

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2009**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, May 7, 2009 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Curtis Walden – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Peck, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Mrs. Brickweg, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Meier.

Mr. Walden – Before we begin with the regular order of business this evening, I believe we have a special guest. Mr. Tobergte will introduce him.

Mr. Tobergte – Tonight we have Doug Newberry. He is the president of the Cincinnati Soap Box Derby Association. He has a few words for us tonight.

Doug Newberry – Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you for allowing me to be at the beginning of your meeting tonight instead of the standard end of the meeting. Also, I want to thank the entire City of St. Bernard because the last weekend we had the second running of the St. Bernard Soap Box Derby down Tower Ave. It was a lot of fun for a lot of kids and hopefully a lot of adults as well. We really appreciate the effort that the City of St. Bernard has put out in making this event happen. I just wanted to say thank you and also I wanted to present City Council and the City of St. Bernard with a plaque making the City of St. Bernard an official Soap Box Derby City because you've had two races here and we want to do more.

Mayor Burkhardt accepted the plaque.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – As you entered City Hall this evening or as you have passed by on Vine or Washington I am sure that you have noticed the construction by the monument; we are currently in the process of upgrading the Veterans Memorial. There are 2 phases of updates scheduled: Phase 1 will include the addition of flagpoles for each branch of the military along with concrete walkways and benches. Phase 2, in 2010, will incorporate two new monuments. We are very excited about the updates and hope to have it ready for the program following the Memorial Day Parade. I would also like to thank Council for their support on this project.

Along those same lines, if you or anyone you know in St. Bernard is a combat veteran and would like to ride in the parade this year please contact my assistant, Elaine Sipe, at City Hall. She is also currently compiling a list of all veterans from St. Bernard and needs your help. Please call her to have your name or a loved one added to the list. We also invite all veterans to attend the Memorial Day Program to be honored and listed in the program.

This Saturday, May 9th City Hall will be open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you need to purchase garbage bags, rent a hall or park, or you just have a question that needs an answer, please stop down. We are here for you.

Tuesday, May 12th we will begin accepting hall reservations for July through December, 2009. The doors at City Hall will be opened no later than 6:30 am. Make sure to arrive early if you have a specific date in mind. The halls are reserved on a first come, first serve basis and residents may only book 2 halls in any one day.

As some of you may know I had the basketball hoops temporarily removed at Baker Street Park. Several years ago we were forced to remove the hoops at Bertus Street Park, Franklin Park and at St. Bernard elementary due to several issues; similar to what is happening at Baker Street Park. I want to assure you, the Safety Director, Police Chief, Service Director and myself are currently working on solutions to remedy the situation and find an answer that everyone can be comfortable with.

We have also received a letter and petition from residents on Clay Street regarding the skate park. We are working on solutions for that area, as well. I truly appreciate residents taking the time and effort to let us know what is going on in their neighborhood. This is your community and I encourage your involvement. Last weekend the 2nd Annual St. Bernard Soap Box Derby was held on Tower Avenue. We had a great turnout of racers from Cincinnati and as far as Indianapolis and Louisville. I would like to thank the residents on the affected streets that are so cooperative on special event days. We wouldn't be able to host these events without your support. Also, all the departments; Service, Police and Fire deserve a pat on the back for another job well done. Also we would like to thank Service Director Phil Stegman and Councilman Don Tobergte for all their work.

The CIC also held a seminar for realtors to generate interest in St. Bernard. Presentations were given by Police Chief Moeller, Gabe Sanders, and Historian, Marge Niesen, Council person Peggy Brickweg and Service Director Phil Stegman. The seminar was very well attended and the realtors are very impressed with our community. The services we offer are second to none. It is imperative for our community to grow and prosper to encourage young families to choose St. Bernard as their home.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The April Auditor's report for the cash balances in our various funds and the report for the expenditures from those funds are prepared for tonight's meeting. The receipts report was also distributed to Council and the Treasurer.

