull up on the scene of a structure fire to place that on the building. The main function of an aerial truck, a truck company, is ventilation. In order for me to set up a procedure to do ventilate, and it has to be accepted injury standards. I can't just say, "Go climb that roof", no it has to be on a roof ladder. Well folks, there is no way an aerial platform can get a roof ladder. There is a bucket in the way. You cannot get that roof ladder in. The other way, we have to put a ground ladder up and carry the roof ladder up to the roof. Labor intensive, we don't have a lot of people, also very slow. The straight ladder can be placed on that roof. We have an aerial roof ladder on the side of that aerial ladder where we can climb up and access the roof. So, ventilation, plus a straight ladder. OK what else do we do with that, we do rescue. OK rescue, yes it would be easier for you Patty to climb out onto that bucket, but you know it takes a lot longer for them to place that bucket in if they can get it into your position. Because again, a big square piece. You have to get under the wires and through the trees. A straight ladder has the ability to get into a lot more tough places. Yes, it would be easier to ride down, but that straight ladder goes right to your window, the firemen will help you down the ladder. It's not that big a deal and its not 100 ft. straight in the air. If you ever look on TV when you have fires, it's a gang plank. You think about it, we only have three story structures, except for the schools and the industry in this town. The most you have is 30 feet elevation. You have an aerial ladder sitting 12 feet off the ground over 40, 50 feet to that building, it's almost a gang plank walkway. What else do we do, we do water supply. We do master stream device. When we put our master stream up, our new straight ladder has a remote control nozzle. Now, instead of putting two people in that bucket, using one person on the ground because you have to have somebody on the bottom of that ground because when somebody is up on that aerial bucket to watch for wires and everything else, three people putting water on it. Well, our new straight ladder has a remote control nozzle, so now, with my six people I'm showing up with, I can put one person using that remote control. The advantage the bucket has, yes we can have fine tuned it where that water goes on that house. Well I hate to tell you folks, if we're putting a master stream device on that house, that house is gone. We're throwing five hundred gallons a minute, we've lost the building. For just those reasons alone, much less the cost savings, which it was not that, was a last thing put into this, when that aerial truck was developed in a time when you had laid off four of my firefighters, lost my inspector, lost four paramedics, demoted three of my officers and I bring a truck that I tell you is cheaper but is capable of meeting our needs and a savings to the City of \$250,000.00. I think it's a waste if we would have bought the aerial platform. It was at least \$850,000.00 if not more. For those reasons, it wasn't off the cuff, it wasn't a flip of a coin, it went through a long process and that's why the aerial ladder was built over the platform. I'm telling you right now, you're not going to find anybody in the fire department that ever agrees on anything. You can sit there and give them a \$10,000.00 raise and somebody's going to fight it. When you listen, you shouldn't get upset, you should consult with me

instead of getting upset because there are reasons that we went through here. The apparatus committee was split. Two other captain officers agreed with me, it was my decision to make, it's part of being a Fire Chief, I have to do strategic planning. I believe the aerial ladder is the best fit for our department at a reasonable cost. In all reality, and it's in my letter, with our six guys, we are an Engine Co. We are not a Ladder Co. The reality is, when we pull up at a fire and it's only going to be six people, we're going to be using a mutual aid company to do our ladder work anyway. The only time we're really truly going to be a Ladder Co. is when we go out of town. It doesn't mean that there's not a worth to this aerial ladder because it does provide us elevated rescue but the reality is with our limited manpower we show up with, we're going to be busy doing hose work, overhaul, extinguishment, we're going to let Elmwood, Norwood, Springfield Township come in and actually do our ladder work. Anybody have any questions?

Ms. Hausfeld – Just to let you know, it wasn't your guys that actually came up here to address us. I have talked to several of the guys, I had talked to you, I had talked to a couple of the guys that were for the ladder verses the bucket ladder. I just felt that I was in charge of the safety committee and being in charge of the safety committee, I felt it was a least my duty to let the other Council people be aware of the difference between the two ladders. I actually asked the guys if one of them would comment what the difference between the two ladders were. Yes, I'm a little biased, but that's OK,

Chief Scherpenberg – We'll get you out Patty. That's what they're there for. The ladder will go right to your window and they can get you down.

Ms. Hausfeld – Head first?

Chief Scherpenberg – Ninety percent of the communities have straight ladders. There is a place in the fire service for the platform, and I wish we had the money. I'd get one of each. Since we cannot have that, the best choice cost wise, functionality wise, serviceability wise, was the straight ladder in my opinion. I know everybody doesn't agree down there but like I said nobody ever agrees on everything to begin with. Like we said before, change is a terrible thing. People hate changing ideas. That's one of the reasons we went to Hamilton County, honestly, that's what I expressed to you because of mutual aid reasons. We can get people there quicker, faster.

SERVICE, Mr. Tobergte – The service department report for July 2008 is as follows. There were 37 trucks and 22 dumpsters placed at residences along with 94 special pickups. 234 tons of garbage made its way to the landfill. There was 17 tons of recycling material, 5 tons of cardboard, 222 pounds of scrap aluminum, 3,160 pounds of scrap metal along with 20 appliances. The City received \$812.90 for recycling in June 2008. I would also like to make a motion to go into executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss property acquisition.

Mr. Meier – I'll second that.

Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Meier – I have a couple of things to go over. We talked before the summer break of Council about having Coney Island Day or a St. Bernard Day at Coney Island. Originally I was talking about Tuesday the 12th of August which is next week. When we actually got the documentation, the paper work from Coney Island, it wasn't exactly the way we expected it to be. They were asking for \$1,000.00 non-refundable deposit. That shouldn't have been in there so because we were on break and we weren't expecting this, I talked with them. They're going to make Coney Island available to us on Sunday, August 24th. Again, we'll have the discounted tickets for the adults and for children. They will be available for all of the rides including the Sun-Lite Pool. They will have a pavilion available to the City for a picnic dinner. You can bring your own food and everybody that has the ID bracelet you get with your ticket, there will be free soft drinks at the park during the entire day. That date will change to Sunday the 24th of August, which I think will actually work out better for the availability of people rather than on a Tuesday.

