

ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, June 18, 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 five members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Peck Mrs. Bedinghaus, Mrs. Brickweg, Ms. Hausfeld.

Mrs. Brickweg made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Tobergte seconded the motion. Council agreed 5-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – The Mayor's monthly court report receipts for April 2009: Mayor's court fines were \$2,817.00 Costs were \$269.00.

Parking fines were \$1009. Mayor's court computerization was \$123.00. Clerk of Court computerization was \$410.00. Total to the City was \$4,628.00. State fees and victims of crime was \$432.00. General revenue was \$720.00. Child safety restraint was \$103.00. Indigent drivers and alcohol treatment fund was \$9.00 to state with \$43.50 remaining in the account until further notice from the State.

Indigent defense support fund was \$175.00 and the drug law enforcement fund of \$122.50. Total to the State was \$1605.00. Total disbursements were \$6233.00.

The Mayor's monthly court report receipts for May 2009. Mayor's court fines were \$4,419. Costs were \$496.00. Parking fines were \$814.00. Mayor's court computerization was \$156.00. Clerk of Court computerization was \$530.00. Bond forfeiture \$100.00. Total to the City was \$6,515.00. State fees and victims of crime \$540.00. General revenue was \$900.00. Indigent drivers and alcohol treatment fund was \$63.00 to remain in the account until further notice from the State. Indigent defense support fund was \$210.00 and the drug law enforcement fund of \$147.00. Total to the State was \$1860.00. Total disbursements were \$8,375.00.

The first concert of the season is tomorrow night in the pavilion. OO-LA-LA and the Greasers will be playing from seven to ten pm. Bring your favorite beverage and your friends and family as admission to the pool is free as well.

Also the City's 4th of July family festival and Rozzi's fireworks will soon be here. The festival will begin at 4:00pm at Ross Park . The Boot Camp and DJ Bill Helton will be on the stage starting at 4:00pm with the band's second wind starting at 6:00pm. We are expecting to have more rides and lots of games and good food. Remember, coolers are not permitted in the park. Also if you would like to purchase raffle tickets for the Time Warner Cable raffle, they are available at City Hall. First place prize is \$500.00, tickets are \$1.00 a piece, 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the pool.

Also, I would like to thank everybody who donated back their St. Bernard buttons for Clarissa Cookingham who is in the program "People to People" and is presently in Japan.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The month report for the City's investments has been prepared for tonight's meeting and given to Council and the Treasurer.

As discussed at the COW the Auditor's office has prepared Resolution No. 9, 2009 And Ordinance No. 24, 2009. The Resolution provides for Council approval to pay an invoice on a purchase order with a "then and now" certification exceeding \$3,000. This transaction is for legal services for the amendment to the C-9 VEBA Plan Trust in the amount of \$4,895.50. The Ordinance tonight provides for the additional appropriation of \$8,000.00 to the Master Plan Fund Property Management line item and an appropriation adjustment increasing the line item for licensing fees paid to the State by \$350.00 with a corresponding decreasing appropriation to State Fees and Documents.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – I just have one thing. I received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control indicating a pending transfer of a liquor permit. It's from Schuta Inc. operating and doing business as Boomerangs, transferring it over to Single to Left which is a Dennis Walker Corp. I just need Council, if there's no issues with this, I just need to know that the City does not request a hearing with this matter because it needs to be signed and returned.

Mrs. Brickweg – Do you need that tonight ?

Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – Yes, I would have done it at the last COW but I wasn't there.

Mrs. Brickweg – Is everybody OK with that?

Ms. Hausfeld – Who is this coming from and going to?

Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – It's coming from Schuta Inc. to Single to Left Inc. I'm not sure who the primary holder of Schuta is but Single to Left is Dennis Walker.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Can we do this with five members?

Mr. Walden – Yes, there's enough to have a majority of Council here.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Do we just do a roll call?

Mr. Walden – I think the best way to do this would be a motion, a second and a vote.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to approve the transfer of the liquor license.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – I would like to ask Rodney if there is any problems up there, any reason that this should not be done?

Mr. Chatman – To my knowledge, no.

The motion to approve the transfer of the liquor license passed. 5-0.