Expenditures for the month of April: \$ 790,115.88

Expenditures for the year thru April 30th: \$ 5,512,137.91

One third of the year is completed. To see where we stand on the budget, you can look at the year to date expenditures by line item, multiply that amount by 2 for the remaining two thirds of the year and compare that figure to the balance in the line item. Two significant line items needing attention are Police Comp Time, from which almost 53% has already been expended, and Firemen Overtime, from which almost 60% has already been expended. Each department has had a major lost time workers' compensation case and with the Fire Department their additional time off, which started this year, has also contributed to the increased overtime. Before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 16, 2009. This Ordinance provides for the transfer of \$195,000 from the General Fund Cash Account to the following cash accounts: \$125,000 goes to the Swimming Pool Fund Cash Account; \$20,000 to the C-9 Trust Fund Cash Account; and \$50,000 to the General Bond Retirement Fund Cash Account. This Ordinance also provides for the additional appropriation of \$195,000 to account for the cash transfers from the General Fund and \$9,100 to

City Hall Building Maintenance as requested by the Service Director. All these items were discussed at the COW.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – No report.

TREASURER, Mr. Sipe – I have the receipts report for the month of April:

Receipts for the month of April	\$ 492,081.37
Receipts for the year through April 30 th	\$ 3,253,656.16

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Chapman – It is with heavy sadness that I would like to send my condolences to Crossing Guard Karen Deye whose husband passed away yesterday.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the weight loss challenge. There has been some talk of continuing that program and including some of the citizens. What plans that are in the works are being discussed by myself and Laura Schmitt and Mr. Strotman and more information should be forthcoming very soon. I do apologize for my absence last week at the COW. I was in Columbus attending two events. The first being a Safety Director's conference and the second one, one I'm really proud of was the graduation from the Police Academy of Patrick Whitte. He has started his training on the road as of this past Monday and we look forward to his service with our City.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Tonight I have two Ordinances that we discussed at the last COW. One is for the repair of Ross Ave. and the second is to enter into a contract with Adleta Construction for the Rose Hill and Church St. project. A letter will be sent to all the residents in that area about the meeting with the contractor. The meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

I'm going around town looking at sidewalks and curbs and if there is a resident looking to get their driveway apron fixed at their expense please call me at 242-7770 Ext. 7720. I will get the bids from the contractor and give it to the resident to do the work but you will have to do it in conjunction with the contractor doing the curbs and sidewalks.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – Absent

SAFETY, Ms. Hausfeld – Tonight I have a couple of reports. The first one is the Police Dept. monthly summary report for April, 2009.

During the month of April, officers were involved in 979 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 35 accident reports and took 33 offense reports. Of those offenses, 17 have been cleared. Officers responded to 103 suspicious activity runs. Officers made 74 misdemeanor arrests along with 1 arrest for a felony. Officers responded to 51 parking complaints and issued 0 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 72 traffic citations and 124 warnings for traffic violations.

I also have the Fire Dept. report for April, 2009:

Fire Run Activity

Fires

Motor vehicle accident response	2
False alarms	7
Other	6
Total Calls	16

Emergency Medical Responses

Transported	41
Not Transported	26
Total	67

Inspection Activity

Permit Inspections	3
Commercial Fire Inspections	18
Total Inspections	21

I too missed last weeks' COW for a family event but before that I did attend the last Block Watch Program Meeting that Rodney had and I was very happy to see the participation of the people that are coming to those meetings. One of the things that I want to bring up is, I want the residents to know that no item that you hear, that you witness or that you hear on the street or by your home is too insignificant to call the Police Dept. I told you two weeks ago about my car getting broken into, well the following week the street that I live on there were a couple of cars that were keyed. I'm not quite sure what's going on with that yet, but I do know that the night before that we saw the keyed cars, I did witness and hear some younger children carrying on, cussing up a storm and just being, how do I say this, totally obnoxious, and I did call the cops so they do know who these individuals are, but I do want the residents to know that the Police are here for us. If you have any problem whatsoever around your house or somewhere that you witness, like if you went for a walk or something, please make sure you call them. They will come and at least investigate and at least they'll know that the people that were involved at that time, it turned out that my mother's car got keyed and the neighbor down the street's car got keyed that same night so I just want the residents to know to please make use of your Police Dept. and call them if you have any problems whatsoever .