The Public Improvements Committee met tonight at 6:30. Thank you for everybody that came. We had a very good discussion. The main point of the discussion was the acquisition of some of these back owned properties that we have in the City. As an effort to get them out of the housing stock and to do something positive with them to benefit the City, we're going to continue this discussion at a Public Improvements Committee next Thursday at 6:30 as well. If you are interested in doing that, it was really an excellent discussion tonight, if nothing else, come down and listen it was well worth the time and everybody that was here, I appreciate it.

The next CIC meeting will be Wed., Aug. 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall, that meeting is open to the public and if you would like to see what's going on in the City you are invited to come to that.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Peck –The Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee recommends passage of Ordinance No. 34, 2008 tonight.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Brickweg – I attended the quarterly First Suburbs meeting last week where we discussed the RE-Build Ohio conference that will take place in Columbus in September and viewed a presentation on building bike friendly communities. Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune updated us on a county proposal being worked on to set up a Hamilton County Land Bank. This land bank would operate in conjunction with the administrative foreclosure process using Board of Revisions and Neighborhood Housing Initiatives. The county and the City of Cincinnati are in the process of working on creating a new Port Development authority that is capable of imitating bond funded development. I will be attending future seminars on this subject and following current Ohio House and Senate legislation regarding creating a county wide land bank. Since this will take some time I think it is important that St. Bernard find a way to create our own land bank that will allow our City to purchase foreclosed and run down property to fix up and re-sell it to owner occupied residents. Any profit on the property would be placed in the land bank and used for the purchase and renovation of the next property. This idea was discussed tonight at the Public Improvement committee and I think it is a great idea to start improving our residential areas.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Bedinghaus – At the COW meeting last Thursday, Jennifer Vatter from JMA presented to Council the major street projects slated for 2008-2009 and applying for SCIP or LTIP grants for the projects.

Rose Hill Ave. project has been approved for a SCIP grant. The money will be available this October. The City will go out for bids at that time. The actual work will get started early next year. Council will need to allocate approximately \$400,000 (a 50% matching fund) in the 2009 budget for this. 3 other major street repairs have been proposed: Jefferson Ave., Church Street, and Fischer Place. If we are considering these projects, then the planning and allocation of some funding needs to start in 2009. The SCIP grant funding account has additional money to allocate this year as part of the incentive programs to stimulate the economy. Therefore, it would be wise to take advantage of that and consider applying for all 3 projects.

These streets are in very bad shape and while the pot is bigger this year we have a very good chance of receiving money for all 3 projects. But that also comes with a cost to the City. We will have to allocate money to match 50% of the total cost of each project. We are looking at needing to budget for at least 2 engineering fees (not covered by the SCIP grant) and at least 50% of one of the projects. You are then looking at an estimate of \$800,000 to match the SCIP money and the cost of the engineering fees for 2 projects at the approximate cost of around \$85,000 for each project. As a ball park figure a little over a million dollars will need to be budgeted in 2009 for street projects.

The other project is the Ross Ave. redesign. TEC completed their study as I reported several weeks ago. This project will cost around \$100,000 and again if we want to apply for an LTIP grant for this, we are still looking at funding this out of our City budget by 50%, so around \$50,000. There is a chance we may not even get this funding, depending on how we score and money allocated for such projects.

Since these grants are two different sources of funding, applying for either the SCIP or LTIP grant for each of these projects would not jeopardize our chances of getting approved for one project over another. That is a concern that Council had when this issue was brought up a few weeks ago relative to the Ross Ave. project. If we applied for that grant would it hurt our chances of getting approved for the larger street projects, and the answer to that is NO.

If we do not move forward with the Ross Ave. project, then I would like to see some enhancements made to parking on Ross Ave. between Broerman and Greenlee Ave. Broerman Ave. is a very dangerous intersection anymore as you try to turn either way onto Ross Ave. The parked cars do not allow for any visibility to see what is coming in either direction. You have to literally creep out onto Ross Ave. and hope that a car is not going too fast to stop. The cars coming out of the driveways on Ross between Broerman and Greenlee have to cross over into the oncoming traffic if wanting to go West bound on Ross Ave. Again, causing a potentially dangerous situation.

Mrs. Brickweg – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JULY 31, 2008

NEW OR REFERRED ITEMS:

1. Approved the minutes of the July 3rd council meeting.
2. Cindi reported that she met with Walt Moeller, Gerry Weidmann, Jennifer Vatter and John Goedde earlier in the week to discuss various road grants. Cindi then asked Jennifer Vatter from JMA if she could update council on how the works grant. Jennifer explained that there are two types of grants the LTIP and the SKIP. The city could submit for a LTIP grant to help pay for the recommendations from the TEC Ross Avenue Traffic study and it would not compete with the city submitting for SKIP grants for road work for Jefferson Ave (entire length), Church Street (from Greenlee to Rose Hill Lane) and Fisher Place (entire length). Jennifer then explained that over the next few years there will be at least double the available money for these grants because of the Governor's Economic Stimulus plan. Cindi stated that her committee will meet again to look at the budget and financing options for the Ross Ave project.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Bill Burkhardt:

1. Bill thanked Al Kanters, Sarah Wilson and the members of the CIC for the work they did putting together the Demolition-Revitalization Party last Friday. The demolition crews are doing their best to keep noise and dust to minimum. If anyone has any questions, they should call City Hall.
2. Bill stated that Elaine Sipe and Walt Moeller have been working hard on the development of a new city web site.
3. Bill acknowledged the St. Bernard Stingrays for coming in 1st Place in their division at the 2008 NSSL Swim Championships held July 21st and July 22nd in Norwood. Ron and Iris Miller, along with the assistance of Greg Lipp and team coordinator Chrissy Lipp have coached and encouraged the team for several years. Way to go, Stingrays!
4. Bill asked council their thoughts on merging our Vital Statistics with Hamilton County. The only records St. Bernard still maintains are birth and death records. Council voted 6 to 0 to have a resolution on the table for the next council meeting.
5. Bill informed council that Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes announced that a countrywide property-imaging and appraisal data verification process began. They will be in St. Bernard between July 27th and August 3rd.
6. Bill reported that Rodney Chatman and himself will be traveling with Captain Mike Haarmann from the new St. Bernard Fire Department to the Stuphen Corporation in Dublin, Ohio to see the Aerial Truck on August 1st.
7. Bill asked council their thoughts on having the city advertise in the OHSAA Southwest District Division III Volleyball Sectional District program in which Roger Bacon will be competing.