TREASURER, Mr. Sipe – No report.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Chatman – Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers. Since the last COW I did report on the Weight Loss Challenge totals. Since that time I did have the opportunity to speak to the individuals to see if they would like their names mentioned because it’s still a medical record. I have talked to the winners and just to recap, the Service Dept. was the overall winner losing 8% of the total weight, the Fire Dept. came in second losing 6% and the Police Dept. and City Hall came in third both losing 4%. The individual winner was from the Service Dept. , Bill Helton who lost 42 lbs., from the Fire Dept. Mike Haarman lost 28 lbs. , from the Police Dept. Steve Moeller who lost 14 ½ lbs. and from City Hall, Phil Stegman who lost 14lbs. Congratulations to everyone involved. A couple of other items, the Block Watch Program has decided to have an official date for us to meet so that we can be consistent. We will meet on the third Tuesday of the month right here in Council Chambers at 6:30pm. In addition to that I had a couple of announcements; I would like to thank everybody in the City who came out for the Firefighters Blood Drive. The word that we received from Hoxworth was that it was an extreme success so thanks to the community for pulling together and assisting with that program and congratulations to the Fire Dept. for putting it together and running it as well as they did. Lastly as you guys are well aware, we did have a homicide in the City and I did want to thank the Police Dept. in how they pulled together and made the arrest on the same day of the event and we’re hoping to hear tomorrow from the Grand Jury. There was a big count indictment presented to the Grand Jury and we should get the report on whether a true bill will be issued tomorrow.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I don’t really have a long report tonight and now I wish I did so we could delay so we can get Kevin here so that we can pass the Ordinances we need to pass. The only thing that I do need, at the next COW meeting, Todd Long from Hamilton County Storm Water is coming in to make a presentation at the COW.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – Absent.

SAFETY, Ms. Hausfeld – No report but I also would like to thank the Fire Dept. I was out of town and could not participate in the Blood Drive but I have heard nothing but that it was a huge success down there with that and I just want to thank the Fire Dept. and the people that came out and donated as well.

SERVICE, Mr. Tobergte – I want to thank Mrs. Brickweg for reading my report at the last Council meeting. I was at my son’s graduation. The Service Dept. would like me to remind everyone that Friday July 3rd is a holiday. There will be no waste collection on that day. If your regular pickup day is Friday your garbage and recyclables will be picked up on Thursday July 2nd. If your regular pickup day is Thursday your garbage and recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, July 1st.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Meier – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Peck – No report.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Brickweg – The Vine Business Assoc. met last night to finalize all the plans for the St. Bernard Cruise In. As a reminder to everyone it will take place Sat., June 27th @ the St. Bernard Square from 10:00am till 5:00pm. WGRR will be broadcasting live from 1:00pm to 2:30 pm and we will have another DJ before and after that time. WGRR will also start advertising the event and advertising the City of St. Bernard on their radio starting next week. There will be food and beverages available for purchasing from the local restaurants and also outside seating available. I hope to see you there.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 11, 2009

NEW OR REFERRED ITEMS:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 4th council meeting.
2. Attorney, Sara Gaynor, from Millikin & Fitton attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the C-9 Veba Trust Agreement. Mayor Burkhardt informed everyone that both the City and the Retirees are happy with the agreement and that it agrees with what the Judge ordered. Council voted 6 - 0 to place an ordinance on the table for the next council meeting.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Bill Burkhardt: Bill asked for a moment of silence for long time resident Alice Frondorf who passed away and for David Austenmore, a lifeguard for the City who suddenly lost his father earlier in the week.

1. Bill informed council that he is giving the Magistrate who runs Mayor's Court an increase in pay from \$150.00 an hour to \$250.00. The Magistrate position has not had a pay increase for a long time and this increase brings the position to what other communities are paying their magistrates.
2. Bill announced that this Friday, June 12th from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM there will be an Adult Swim Night at the City Pool with Bill Helton DJing.
3. Bill announced City Hall will be open this Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
4. Bill thanked the Fire Department for the huge success of their Blood Drive.
5. Bill announced that Cincinnati Housing Partners was the only bid received for the Tower Avenue lot. They will purchase the lot for \$40,000.00 and build two homes on it.

Auditor, Walt St. Clair:

1. Walt requested a Resolution for "Then and Now" in the amount of \$4,895.50 to pay Millikin & Fitton for their legal services on the C-9 Trust Fund. Council voted 6-0 to place a resolution on table for the next council meeting.
2. Walt requested an appropriation ordinance for additional appropriations to the Master Plan – Capital Improvement Fund – Property Management of \$8,000.00. The City has a larger property tax bill because of the increase in property the City owns. He requested an adjustment appropriation of \$350.00 from the State Fees/Documents to Licensing. The State Fee/Documents line item is no longer needed because the City is using Hamilton County to prepare birth and death certificates. The Licensing line item is used for pool, restaurants, etc licenses. Council voted 6-0 to place the ordinance on table for the next council meeting.