SERVICE, Mr. Tobergte – The Service Dept. report for April, 2009 is as follows: There were 39 trucks and 16 dumpsters placed at residences along with 223 special pickups. 206 tons of garbage made its way to the landfill. There was 13 tons of recycling material, 8 tons of cardboard, 2560 pounds of scrap metal, along with 23 appliances. The City received \$203.85 for recycling in February. I would also like to thank all the people that helped with the Soap Box Derby, especially the Rolfsen Family

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Meier – I would like to announce that next Thursday at 6:30pm prior to the COW meeting we will be having a Public Improvements Committee meeting. Aside from that, I did attend the realtors, the CE class we had last Saturday morning. I think anybody that, it would have been nice if it would have been taped, if anybody would have been able to hear some of the comments and the stories and the things about the City you'd have been very proud of where you live. I was very heartened by that, and the attendance of that and the very positive response of the realtors that were there.

One other note that I would like to make and advise the residents is that if your children have bicycles they can have the registration numbers on their bicycles

recorded at the Police Station and if for some reason they've got a problem and their bicycle is missing and it is picked up and returned to the Police Station, they'll be able to read that registration number, and return it to you very promptly. I wanted to advise everybody that that service is available also at the Police Station.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Peck – Tonight we're going to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 17, 2009. This is a proposed Ordinance to regulate satellite dishes. We're going to have all three readings of this Ordinance to give more notice to the public and also to get feedback from the public. The highlights of this Ordinance as you'll see when you read through it are that permits will be required for these satellites. Satellites will not be allowed in the front yard. They will be allowed on the side or rear of buildings and on rooftops and they'll be three feet from the rear or side curb. Also, if you're a renter, it will be necessary for you to get permission from the owner in order to get a permit. As a highlight, I encourage the public to read through the Ordinance and to give us feedback like I said. There will be three readings of this before it comes up for a final vote.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Brickweg – This past Saturday I was invited to speak at the Cincinnati Realtors at the St. Bernard Home Expo. I am happy to report that Al had a great turnout and the Realtors seemed to be learning a lot about St. Bernard and the many reasons to encourage their clients to purchase homes in St. Bernard. One realtor actually said, Heck, instead of telling my clients about buying a house in St. Bernard, I think I'm going to move here. Marge Niesen presented a brief history of St. Bernard and then Service Director, Phil Stegman and Police Chief, Steve Moeller and Fire Chief Steve Scherpenberg each explained their depts. and all the services that they provide. Gabe Sanders gave his thoughts from a residents' point of view. I presented a report on St. Bernard's government structure and the role of Council. Part of my report explained the City's political parties and the independent members of Council. I explained that we have a strong Mayor form of government and the positions the Mayor appoints. I explained the schedules and the types of Council meetings that we have each month. After reporting on the City government I provided them with information regarding the way the City is working on economic development tools to help entice future residents and businesses. I reported on tax increment financing, the City's enterprise zone tax incentive program, the community reinvestment area, and the hub for the NuMaid property. I think this meeting was a very good idea and hopefully it gave this group of realtors a better understanding of our great City and what it has to offer.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE April 30, 2009

NEW OR REFERRED ITEMS:

1. Approved the minutes of the April 16th council meeting.
2. Kate informed council that she has taken care of the Civil Service legal expenditures.
3. Al Kanters informed council and the administration of the following:

- A. He provided a drawing of the Numaid property broken down into four lots, including the back lot being used for the re-location of the Service Department. He is currently working with a company that may want to build one of the other lots.
 - B. He reported that this weekend's Home Expo will be attended by approximately 15 realtors where they will learn about the City of St. Bernard and all it has to offer to new home buyers.
 - C. Al asked for feedback regarding future timeslots the city will have promoting St. Bernard on WGRR 103.5. The 70 or so promo spots come along with the agreement to have WGRR broadcast at the St. Bernard Classic Car Show.
4. The City Nurse Laura Schmitt informed everyone about the Swine Flu Epidemic. Below is some of the information she presented:

The Health department would like to update the community with the most current information we have concerning the outbreak of the Influenza A (H1N1) otherwise known as the "swine Flu"

- Swine Influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by Type A influenza viruses that cause regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen, as we are obviously dealing with at the present time.
- Center for disease Control and prevention has determined that the virus is contagious from person to person, however at this time it is not known how easily the virus spreads between people.
- Spread of the virus is thought to be transmitting in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. They are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected through touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their eyes, nose and or mouth.
- It is NOT spread through eating pork.
- Person to person spread is occurring with an incubation period of 2-7 days, meaning that the virus is transmittable for up to 2 days prior to knowing you are sick as well as while you are sick. Children especially younger children may be potentially contagious for longer periods of time.
- There are 4 different types of antiviral drugs that are licensed for use in the us for the treatment of influenza, while most influenza viruses are susceptible to all four drugs the most recent swine influenza is non susceptible to two of those. This means that we do have two that are being used in the treatment of the virus.
- There is no vaccine available currently to protect against swine flu, however I am sure that they are working long hard hours to get this done.

Ways to protect from the virus:

- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, throw the tissue in the trash immediately do not place in pockets or on desk tops etc..
- WASH hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol based hand cleansers
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick

- If you are feeling sick stay home from work, school or extracurricular activities or functions.

Symptoms:

- Flu like symptoms
 - Fever
 - Body aches
 - Runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Swine flu is being diagnosed with a respiratory specimen typically a nasal swab
 - The diagnostic kits and antiviral drugs are being made readily available to all states as we speak.
 - There will be updates to the City's website as necessary and information regarding Swine Flu will be placed in the main lobby of city hall as well as in the health department. The Board of Health and Health Department employees discussed the possibility and need of placing a call command to the community it was agreed upon that at the present time it is not necessary to do so. We will continue to monitor and asses the need for a call a later date if needed.
 - As of Today April 30th, 2009 the number of confirmed US Human cases of H1N1 Influenza (swine Flu) is 109 cases, and 1 fatality.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to call the Health Department.

Laura also announced to following regarding the St. Bernard weight loss challenge:

- Final weigh ins were Wednesday April 29th
- Combined Total weight loss was 267 lbs. With 37 participants.
- We are discussing the possibility of holding a Community wide Challenge in the future, opening it up to all community members if interested. We have had quite a few citizens express interest.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Bill Burkhardt:

1. Bill informed council that there have been some problems with the basketball hoops located in Baker Street Park. The city will be taking them down and the problems will be addressed at next week's department head meeting.
2. Bill informed council that Kate has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Fire Department and he will give council copies of it after a few minor changes.
3. Bill asked councils permission to go into executive session regarding the sale of property and a legal issue. Council voted in favor 5 to 0.

Auditor, Walt St. Clair: Walt asked council for the following transfer of funds to provide additional appropriations:

1. Direct transfer of \$125,000.00 from the general fund to the swimming pool fund
2. Direct transfer of \$20,000.00 from the general fund to C-9 Trust Fund

3. Direct transfer of \$50,000.00 from the general fund to the general bond retirement fund
4. A transfer from the general fund transfer out line item to cover the above
5. Additional appropriations for \$9100.00 to city hall maintenance to cover the cost of the new flag pools, lighting, etc at the War Memorial (requested by Phil).

Council voted 5 to 0 to place this ordinance on the table for the next council meeting.