Auditor, Walt St. Clair: no report

Law Director, Kate Bedinghaus: absent

Safety Director, Rodney Chatman:

1. Rodney informed council that the process for hiring new Police Officers is moving along.
2. Rodney asked council their thoughts on starting Citizens on Patrol in St. Bernard. They would go out in groups of 3 and work about 5 to 10 hours a month. Peggy stated that Greg Zix was looking into this years back and Rodney may want to get with Greg.
3. Rodney and Mayor Burkhardt requested council to re-instate and fund the position of the Fire Inspector. Lieutenant Troy Mirik spoke to council for Fire Chief Steve Scherpenberg, who was on vacation. Troy explained the reasons for the need of a Fire Inspector. A Fire Inspector would have two main duties. One being inspecting all businesses and schools and making sure no life safety issues are at risk and following-up to make sure any violations are corrected. A Fire

Inspector would also be able to work at fires as the Safety Officer and help bring additional man power. Troy then explained the following advantages of bringing back the position of the Fire Inspector:

1. Uniformity – Troy explained the need to have one person doing all the inspections and making sure they all get done
2. A Fire Inspector would make sure the city meets all the new permit requirements
3. A Fire Inspector would be able to enforce codes
4. Overtime at the Fire Department would be less because the Fire Inspector would be able to count as a person on duty if someone calls in sick.
5. It would provide additional man power on a scene
6. Since the re-call list from the laid off employees is still in effect, the person coming back would be fully trained and a paramedic.

Council members then asked questions regarding bringing back this position. Cindi asked what training the Inspector needed. Troy stated it requires a two week (80 hour course) to be state certified. Cindi stated she would like to see the department set up standards and procedures and have everyone do them. She stated she is worried about the financial impact on bringing this position back. Bill informed council that it would cost \$24,816.65 for the rest of 2008 and \$75,000 for 2009. Don was informed that the past inspector worked four 10 hours days. Patty stated she is in favor of bringing this position back and have consistency of one inspector. Peggy stated she is in favor of the Fire Inspector position because of all the industry in our city and that it brings the department another paramedic. Council voted 5 to 1 (Cindi no) to have an ordinance on the table for the position and funding for the Fire Inspector position.

Service Director, Ray Schrand:

1. Ray informed council that the Fire Department Building Maintenance needs an additional \$1000.00 to pay for generator repairs. Finance Committee members Don and Cindi requested that instead of additional appropriations they would like to see the Fire Chief transfer some money in his department budget. Ray will discuss this when Steve gets back in town.
2. Ray reported that the Spring Grove Avenue project is progressing satisfactorily. The curbs have all been removed and replaced. The cross overs for the catch basins have been saw cut and the contractor is working on the catch basins being installed. The pipe will be installed in about a week. The estimated completion date is for September.
3. Ray informed council that he asked JMA for an estimate for road repairs for Fisher Place. The estimate to mill and overlay, curb ramps and some utility adjustments would be around \$100,000. This would be only a 10 year fix. It was decided that council will wait to make a decision on this till after they hear about the SKIP grants the city is applying for. If the city receives grants they could do a 20 years fix for Fisher Place.
4. Ray informed council the Service Department has been very busy cleaning up 10 properties, sometimes more than once. They have been working very closely with the Health Department.

Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser:

1. Ed gave council an update on what he is doing with his department. They have about 99% of the 2007 tax information entered into the computers. They are currently working on cross referencing the database to delete duplicate entries. He is also working on implementing the procedure for landlords registering new tenants in St. Bernard. Ed passed around the forms he created around to council for them to view.
2. Ed informed council that the Tax Board of Review will be meeting on August 7th to go over the new policies, regulations and changes in the Tax Department. The Board will also hear from 6 individuals appealing the penalties and interest they were charged for filing late.

Treasurer, Jamie Sipe: no report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Laws, Contracts and & Claims, Mike Peck: Mike thanked Walt Moeller and Gerry Weidmann for their work on preparing the code ordinance council will be voting on. Mike thanked Cindi for speaking for him on the matter at the last COW meeting.

Public Improvements, Kevin Meier: Kevin announced that his committee will be meeting next Thursday, 6:30 PM to discuss the idea of the city purchasing up bank owned property.

Business & Industry, Peggy Brickweg:

1. Peggy stated that she attended the First Suburbs meeting on Wednesday and that Hamilton County Commissioner; Todd Portune spoke on the idea of a county wide land bank which would help municipalities purchase foreclosed properties. Peggy is also looking into attending a seminar next week regarding what cities should do with abandoned and vacant property.
2. Peggy informed council that she received an e-mail regarding the conditions of Bertus Street Park. Bill provided council of some concept cost estimates regarding the park. Included in the estimates was the cost of getting rid of the pool, replacing the parking lot, demolition, etc. The estimate for all the work was \$125,000. Council decided they want a legal opinion from Kate regarding the legalities of building homes on the property. Council would like a decision made regarding what the park will be used for before any money is appropriated for the park. Kate will be asked to give a legal opinion.