Law Director, Kate Bedinghaus: absent
Safety Director, Rodney Chatman:

1. Rodney gave the individual City Departments weight loss totals. The Service Department lost the most weight at an 8% loss, the Fire Department lost 6% and the Police Department and City Hall tied with a 4% loss.
2. Rodney congratulated the Fire Department for the success of their Blood Drive on June 9th. Hoxworth informed the Department that a successful drive would be obtaining 25 units, but St. Bernard obtained 71 units. They said they would like to share the success of the Fire Departments Blood Drive with other communities.
3. Rodney informed Council that the Block Watch group met on Tuesday and decided that the group's meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers. They are currently working on organizing a City wide garage sale in coordination with the CIC's next City wide open house.
4. Rodney read a letter from the Mayor of Terrace Park stating what a professional job Police Officer, Shane Moore did working at a May 22nd Naturalization Program.
5. Rodney updated council regarding an explosion at Cognis and a homicide that occurred earlier in the week. He reported that the Police did a top notch job with the homicide and were able to make two arrests the same day the homicide occurred.
6. Don Tobergte asked Rodney to look into if the Fire Inspector is filling in to help reduce overtime in the Fire Department.

Service Director, Phil Stegman:

1. Phil informed council that he was able to purchase salt for \$62.02 a ton. The company requires that we purchase 1200 ton of salt. They City averages using 1000 – 1200 ton a year. Council voted 6-0 to place an ordinance on table for the next council meeting.
2. Phil distributed pictures and prices for custom St. Bernard logos that can be placed on the some roads in the City. For example at the borders of the City. An example of the type of decal can be seen outside of City Hall in the handicap parking spot. He asked council to review the information and think about it. Peggy asked if the City can look into purchasing City of St. Bernard flags to hang periodically on Ross and Vine Street to show people they are in St. Bernard. Don asked if the City can fly St. Bernard flag with the State of Ohio flag at the war memorial. Bill said he will look into both.
3. Phil stated he is continuing to work on getting lights for the new War Memorial. Peggy asked Phil to look at the condition of the street lights in Alpine Heights subdivision. The previous administration looked into replacing them but nothing was ever done. She reported the lights are in very poor condition, with most being totally rusted. Phil said he will look into this.

Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser: absent

Treasurer, Jamie Sipe: no report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Laws, Contracts and & Claims, Mike Peck: no report

Public Improvements, Kevin Meier:

1. Kevin thanked Lou Steiner for his hard work in matching recent property sold in St. Bernard to the new owner's names. The committee will meet June 25th, before the COW to discuss the list and how it should be used.

2. Kevin reported that the company doing the geo-technical testing in the canal bed area did a lot of damage with their bulldozer and equipment and that they did not clean up their mess. They took down a lot of trees and left the area a muddy mess. Kevin will discuss this with Al Kanter's and the CIC at their June 17th meeting.

Business & Industry, Peggy Brickweg: Peggy asked council their wishes on letting the residents of St. Bernard vote on staggered-four year council terms. In order to put it on the ballot council would need to have a two-thirds majority vote on an ordinance. Cindi and Greg stated that all the people they talked to are not in favor of it so they do not want to place the idea on a ballot. Peggy stated that by placing it on a ballot it allows all the citizens to vote on the idea and not let a few people they talked to make the decision. Greg and Cindi still do not want to place the idea up for a vote of the citizens. Don, Kevin, Peggy and Mike are in favor of letting the citizen's vote on it. Patty was absent so Peggy will get her feelings on the idea and if she agrees then council can vote on an ordinance to allow the citizens to vote on the idea of staggered four year council terms in November.