Law Director, Kate Bedinghaus: no report

Safety Director, Rodney Chatman: absent

Service Director, Phil Stegman:

1. Phil informed council that the city will be waiting on the repair to Sullivan Avenue is hopes that the city will receive 2010 SCIP financing for the project
2. Phil informed council that Adleta was the lowest bid at \$1,346,935.87 for the Rosehill & Church Street Improvements. This price includes the cost of water main installation which will be reimbursed back to the city from Cincinnati Water Works. Council voted 5 to 0 to place the ordinance on the table for the next council meeting.
3. Phil asked council for an ordinance for the street repair to Ross Ave. Terry Asphalt Material, Inc. will be doing the work. The total price for the project is \$64,329.88. The city will need a new line item for this project. Council voted 5 to 0 to place the ordinance on the table for the next council meeting.
4. Phil informed council that he has received information back regarding what needs to be done to start the repair process of the Delmar wall. JMA informed him that a Geo Technical study needs to be conducted which costs \$15,000.00 just for the study. Council will think on this and discuss it at the next COW.
5. Phil informed council that he is getting the Canal Bed sign re-paired so it can be read.
6. Phil discussed the letter he would like send out to residents that put their garbage out to the curb on days it is not being picked up (181 residents). Don asked him to have Kate review it and then it will be mailed out to all the residents that placed their garbage out for pickup on Good Friday. The letter will be the first warning and then citations will be given out from the police.
7. Phil reminded everyone that Saturday, May 2nd will be the Box Car Derby on Tower Avenue from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There are still a few cars available to rent.
8. Phil reported that the city has had one case of bedbugs. He may be sending out future information to residents on how to check for bedbugs and informing residents that all infested items need to be wrapped in plastic and marked "handle special" when setting out for garbage pickup. This will prevent spread any to the next resident.
9. Phil informed council that Perfection Group will give a presentation to the city at the next COW regarding ways the city can save energy costs.
10. Phil informed council that he would like to discuss Hamilton County Storm Water Program at the next COW.

Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser: absent

Treasurer, Jamie Sipe: absent

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Laws, Contracts and & Claims, Mike Peck: Mike discussed a new ordinance regarding the installation of satellite dishes. With the new ordinance it will state where they can be placed,

how they are to be installed and a permit will be required. Council voted 5 to 0 to place the ordinance on the table for the next council meeting.

Public Improvements, Kevin Meier: Kevin announced that his committee will be meeting before the May 14th COW to discuss housing issues.

Business & Industry, Peggy Brickweg:

1. Peggy reported that she attended the Hamilton County First Suburbs meeting where she received presentations on Form Based Building Codes and a new database that the OKI is using to help communities better understand the budgetary implementations of land use proposals.
2. Peggy informed council and the administration that she has been receiving complaints about the skate park from residents on Clay Street and that many of them would like it shut down. Bill said he will discuss this with the Police Chief at the Department Head meeting.

Safety, Patty Hausfeld: absent

Highways & Transportation, Cindi Bedinghaus: no report

Service, Don Tobergte: Don reported that he checked with the State Auditor's office and he was informed that once a line is created for items such as Police Cruisers the city cannot change what it is used for in the future. It was decided that the idea of creating a new line item for employee sick time that is paid out when they retire will be discussed in the Finance Committee.

Finance, Greg Zix: absent

Audience Participation:

Lou Steiner distributed a copy of an article from the Enquirer regarding Springfield Township and their struggle with Section 8 housing. It explained how the township is using the Police Department to investigate those living in Section 8 to make sure they are not conflicted felons, since that is not permitted. So far the township police have found 6 to 8 individuals a month. It also explained how HUD will offer additional money to landlords if they rent to Section 8 individuals. Bill stated he will discuss this with the Police Chief at the Department Head meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions for the next council meeting:

1. Transfer of money
2. Ordinance fro Ross Ave road improvements
3. Ordinance for Ross Hill & Church Street repair to be done by Adleta
4. Ordinance for installation of Satellite dishes

Next Council Meeting: May 7th 7:30 P.M.
Next C.O.W. Meeting: May 14th 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Brickweg,

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 14, 2009. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ADLETA CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 14, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Peck to adopt Ordinance No. 14, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 15, 2009. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TERRY ASPHALT MATERIALS, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 15, 2009.