Safety, Patty Hausfeld:

1. Patty asked the members of the Fire Department that were present at the meeting to give their thoughts on the Fire Truck the city is purchasing in regards to a new truck being a stick ladder truck and not a bucket truck, which the city currently owns. Troy Mirick, Kurt Brickweg and Mark Sicking explained the reasons they favor a bucket truck. A bucket can hold multiple people up to 1000 pounds compared to ladder that can only hold 500 pounds. A bucket can be operated by one person verse a ladder that requites two fire fighters. A bucket can be moved very fast and easy around a building. They all felt citizens would feel a lot more comfortable entering a bucket rather than climbing down a ladder. Bill and Rodney will discuss these issues with the chief and ask if the truck we ordered could be fitted using our current bucket. Rodney suggested that he be included in department and arbitration meetings so he can be better informed.
2. Patty thanked Ray and the Service Department for keeping up with vacant properties.
3. Patty stated she talked with Ray before the meeting regarding the condition of the Post Office parking lot and Ray said he will take care of it.

Highways & Transportation, Cindi Bedinghaus: Cindi gave her report at the beginning of the meeting.

Service, Don Tobertge: Don informed council that he met with Doug and Jon Newberry again and he is happy to announce that St. Bernard will host a Soapbox Derby race on September 13th. The race will start near Immanuel Church and end past the Eagles on Tower.

Finance, Greg Zix: absent

Audience Participation

1. Joan Rodenberg stated she is disappointed that the options with the fire truck were not discussed with everyone until after it was ordered.
2. Lou Steiner stated that he thinks the city needs to start marketing itself with why it is so desirable to live in St. Bernard. He also suggested that the Dial A Ride buses be re-painted to make them flasher.

3. Dave Fozzolusa stated that this is not the first time the city has had problems with getting the Post Office to upkeep their property.
4. Walt Moeller explained how he and Elaine Sipe are working with Cincinnati.com to redo our city's web site. He also informed council that he is working on changing the Fire, Police and City Hall phones to one system which is fiber optic. This will make the service better and even be more cost efficient. Walt is also working on setting up hot spots in St. Bernard that would have free wireless internet.

Ordinances and Resolutions for the next council meeting:

1. Resolution for merging the cities birth and death records with Hamilton County
2. Ordinance for the re-instatement of the Fire Inspector and the funding for the position.

Next Council Meeting: August 7th 7:30 P.M.
Next C.O.W. Meeting: August 21st 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted;

Peggy Brickweg,
President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

July 30, 2008

Honorable Bill Burkhardt
City of St. Bernard
110 Washington
St. Bernard, Ohio 45217

Dear Mayor Burkhardt,

I would like to thank Don Middendorf and your Service Department for all their work and help this past Saturday. They helped to make our 125th celebration a great success. The members of Immanuel United Church of Christ and myself appreciated all their efforts. Please pass on our thanks to all involved.

Sincerely,
David Schwab, Pastor
Wanda Watson, Lawn Fete Chair

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to receive and file the communication and to send a copy to the Service Dept. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2008. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RECORDS AND DUTIES OF VITAL STATISTICS REGISTRAR FROM THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD TO HAMILTON

COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Meier to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 7, 2008.

REMARKS

Mr. Burkhardt – Just for everyone’s information, these records are the birth and death records St. Bernard holds. We are about the only City left that still holds birth and death records of people who have been born in the City of St. Bernard. Hamilton County holds everybody else so we’re just kind of following suit. What I hope to do is, most of the people that come and request these records, are searching out their family tree and what I hope to do is get a little more time to Heidi to work on the census this coming year by giving this to Hamilton County.

Motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2008 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 34, 2008.

ORDINANCE NO. 34, 2008. AMENDING AND/OR REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 1141.01 “DIVISION INTO DISTRICTS; DESIGNATION” OF ST. BERNARD’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 34, 2008. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 34, 2008 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 35, 2008.

ORDINANCE NO. 35, 2008. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 LAND ACQUISITION (TAXABLE) BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (NON-TAXABLE), BY THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 35, 2008.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – Just for those who forgot since it’s been a while since we’ve discussed this, this is the Ordinance that we’re going out for bond money to purchase property which is part of the revitalization of the City of St. Bernard. This is the money that we’re going out for.

Ms. Hausfeld – I just have a question because I did miss the July 3rd meeting. On the bond issue, once we pass this, does this money automatically get turned over to the CIC for purchasing property or is this actually staying in our hands until this piece of property are ready to be finalized and signed for?

Mr. Peck – My understanding is that under Section 1 it has to. It seems like it would automatically go to the CIC.

Ms. Hausfeld – It automatically goes there?

Mr. Peck – That's my understanding of the Ordinance.

Mr. Kanters – As is laid out in the legislation, this is a bond being issued by the City of St. Bernard to generate these funds. The funds are being loaned to the CIC which will be repaid at a later date once we turn the properties over, generate revenue in order to turn those funds back. Yes, the funds need to be available for us to go and close on the deals which we hope to be able to do before the end of this month.

Mrs. Brickweg – From what I gather talking with Patty I guess the question is, there are addresses in this, what would happen if we were not able to purchase one of those properties? What would happen with the money then?

Mr. Kanters – It would stay in the bank.

Mrs. Brickweg – The CIC bank account then for other developments?

Mr. Kanters – Yes, which is controlled by your Auditor.

Mr. Meier – Due to a conflict of interest I am unable to participate in any discussion or vote on this, the bank that I work for is underwriting these funds and so I have to abstain due to a conflict of interest.

Lou Steinert, 308 Delmar Ave. – I haven't seen the most recent version of this Ordinance, but the version that I saw had two specific addresses as the two pieces of property and it seems to me if the money generated were used to buy any other property it would be a violation of the conditions of this Ordinance. I think I heard at some meeting that perhaps this money would be used to buy as many as four pieces of property. If the money is to be used to buy more than the two pieces of property indicated then I think the Ordinance would have to be reworded so that if the money were used for any other purpose it wouldn't be an illegal use of the funds. Secondly, as Al just pointed out, the Council is lending the money to the CIC, it would make sense to me that the loan agreement be part of this Ordinance so that everybody knows what the loan agreement is going to say at the time the Ordinance is passed.