Safety, Patty Hausfeld: absent

Highways & Transportation, Cindi Bedinghaus: no report

Service, Don Tobergte: no report

Finance, Greg Zix: Greg reviewed the City's budget that needs to be sent into Hamilton County in July. He noted that the items marked in grey are not included in the budget being sent to the County but will be added back after the county approves the budget. This provides the county with a balanced budget. Peggy stated she does not agree with giving the county a "fake" budget and she feels we are basically lying when handing in this budget and she is very uncomfortable doing that. Peggy stated she will call Hamilton County Auditor, Dusty Rhodes on Friday to get his thoughts on the City's practice. The budget has the City expenditures at \$12,799,999.37 and revenues of \$12,800,000.00. The grey out areas (the items being added back in after the county approves the budget) total \$2,005,477.32. After each line item was discussed council voted 6-0 to vote on the budget at the July 2nd council meeting.

Audience Participation:

Lou Steiner asked if the City had any plans to incorporate the ideas suggested in the Ross Avenue Traffic Study. Bill stated the City is waiting for grant money to become available to do the recommendations.

Lou asked if the City included money in the 2010 budget for implementing some of the energy saving suggestions. Greg stated \$35,000.00 was in the budget for it. Peggy asked which line item it was in and after some discussion it was noted that the money is not in the budget, but will need to be added to the budget.

Lou stated that all the Departments need to learn to live within the budget they are given and that Department Head raises should be based on if the department stayed in the budget or not.

John Metz stated that the City needs to have a realistic budget.

Ordinances and Resolutions for the next council meeting:

1. Then and Now Resolution
2. Adjustment and additional appropriation ordinance
3. Ordinance for the purchase of salt
4. C-9 Trust Ordinance
5. 2010 Hamilton County Budget (**July 2nd council meeting**)

Next Council Meeting: June 18th 7:30 P.M.

Next C.O.W. Meeting: June 25th 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Brickweg,

President of Council Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS – To City Council, St. Bernard.
To Whom It May Concern:

I recently had a large television set go out on me. My son put the television on the living room floor where it sat for three days with no one to help him to get it to the curb. While I knew the City would pick up on regular garbage collection day, I called the special trash pick -up dept. and they sent two men who came into my living room and they removed the old television from my living room to the garbage truck. I have lived in St. Bernard for eight years and I love it more and more each day.

Truly the kind people of St. Bernard are a blessing to me. I want to thank everybody who helped me to get rid of my old television set.

God Bless,

Mrs. Cindy Bollmer
541 Rose Hill Ave.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to receive and file the communication and give a copy to the Service Dept. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Mrs. Brickweg – Since some of these Resolutions and Ordinances need to be passed tonight can we go to Old Business and New Business and hear from the Audience to kill some time until Kevin can get here.

Mr. Walden – We can certainly do that if no one on Council objects.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Brickweg – At last week's COW meeting we discussed the idea of letting the citizens vote in November to change Council terms to four year staggered terms. Cindi and Greg stated that after talking to many residents they concluded that the residents do not like this idea and they do not agree with the idea of placing this on the November ballot for citizens to vote on. I stated that the fair way to all the citizens to decide is to actually go out and vote but they still did not want to put it up for a vote. After discussing the idea with the other four council members they all agreed to let the citizens decide what they want and they would support a Resolution to place this on the November ballot. I again contacted the Board of Elections and they recommended that we vote on the Resolution in July so that if any changes need to be made Council would have plenty of time to do that in August. I have requested that Kate write up the Resolution for Council to review at the next weeks COW meeting and if Council agrees we can place this then on the agenda for the July 2nd meeting. I also sent Kate an email and Kathy said she'd help her down at the Board of Elections and I also have some more information if she has any questions.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I would just like to make a comment on that particular item. It was highly recommended to all the Council people that we do ask the citizens about their perception of changing our legislative Council people to a four year

term from a two year term. I did that and the majority of the people I talked to did not approve of that. Therefore they didn't want to see it on the ballot because they don't want it changed. I am not saying that I don't want to have the citizens have a choice but the people I talked to did not want it. They don't want it changed and they really don't want to see it on the ballot. Therefore in lieu of that and the citizens I talked to, that's why I am choosing not to put it on the ballot.