REMARKS

Mr. Stegman – I just noticed something, I want to ask somebody before we go on with this. I'd like to know if that should be, because there's also an additional appropriation for the funds for this project but I didn't have it in the title. It's in the body of the Ordinance but does it need to be in the title? Would that be okay or should it be to authorize additional appropriations to the Ordinance in the title? It is in the body.

Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – Its okay.

Mr. Stegman – Okay, thank you.

Mr. Tobergte – Look at the Ordinance, in Section 2, authorizing a contract for \$58,000 of the \$129,000. but we're providing an additional appropriation of \$64,329. additional monies for the line item for striping and all the stop signs, speeding and stuff like that.

Mrs. Brickweg – I have received a few calls from residents on Ross, and I wanted to explain, some of them are misunderstanding. They think we're doing the traffic study that we've done. Just so if anybody else is confused, that is not what we're doing at this point. When you are going up and down Ross, the best way I explained it, when the street starts to come into a vee, that's what we're starting to fix, to take those bumps out there. This is not the traffic study at this time.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 15, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2009. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS, 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. 16, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Peck to adopt Ordinance No. 16, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2009. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND MODIFYING CHAPTER 1335.04, 1335.32 AND APPROVING AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1335.35 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Peck to let Ordinance No. 17, 2009 take its regular course. Motion passed 6-0.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – I did want to make a comment, I was trying to find it in here. The one thing I know and I brought some questions up at the last meeting, I'm not sure what the other Council member's wishes are but the more I thought about it, its fine for the permit but I'm not sure if I'm in favor of charging for it just because I spoke to other municipalities and they're not doing it. I don't see why we can't go look even if we don't charge for it. To me it almost looks like you're encouraging people to get Cable so they don't have to pay the money for the permit. I just think that maybe we should look at that. My opinion is that we should look at that and possibly not charge for that.

Mr. Walden – My understanding would be if Council wanted to examine this at the next COW it could still be amended before the second reading.

Mr. Peck – I would like to be placed on the agenda at the next COW. Does it indicate in there that there's a.... in any case Mr. President, we'll look at it at the next COW. I'm not sure it's actually in there. It might be a matter that the Building Dept. has to make that call at its own discretion.

Mr. Tobergte – Under satellite dishes in Section C it says it says a permit is required. It says, no satellite dish shall be unless a permit is issued by the Building Dept.

Mr. Walden – The motion on the table is to allow Ordinance No. 17, 2009 to go its regular course. If there are no further remarks we'll vote on that.

The motion to allow Ordinance No. 17, 2009 to go its regular course passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I'd like to have Bill explain, or do a Call Command for that meeting next Wednesday. I know Phil is sending letters out and stuff but could we do Call Command also for that meeting. I'd appreciate it.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Mr. Chapman, have you had a chance yet to look up on Ross Ave. between Broerman and Greenlee on that side of the street for the parking?

Mr. Chapman – Yes, I have. I'm looking at, I want to make a report on several hot spots in the City but we are looking at that.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Okay, thanks.

Ms. Hausfeld – Phil, can you just clarify that because a couple of us were writing things down and we didn't catch it. I heard you're having a meeting on May 13, and I know it's in the Council Meeting room. I didn't catch what it was for.

Mr. Stegman – It's at 7:00. What it is the contractor, Adleta, is coming in and we're sending letters to everybody up on Church St. , Rose Hill and Rose Hill Ln. Adleta will come down and give them what the time frame is and what they're actually going to be doing. How long it's going to take depending on weather and that. Just give them an indication on what all is being done. Sidewalks, curbs, streets, sewers, Water Works is in there, right now Duke is up there putting new gas lines in. It will be an update for the residents who want to find out what is going on for the complete job. It's just updating the residents. That's why I don't know if we want to do a Call Command for the whole community because it's just only for that centralized area up there who I'm sending the letter to. But if you want to send it to the whole town, that's another thing.

Mr. Tobergte – I assume that Call Command was targeting that section.

Mr. Burkhardt – In the Call Command, she can tell that it is for these residents and then anybody that lives close by that would be interested could come.