Mr. Tobergte – I guess with what Lou just said I would like to make a motion to amend the Ordinance to delete the two addresses so if the deal falls through we could go for other property.

Lou Steinert, 308 Delmar Ave. – It seems to me it could include those addresses and just say, and any additional property that the CIC deems appropriate, something to that affect.

Mr. St. Clair – Before we could do that we would have to consult bond council. These notes were set up and they have to be set up for specific purposes, the specific purpose is the purchase of two designated properties, any other purchase would have to have a separate Ordinance set up by bond council so the addresses have to stay in there. You can't just add etc. It has to be specific, it has to be a specific purpose for this bond. If you want it amended then we would have to go back to bond council and this Ordinance will not be able to be passed tonight.

Mr. Tobergte – I rescind my motion then.

Mrs. Brickweg – I have another question. I know Kevin withdrew because of the bank he is working at and my question is, this Ordinance says Huntington Bank. Is that the correct bank?

Mr. St. Clair – Huntington Bank is the agent that we would pay the interest and principle to, they are not the underwriter. That's just who we would pay it to.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to make sure because I knew he was withdrawing because of Fifth Third. I wanted to make sure that wasn't a typo or something.

Mr. St. Clair – If Fifth Third is the underwriter, Huntington is the paying agent.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to make sure before we passed it.

Motion to suspend passed 6-0 with Mr. Meier abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to adopt Ordinance No. 35, 2008 as read. Motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Meier abstaining.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 36, 2008.

ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2008. AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 33, 2008 BY ADDING STEPS (AS HIGHLIGHTED IN BOLD BELOW) TO THE 2008 RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR'S SECRETARY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 36, 2008.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – This is just, I just wanted to let the audience know this is because the first Ordinance that we put through missed the Step pays, so its not, that is the only change that's in here, for the Mayor's secretary.

Motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Peck to adopt Ordinance No. 35, 2008 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 37, 2008.

ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2008. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 4506 VINE STREET LOT #582.0013.0011 TO THE ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION PURSANT TO ARTICLE III SECTION 1 OF THE AGREEMENT AND PLAN BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO AND THE ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 37, 2008.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – The addresses in this Ordinance are, for those that want to know, are the addresses of where we’re doing the demolition on Vine St. We wanted to have this Ordinance passed for the grant but they said it was OK for us to go ahead and start the demolition but that’s what this is for.

Motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Peck to adopt Ordinance No. 37, 2008 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2008. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 38, 2008. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Peck to adopt Ordinance No. 38, 2008 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 39, 2008. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 39, 2008.

REMARKS

Mr. Burkhardt – For the public’s information, this Ordinance would allow the Administration to put the Inspector position back into the Fire Dept. and allow us to recall one member from the lay off list.

Mr. Zix – I will be voting against this Ordinance. I do not feel it is fiscally responsible to vote to fund this position after we just gave the firemen a large amount of time off in their contract.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I will not be voting for this Ordinance tonight. I agree with everyone in this room that safety is our priority for our employees as well as our citizens. I believe in being proactive rather than reactive. Inspecting buildings and ensuring that they are up to code is a very proactive task. However, in my opinion, there are more efficient ways to produce the safe outcome. Since voted in to Council, you have heard me repeatedly state that we cannot continue to do business as we have done before. I know that everyone is aware of the state of the economy. No matter what paper you read or newscast you listen to, the struggling economy is always a headliner. Companies, very well established companies, are cutting back, laying off, and demanding for a reduction in expenses. “Find ways of doing business differently in order to meet the expected outcomes of your organization” is the charge that CEO’s are demanding from their administrators.

When the additional Kelly days were being discussed, Council was assured that those additional days off would not interfere with any of the firefighter’s responsibilities and productivity. The responsibility of “inspecting” lies within the role of the fire dept. It was indicated that the inspector would also fill in for a firefighter if the manpower decreased below 6 on a given day due to a call off. That takes away from the inspector doing what he was hired to do, “inspect”. So I have to ask the question, now with the additional Kelly days, can the roles and responsibilities be sustained?

We cannot continue to throw additional manpower where we find deficits. You need to continue to ask the question, “how can we produce our quality product in a more efficient manner?” In this instance it would be to ensure our buildings are up to code for the safety of all involved. Think out of the box. Currently, the captains are certified to do the inspections. How can we get more firefighters to be certified inspectors? Look at all possibilities. Figure out how it could work. Just don’t throw more manpower into the equation. That is not a solution any more. Lean and efficient should be the motto for everyone in these hard economic times.

Mrs. Brickweg – I have a remark and I have a question though first. With the recall list, I know it goes to Sept. but does anybody know about when in Sept.? OK because my question is here, and it’s going to be asked to Greg and Cindi. I understand you’re voting against it, OK, this was discussed at COW, I mean I’m not telling anybody how to vote but if this Ordinance can pass, if it has the votes to pass, if it is not passed emergency therefore one of the firefighters that we’ve laid off would not be eligible for this job and I think that is a shame. If it is the vote of Council to put this position back in, I think it should go to one of the men that was laid off and not wait to go into the middle of Sept. where we have to start a whole list and start all over. I just think that’s totally wrong to do something like that. All I’m asking is to think about the vote of emergency, not have a vote for the Ordinance. I’m not going to go into great detail because they went into it at the COW last

week but it was explained by Troy Mirick because the Chief wasn't here. The pluses and the minuses of having a Fire Inspector and the reason we lost the Fire Inspector because of the supposed budget crisis which never happened. I don't think the Kelly days have anything to do with this and that was explained last week and it was explained what the role of the Fire Inspector is and I just think, they're already down four men, so they have already taken their cuts and have worked on ways to work in the dept. and they're just, the Chief has come back and said he would just like one of the men back and I don't think they're just back to the same old way it always was. They're still minus three men. I would just hope that we take into consideration the vote that if it is going to pass that one of the men that we laid off is one of the people that gets to come back.