Ms. Hausfeld – Since I missed last week's meeting because I was on vacation at a nephew's wedding down in Florida, I had talked to, not a lot, but I have talked to several people and you know, one way or the other, honestly it doesn't matter to me, either way is fine with me but the citizens I talked to said, what better way for citizens to show either they agree or disagree. Put it up to them and let them choose what they want. Peggy texted me the other day to see if I would be here tonight because I did just get back from vacation because of a couple of Ordinances along with that and I was only back in town for two days but I talked to most probably three or four people when I was back in town and other people before I left and they stated the same thing, put it on the ballot, let the citizens choose. If they choose no, then that's what they're telling us. If they choose yes then it's something that we seriously have to consider we can do. That's my feel on it. In one way I'm fine with running every two years, I'm fine with running every four years but, you know, let the citizens decide what they want and go from there. The only way to do that is to put it on the ballot and let them vote yes or no and what better way to give citizens a voice is by letting them vote yes or no.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just want to comment just from my point of view. I got pretty much the same as what Patty got. I have some people that like the idea and some people that don't like the idea. They said basically that there is no way any of us on Council could have talked to a majority or everybody everywhere so the best way is to let them actually vote and just to let everybody know it's not my great idea or my idea at all. It has been discussed probably the last two or three years, it's actually in our Charter to put it up to the vote so apparently at some point when the City wrote the Charter that was an idea because it says right in there to change to a four year term. The main reason I would say that I do like the idea is, from being on Council I've seen what happens in this City and I'll be very honest with everybody, pretty much starting now until November, business starts to really slow down because everyone is very busy having their meetings and campaigning. Things really start to slow down and people are preoccupied. The other thing is when you have to go around and campaign and knock on people's doors and in this City people are really tired of that. I can pretty much tell you that so I just thought from that aspect we're still going to have an election every two years but we're going to stagger them which is the part that I like the best. When you come in here and the whole form of government can basically change every two years, it takes the new people a while to get used to it. And with the staggered term you'd have new people here and you'd have old people here guaranteed. So I think that makes the government run much more efficient. The reason I brought it up is because I had been at different meetings with other municipalities that have actually changed their form of government for that reason. That would be one reason that I would vote for it but I'm just one little vote so I do think it's better to let the actual citizens be able to vote and whatever they say, yes or no, then that's what goes but we're actually giving them a voice.

Mr. Peck – I just wanted to ask Mrs. Bedinghaus, Kate, do you recall an Ordinance we were proposing for eviction where, I think Donny was proposing to get a truck

out there on the curb, and I think the issue came up on how to penalize for garbage that sits in the curb for a long time. Do you recall if we have any Ordinances yet that we can look at?

Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – Inaudible.

Mr. Peck – OK so we're still looking at that?

Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – Inaudible.

Mr. Peck – Yes, that would be my addition to old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burkhardt – I would like to ask Council after audience participation if we could go into Executive Session to discuss purchase of property and personnel issues.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property and personnel issues. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Stegman – Mrs. Brickweg had asked at last week's COW for me to look into getting new light poles up at Alpine Heights. The next morning I got a list of those and got ahold of Duke. They are willing to paint the ones that are bad so that will be taken care of and also Mr. Tobergte, Donny had asked about the St. Bernard flag. I called Flags of the USA and they can't find anything so far that will let us put the St. Bernard flag in with all the military flags and the State flag that we have out here. But we do, just so everybody knows, we do have a St. Bernard flag on the building of City Hall and the verdict is still out. Peter of USA flags is still looking to see if he could come up with something but I did look into both of those things.

Ms. Hausfeld – Phil, driving down Vine St. a couple things I've noticed especially down around St. Bernard Square and up by Meiner's, I know Meiner's has, and I'm not sure what the easement says, if it's our property or if it's their property, but their front end where the brick walls are, they're falling apart. If it's our responsibility I say, let's fix it. If it's their responsibility can we contact them and see if there's anything, and that might not fall under you it could be Gerry too, I'm sorry I'm kind of giving it to Phil but it just looks hideous and the reason I said to Phil is because I know the St. Bernard Square is our responsibility and you know the big square concrete that hold the trees and stuff, that part is actually falling down too. A lot of the concrete is falling out and stuff and I just think if we want, I mean we have this beautiful flag display out here for the military and Vine St. is our number one street in the town and when Vine St. looks like crud it just makes the whole city look that way. If we can do something to improve the St. Bernard Square and Meiner's and there is a bunch of other little things but I mean those are two major things that I saw and I've actually had comments on from different residents. I just wanted to see if one of you guys would take care of that and look into that and to who needs to fix it, if it's us, then get somebody to fix it.