Mrs. Brickweg – Rodney I hate to put you on the spot and if you don't know the answer, that's fine. From what Walt said, I know where he was going with it, with the Fire Dept., with their Kelly Days. I guess my question is, I know that with the Police Dept. we had an officer out because he got into the fight with the criminal and I know Kerry Meyer got hurt in the fire when he fell off the roof, are there any other reasons why they might be using more in either of those depts. or can you report back later?

Mr. Chapman – I feel more comfortable to report back later. I have had a conversation with both Chiefs regards to that and it seems like the culprit is going to be shining on those extended injuries but I'll be glad to report back to you.

Mrs. Brickweg – Okay, thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I'd like to be put on the COW agenda next Thursday to discuss the possibility of starting an "Adopt a Block" or "Adopt a Park" program where the residents would help clean up, cut the grass in the park and stuff.

Also, in reference to the letter from the residents concerning the "Skate Park", I talked to the new minister at the Immanuel Untied Church of Christ, Mr. Mark Young. He and his family are all skate boarders and he would like to be involved in the decision making with the park. He might have some ideas of how to improve it and stuff and I've talked to Rodney and Rodney said he would talk to him.

Mrs. Brickweg – I would like to be put on our next COW to look at our sign ordinance. I happened to be down Skyline eating and I guess they were told they couldn't put their cheese coney signs out. I don't know, but I'm just thinking, it's not a great way to say welcome. I mean you have a great business here but from what I saw the signs looked very similar to what we have for our political signs,

it's what we have for announcing concerts in the park and I'm not sure and I don't know what the legalities are but I'd like that on the COW to look at that again.

Mr. Chapman – I have received some communications from municipalities that are hiring police and fire members and what they do is they have a \$15.00 application fee for everyone that wants to take the initial test to get on the eligibility list. I was considering making that recommendation to our Civil Service Commission but I think I will want to get some feedback from Council first to see if they would be in favor of it and what possible light that would shine on us or what message we are saying but it does seem to be a trend and if it is more appropriate to do so I can poll Council by email or just ask you guys tonight if anybody on the surface has a problem with that?

Mrs. Brickweg – Just off the cuff, I mean, I don't really see a problem with it and maybe you would have more people taking the test that really want that job and not just going around taking the test everywhere and getting on a bunch of make lists. There's other municipalities doing it and it's legal, I mean, as far as I'm concerned, my thinking right now is I don't have a problem with it.

Mr. Burkhardt – Probably what you're doing is trying to offset the cost of giving that test because the cost just keeps going up so it wouldn't hurt to help offset the cost of those tests.

Mr. Tobergte – Off the top of my head, I don't like the idea. Try to pull a lot of people, trying to get the best person to hire, I'd really like to not charge, myself.

Walt Moeller of the Planning and Building Dept. – I just wanted to notify the citizens that we're going to have the lot located at 4215 Tower Ave. go up for sale. This site has been designated as part of the St. Bernard Scattered Sites Urban Renewal Plan and it is City Council and the Planning Commission's wishes that the parcel be sold by the City as one property and then subdivided, developed and sold as two 6,000sq. ft. completed single family developments by a successful builder. Designs and construction plans must be approved by the City Planning Commission with special consideration given to ranch and story and a half construction. The sale price will be \$40,000.00. Any interested developer may apply for this lot. Each application must be accompanied by \$1,000.00 cash deposit. At the conclusion of the sale period the lottery will be conducted and the winner will be drawn. A first alternate and second alternate will also be drawn. The initial sale period will start for two weeks from May 22nd thru June 5th and the lottery drawing will be on June 9th, 2009 at 7:00pm here in City Hall Council Chambers. The packets will be available at the front office starting this Monday but they will not be able to turn them in until the week of May 22nd and through that two week period. If there are any questions they can contact Gerry Wiedmann or myself at 242-7770.

Ms. Hausfeld – I'd like to also be put on the agenda for the next COW for, I have some residents who were complaining about different buildings not being handicap accessible so if we could talk about that at COW I'd appreciate it.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Brickweg – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, May 14th at 7:30.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Meier to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.