Ms. Hausfeld – Since Greg wasn't here last week and I know we got the recommendation from the Safety Director, the Mayor and even in his absence, the Chief, I would like to see one of you guys or all of you tell us again why you feel this is important, just so Greg knows the ins and outs that we heard last week.

Mr. Zix – My decision is made strictly on the fact that I don't feel it is fiscally responsible again, being the large amount of time we gave them off. I feel that 4300 hours could have been used in a manner to use an inspector. I understand and I fully believe the inspector is a good thing but I don't think it's fiscally responsible to do that. I just heard the Chief say we have limited manpower that we have to call another community in and I think we have to stop somewhere so I appreciate that Patty but I don't think I need that because it won't change my vote.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just in response to that, Greg, that was one of the reasons the Fire Chief said that if there is a fire called that the inspector would go to the fire scene as a fireman as an extra person.

Mr. Tobergte – According to the Auditor Report, as of July 31st, the fire dept. has spent \$31,754.00 in overtime. They have a balance of \$54,145.00, I was wondering, instead of doing additional appropriations if we couldn't do a transfer of funds out of the overtime into the regular pay for this amount for this year. So I guess I would like to make a motion to amend Ordinance No. 39, 2008 instead of additional appropriations, make a transfer of funds from the overtime 01-17-1A to 01-7A-1

Mrs. Brickweg – I just have a question before I would second that, would it be OK if I ask that question now?

Mr. Walden – Yes.

Mrs. Brickweg – My question is and I'm OK with that Don, I do know there is a firefighter going out for surgery and I'm totally fine with that but I'm just saying they might need some overtime and I would be OK to do this but I want to make sure if they do come back, especially if there's something like that, we would all understand appropriating the additional money.

Mr. Tobergte – It would still leave them \$30,000.00 in overtime so hopefully they won't need anymore but if they do need more then we'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

Mrs. Brickweg – Then I would second that.

Mr. Walden – Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to amend Ordinance No. 39, 2008 to state that the money would be a transfer from overtime to the regular pay Ordinance.

Mrs. Brickweg – I was also wondering if the Chief could let us know if he thought that would work or not work. He knows his budget more that I do.

Chief Scherpenberg – So far this year we've actually had a very good year on overtime usage. We're almost over the critical part. Most people take their vacation in the summertime which it usually becomes a minimum shortage where somebody calls in sick it creates an overtime situation. You got to remember budgets are nothing but estimates. I didn't come prepared looking at it doing an extrapolation of how we've used it but so far we've only used \$30,000 through the year. I don't have it in front of me, you have to remember some of that, there is a liability in comp time and I don't know if Walt has it on hand what is sitting there because that's not actually where its at, what is taken out of that but I don't think its that great. It most probably would be close. One firefighter is off until the middle of Sept. but I just looked at that the other day there is no, unless someone would call in sick, there is no real scheduled overtime coming up, maybe a day. We're sitting relatively well in the overtime line item so it most probably can be done with the caveat that potentially we could run short. I may come back for some funding where there is other money in the school overtime but that could still be used too, a little bit, so I would think at this time again, you most probably could take it but I can't guarantee it that the remaining funds would last. Its always a crap shoot a little bit, I mean somebody could go off long term but for right now I think most of the vacation schedule has been accomplished so at this point in time there shouldn't be that much additional potential liability for overtime and in the idea Cindi, as I proposed, on the inspector is that he can still do his duties. I was just using him as basically as a body during the day so anytime that overtime would occur because of manpower shortages during the day, he would still do his inspecting duties but he be there to respond to any emergency still keeping us at our minimum six man staffing. I was trying to basically make it a little more cost effective like I try to do with most things in the budget. Its not going to pay for the whole salary, there is no way, but it would help if my estimate would say, save some overtime dollars.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 39, 2008 passed 5-2. Mrs. Bedinghaus and Mr. Zix voted no.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Peck to suspend with the second and third reading of amended Ordinance No. 39, 2008. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Bedinghaus voted no.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Meier to adopt Ordinance No. 39, 2008 as amended. Motion passed 5-2. Mrs. Bedinghaus and Mr. Zix voted no.

Mr. Burkhardt – At this time I would like to thank Mr. Zix for his vote to get this Ordinance on the table and going. I know where he stands and I appreciate that. I would just like to thank him.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'd like to reiterate that.

Mr. Chatman – I hate to throw a monkey wrench in this, was this ever properly seconded. I know Mr. Tobergte brought it up as a motion and Mrs. Brickweg questioned it.

Mrs. Brickweg – Yes I did Mr. Chatman.

Mr. Walden – I believe we did, Rodney.

Mr. Chatman – OK, sorry about that.

Mr. Walden – Thank you for checking.

ORDINANCE NO. 40, 2008. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 40, 2008.

REMARKS

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Is this line item totally out of money? Is there any money in there at all to pay these part time people?

Mr. Schrand – No.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Is this for like this Friday?

Mr. Schrand – I'm sorry?

Mrs. Bedinghaus – For this Friday, there's no money left at all?

Mr. Schrand – Next Friday is payday, not this Friday.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I guess my question is, I would have liked to have seen this brought to us earlier. With the pay raise that the part time workers received, I would have liked to have seen this calculated and know that we were going to be in a deficit for this and not wait until it came to this point. I just think that this, having them work and then come and say OK we need to pay them and we don't have no money. It's just not a good way to do business and I don't like it coming out of the tennis court. I think there should be another way to do it out of some of the other line items with the labor. I don't know if we can look at the swimming pool and take it out of

some of their labor and put it in there. I just don't like the idea of switching from the tennis court repair to the employees.

Mr. Tobergte – Cindi I agree with you, I don't like the way it was handled either but they are out of money and the kids need to be paid next week. I talked to Ray. He brought to my attention on Monday and it's too late now. The tennis court repairs haven't been bid out or anything and by the time we get bids in it will be too late to do any work up there so he wasn't planning to use any of this money anyway so it was a quick fix for now. I agree we should have had an estimate of what it was going to cost after the pay raise and there would be more people working but I talked to Mike down at the garage and this should take us through to the end of Sept.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Are we paying these part time people 40 hours pay and they're working 37 ½ hours?