Mr. Stegman- Yes, the last few days, I don't know if you've been down there, but the last few days, we are concentrating on the Square parking lot. Today we were painting the yellow lines, making them legal and putting white down, white is the

color for a parking lot so they are painting all the lines white. We have painted all the curbs. We are addressing all the flower pots in the Square. Vine St. planters are done. We're not going to try to put flowers in the actual Square but we are going to try to dress them up to certain degrees but we do have people who like to pull the flowers out of the planters in the shopping center but we are going to come up with color schemes for the pots and yes I did see the one that you're talking about in front of Family Dollar that has a big chunk out of it where somebody hit it with a car. I'm trying my hardest, the City has been run down so long, and I'm trying to get everything organized and I've been trying to bring it up as quick as we can with dollars prevailing and people. We're trying. As you can see there's been a lot of paint put on and everything. As far as Meiner's, you'll have to ask Gerry but that is Meiner's lot but we do have an easement on it for the parking situation but I believe that is their wall. I won't say that positively.

Ms. Hausfeld – There is one more thing. I was driving to St. Bernard Square but mainly toward the Post Office. I don't know if you've been back there lately, part of the Post Office's grass looks great and the other, there are so many weeds and things that I've never seen before growing out of the thing down there. I mean, to me that's another issue separately because I know the Post Office is responsible for their stuff but it looks bad. I was just down there last night.

Mr. Stegman – I will call the Post Office and see what we can do and we will get the juvenile kids down there and see if we can pull some weeds and see if we can dress that up.

Mr. Tobergte – I have talked to Phil and talked to Walt. I've been getting a lot of questions about the police cars that are moved down to the shopping center parking lot. I understand it's Walt's responsibility to auction them off and he said in the near future they will be auctioned off on the Hamilton County Auditor's web site. Once that's available we'll let everybody know so they can bid on them.

Mr. Chatman – During the St. Bernard Cruise In that was reported on earlier the Neighborhood Block Watch will be having a program going on at the same time. It is a city wide garage sale. The way this is going to operate is, we are going to ask anyone that is going to have a garage sale on that day or were planning to is to call City Hall and to talk to either Walt Moeller or myself and we will put the addresses of everyone having a yard sale on one flyer that we can pass out. We will have an influx of people that are visiting our City for that particular program and that will be our first endeavor in that regard. However, in the future whenever there is community improvement community programs or Home-a-Rama type programs when we will have a large influx of people in our City we are going to do a more enhanced program like that where we will have the opportunity for residents who would like to engage in the city wide yard sale to put their name on something that is attractive by the Neighborhood Block Watch that we can pass out to people so that everyone will know where these yards are and what is for sale.

Mrs. Brickweg – It's funny that we're talking to Phil tonight. I usually don't do this because sometimes when I look out in the audience I think people say "thank you" to people to make everybody else look good. I decided earlier today that I really wanted to thank Phil because it is amazing the amount of emails and phone calls I get and he knows it. I think it's like one a day I get any more and I'm at work and Phil has just been tremendous with helping to get things done. I just wanted to name a few of the things he has been instrumental in getting done. A lot

of my phone calls, needless to say come from Ward II, so that's what he has really been helping me with. I mean it goes back to months ago when I got a complaint about the trees and the conditions of the war memorial. Phil emailed me back and had taken care of it and now just look at it. Phil has assisted with the condos. I have gotten some emails about the conditions down there and Phil has worked with Robert Evans and it has been a long drawn out thing but it's still ongoing but it helped a lot of people down there and they're bored with parking issues and he's working on Heger and Chalet and Ross St. and part of my report was he said about the street lights and the one thing that really impressed me I was contacted by the UC students that they needed to do community service and like all teenage guys they contacted me at the very last minute and they needed this job like in two days and Phil went out of his way to help get some of the equipment together to get it all organized, made sure it was up there but the one thing I thought that went beyond the call of duty, he was away on vacation and as soon as he got home on a Sunday afternoon he drove over to introduce himself to the guys which really impressed the guys too. It's just little things like that that has made my job so much easier and it's nice knowing that I can just forward an email especially if I know there is nothing I can do and I know I don't have to follow up on it. I just wanted to say thank you publically for that.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

209 Harvey Ct. – I'm not in real favor of putting on the ballot by Council not running at the same time. You know if you have the Council-at-Large running one year and the Ward running another year, you know if you put that on the ballot you might undermine it without everybody running at the same time.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just so I make sure I understand you. You were suggesting that maybe the Wards run one year and then the very next year the At-Large would run and they each would have a two year term but we'd have an election every year.