Mr. Burkhardt – I believe so. They take the same lunch break as the dept. does and I pay them for that lunch break. I think its only fair because they can't work without the full time employees being there so to me its not right to hire somebody and then punish them for that. I know years ago when I did it we were paid the same. I know the last Administration didn't do it and I believe it wasn't fair and I believe it's fair to pay them. I'm going to pay them.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I respect that. I don't agree with that I think that they should get paid for what they work so to me that we paid them some of the additional funds that we could have in there, additional monies for hours that weren't worked so that's, I have a concern about that.

Motion to suspend the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 40, 2008 passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 40, 2008 as read. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Bedinghaus voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I would like to thank Safety Director Rodney Chatman and the Hamilton County SWAT team for allowing my son Raymond and I to participate in their training exercise at the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School. It was an interesting experience. As time allows I will be joining Mr. Shipp and his Smell the Garbage program with the service department.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I am happy to announce that there will be a St. Bernard Soap Box Derby on Sept. 13th. For more information and rules on building a car you can go to the Cincinnati Soap Box Derby website; www.cincinnatisoapboxderby.com. Everything is one word.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – I would like to applaud the City for having the party on the 25th to start the demolition. I think it's a nice new start for the town, its great to see the ball rolling finally and I appreciate everybody that was involved for getting that started. Along with that I was wondering, because I didn't hear it tonight, when the demolition is actually going to take place?

Al Kanters – The buildings will be all down probably by the middle of Sept. We have to remove asbestos from the exterior. Transite siding had to be removed. In one of the buildings there is a significant level of asbestos in the plaster that we did not anticipate and that plaster will have to be removed, bagged, hauled to a certified land fill, before we can tear the building down because we can't have any plaster dust getting into the air which is laden with asbestos and that's the delay but I guarantee you that that site will be clear and ready to build on by the end of Sept.

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – OK, so it will be clear by the end of Sept., that's great!

Also, I understand that the City is either in contract negotiations or has contracted to purchase Crawford's on Mitchell Ave. and possibly Kentucky Fried Chicken. I was just wondering what the status of those two buildings were.

Al Kanters – Both properties are in negotiations at the present time.

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – OK, that's all, I have. The only other thing I have is, I think it was Ordinance No. 39. I'm not exactly sure what we did there with the inspector's position for the Fire Dept. Are we, we are going to hire back the inspector's position. Is that correct?

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, Doug, what we'll do is go ahead and promote from within for the inspector's position and then I'll fill that vacancy with one of the laid off employees.

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – OK, the only thing I have to say about that is, the way that Council did it tonight was just that normally before they have a vote on what your going to do to pass an Ordinance, that you allow the audience to speak or you allow them to make suggestions or say what they have on their mind and that didn't happen tonight as far as this particular ordinance was concerned and I just wanted to make sure that you're aware of that.

Mr. Walden – That could have been omitted, thank you for bringing that to my attention.

Ron Miller, Bertus St. – I have a couple of things. Is there a limit to Section 8 Housing that can be in St. Bernard?

Mrs. Brickweg – Not that I know of.

Ron Miller, Bertus St. – Not that you know of. OK, because we got a situation and I know that these two gentlemen behind me are going to attest to it. Some new neighbors that moved up on Albert St. are real trouble. I

would like to thank the Police Dept. They have been coming up there and monitoring it but these guys are trouble and they just came into a brand house that is completely renovated, beautiful on the inside and within a week they're throwing trash off the porch into the street and I believe the police actually had to pull over and pick it up. They are doing it.

My second thing is, I would like to commend Steve for making his decision on that truck. I think you are the Chief and what you say, I mean, you have got that position through the years and I've seen that bucket truck in action against Cincinnati on Mitchell Ave. at a fire a few years ago where they were trying to get that bucket up on the roof to vent and they couldn't and Cincinnati came flying out of West Park, swung that straight ladder around and had a hole in that roof in about five minutes. I think that was a good decision and I think your guys should respect you for that, for making that decision and not come up here a week before and brow beat you for it. I wasn't at that meeting but it was my understanding that there was some pretty mean things said and I think they should check that definition of "brotherhood" one more time.

Lastly, I want to thank Bill for getting the C-9, having a meeting and getting that thing rolling again. There's still a few little bugs for people that are wondering what's going on, but that is, people are being paid, there is some problem with the Police and Fire, they are not sending in the right things or they just changed their health care so there's a little glitch in there yet but that's being worked out and I just wanted to say thanks to actually Walt, Bill and Ray for helping get that all going again.

Mr. Burkhardt – Ron, could you get me the address of that problem up there on Albert?

Ron Miller – OK.

Ms. Hausfeld – I want to thank Ron for bringing that to not only the police attention but our attention as well. I do urge the citizens that if you have a problem home or area around your house, call the cops and let them know what's going on. Not everybody is aware of what is going on, on your street. I know there's a problem up on Greenlee that I've been aware of and the police are taking care of. There's a couple of area problems but unless somebody is willing to speak up and let people know what is going on, that's the only way we're going to take care of it. I do appreciate your comments tonight about the Albert problem.

I mentioned it earlier, as far as bringing up the bucket, that was me. A fireman had been talking to me. I talked to Chief Scherpenberg and knew there were a few guys for it. I knew there were pretty many guys against it and I just personally wanted the rest of Council and Administration to know what the difference between the two, ladder versus bucket, was. As far as anybody beating anybody up, Chief Scherpenberg, I'm the one that brought it up, I did not intentionally beat you up. I just wanted everybody to be aware of what the difference between the two were and that's strictly all I did.

Mr. Burkhardt – Also, on these problem properties, the best thing anything anybody can do neighborhood wise is to call the police. The more calls that the police have, the more ammunition we have as a City to go after these

properties. If they have 25, 30 calls against them, that's what the court looks at. The more calls you make to the police, the more ammunition we have.

Ms. Hausfeld – Also, just as a reminder, Rodney brought it up tonight, he wants to know interest on people with Citizens on Patrol. This is what we're looking for that would be a great asset to not only to protect your homes but protect the citizens and the properties of St. Bernard is for people to get involved.

Mr. Zix – Rodney, correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't believe you have to give your name either do you, if you call? When you call the police dept., you can just call and complain, you don't have to give your name?

Mr. Chatman – That's absolutely correct. I wanted to add to that, not to belabor the point, there are some behaviors that fall in that area that are not criminal. They fall somewhere between not criminal and absolutely what I wouldn't want to do or live next to. When then those items take place, the police officers can look at it and say "Wow, I wouldn't want to live next to that" but they have little authority to knock on the door and approach the land owner. However, when a complaint is made, now we have the authority to at least knock on the door and begin the process of talking with them and then as the Mayor mentioned, we now have documentation. There is a permanent record should a problem continue in the future. We can have a history of our runs to that property and do nuisance abatements and things of that nature.

Mrs. Brickweg – It might be a little late for your property but one of the main things that we did discuss at the Public Improvements Committee meeting tonight was Section 8 or HUD Housing. A lot of people don't want to talk about it, but I want it out of here. I want it out of St. Bernard and one of our goals is, if we can buy the property, if we can fix it up, we can sell them. It's part of what is turning our City around the wrong way. I agree with them 100%. I had in my Ward one time a property nuisance on Greenlee and that's how we got the building back from the owner. It was on the amount of phone calls and amount of reports that were written. It was then declared a nuisance by a judge. I just want you to know that that is one of the main things that Kevin was talking about tonight. How we can turn this around and the City can take charge and start buying up the property so it can't be turned around by other people. It might be late on that one but like they said, keep calling the police and let everybody know what is going on.

Mr. Weaver, 124 Albert St. – I live across the street from where this problem is. The problem is at 127 Albert St. The weekend they moved in I had the cops there 6 times. Friday night and Saturday night, I'm on call at work 24/7. I go to bed at 10:00, everybody on our street works, except for these people. At 2:00 in the morning, there's a basket ball bouncing. This is every night. I understand the police can just be there so many times. They got other things to do and I've talked to the police chief about it and he said just keep calling. They can't baby sit them. It's to the point where I'm ready to put my house up for sale. I've been there 17 ½ years, if that's what it has to take. I guess he's probably 15, 16 years old. He hollers at kids up and down the street. I don't even want my kids out playing any more. I

don't leave town any more because I don't trust them. Chris lives catty corner from me, if I'm leaving I ask him to watch my stuff. The neighbors are doing that because they don't trust these people. They're trash. I hate to say that's what they are but that's what they are is trash. I can't even afford to buy socks because I had to go out and pick up garbage bags to pick up garbage that they throw on the street. That ain't my job but that's my street and I respect it. I don't know what the point is going to be that's going to have to be done with it. I think it came from chlorine, I'm not for sure.

Ms. Hausfeld – My comment to you sir is please don't move out because we need good citizens here but it does take good citizens to speak up and let the police know. That's their job. I don't care if you, sorry Doug, I don't care if you have to call 100 times a day. That's their job.

Mr. Weaver 124 Albert – There today they have themselves a little play house going on there today. I haven't talked to any of the officers about it. A lot of times I'll call, a lot of times I'll just go down to the Police Dept. They got a little play house going on the other day, kids are going in there, 13, 14 years old. The mother, I guess she works, we don't know who lives there and who don't live there. There are so many people in and out of there.

A little play house going on and I was going to talk to the police chief about that, let him bust in there today because something is going on in there that shouldn't be going on.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just what Patty said, it was basically one of the things that we said in our meeting that that was the problem. They get a bad neighbor that moves in then people start selling their house and it's just the domino effect. I agree with Patty, we're going to try our hardest and I say keep calling the cops, now we got the address, the cops know the address, they can ride by more often but not that it's going to fix your situation right now but trust me we are working to eliminate these situations from happening.

Mr. Weaver, 124 Albert – The officers do ride by quite a bit, they can't be there 24/7 to baby sit them. At 3:00 in the morning and you hear the basketball going and I leave for work at 5:00 in the morning after being awakened 3 or 4 times a night. I just don't get it. A cop comes, tells them, they leave, then they're right back doing the same thing. It gets old.

Mr. Burkhardt – I would just like to thank you for coming up and speaking because a lot of times people won't do that. We've had problems in several other areas and I have sent letters to the owners of these properties and one of them has complied and one of them still hasn't returned. We do send certified letters, I've started that. I send them with the police reports, so they understand where I'm coming from and I just basically tell them it won't be tolerated. It's just something we have started but now that I have the address, we'll work on it. You got my promise there.

Mr. Weaver, 124 Albert – Thank you, sir.

Ms. Hausfeld – I would just like to let Council and the Administration know that I will be out of town so I will not be at the next CIC meeting, Public Improvement meeting or COW meeting next week. Sorry.

Mrs. Brickweg – The next COW meeting will August 15 at 7:30.

Mr. Walden – At this time Council will go into Executive Session. If anyone would like to wait, we will be reconvening afterwards.

Executive Session.

Mr. Walden – The regular meeting of St. Bernard City Council is back in session.

Mr. Tobergte – I made the motion to transfer funds from line item 0-17-A-1A the overtime into the regular fireman pay. Without additional appropriations we need to transfer funds.

Mr. St. Clair – Would you like us to redo that Ordinance showing it as an appropriation adjustment and amend it as an appropriation adjustment so Sue doesn't have to go through handwriting all that on there.

Mr. Tobergte – Whatever you have to do.

Mr. St. Clair – It would actually require a change to the title. Why don't we go ahead and do it that way. We'll amend I know it's already passed the way it is, it was passed as amended but well change the wording to look that way.

Motion by Mr. Zix, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.