209 Harvey Ct. – I would like to see the Council run one year and the district running another year but stay in the two year term.

Mr. Stegman – One thing I did want to report I, just happened to remember when Peggy mentioned the war memorial. We did order the lights for the memorial for the flag poles. They are coming out of California so that takes travel time of three to four days and then three to four weeks to get them in so we're looking like having them in three to four weeks. Just so everybody knows, I know there have been a lot of comments we should have it licked but we're trying.

Audience member – Entire segment inaudible.

Mr. Chatman – If I could comment on that, I just want to encourage everyone, I thank her for her diligence and for checking in on each other and it's something that we all should do a little more often but I do want to encourage everyone that anytime you have any question about someone's well being just go ahead and call anyway. One of the things that are symptomatic of any illness is an altered mental state and sometimes you don't realize how much trouble you're in and may very well receive aid at that time. So I'm requesting that if you have a question at that time go ahead and call and we will come and we will respect a person's privacy and we will do an assessment of that particular person and sometime people don't want to be bothered but they may be in a little bit more trouble than what they

believe but it's better to err on the safe side and we will handle their privacy matters with the utmost diligence and professionalism.

Mr. Walden – What is Council's pleasure on the excuse of the absent member.

Mrs. Brickweg – Can we go into Executive Session and wait to excuse the absent members and hope that one of them comes.

Mr. Walden – Yes that would be fine.

Mr. Burkhardt – I did call Kevin and he is on his way. He is by Hopple St. coming up I- 75 and hopefully in a minute he will be coming in.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to read tonight's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – Up for its second reading is Resolution No. 8, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2009. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE (1) INVOICE COVERED BY "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$3,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the third reading of Resolution No. 8, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – Next we have the first reading of Resolution No. 9, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2009. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE (1) INVOICE COVERED BY "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$3,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 9, 2009.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – A question for Walt, back when we started doing these Resolutions I had asked that we bring the Auditor back in. Is he any closer to coming back in so that if we had any questions on the procedures we're following now?

Mr. St. Clair – I haven't heard from the Auditor in a while. I know that our financial statements have been sent to the State Auditor and I'm sure there will be

some follow up and some adjustments by the Independent Public Auditor but I haven't heard from them lately, no.

The motion to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 9, 2009 passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Meier to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2009 as read. Motion passed. 6-0.

Mr. Walden – Next before Council is Ordinance No. 21, 2009 for its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2009. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 21, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – Next before Council is Ordinance No. 22, 2009. It is up for its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO 22, 2009. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ENERGY SAVING IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Meier to adopt Ordinance No. 22, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2009. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTH AMERICAN SALT CON. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2009.

REMARKS

Ms. Hausfeld – Phil, I know this past year it was very costly and the price of salt went up so much. Do we foresee that happening again this year?

Mr. Stegman – Yes, Patty, it was \$150 a ton last year. Our last purchase from Evans Landscaping was \$135.00 a ton. What we are doing here is buying the salt for next year at \$32.02 a ton. That's why we'd like to get this passed and under contract with them.

Ms. Hausfeld – The reason I'm asking, I know you don't know if that's going to be enough, but is that as much as we had last year? If we can get it that much cheaper now should we buy more?

Mr. Stegman – Our normal use is anywhere between 1000 tons and 1200 tons in the course of a year. When you bid it you have to put in a tonnage that you will buy. I put in for 1500 tons but we must buy a minimum of 1200 tons. Yes, we will try to buy the whole 1500 tons. That is what this amount is for. For the whole 1500, but the only problem that comes in storing it. You must have purchased it by April of next year.

Ms. Hausfeld – Thanks Phil for explaining that.

Mr. Meier – Just one comment, there was a recent article in the paper about the various counties around that are buying salt around \$60.00 to \$61.00 a ton buying salt that they're buying this year so what Phil has negotiated is significantly less than what the counties, Hamilton, Butler, Clermont.....

Mr. Stegman - \$62.00 not \$32.00.

209 Harvey Ct. – Are you sure you want to buy that kind of salt when last year it was turning white and staying white for two or three days and it's not real active especially when it's zero weather. Maybe you want to go back to the salt you used for years and years instead of that new stuff that turns everything white and gets real ugly.

Mr. Stegman – I think the gentleman is referring to the salt we had to buy in emergency last year. We had to buy some Peru salt from Evans. That's the one we paid \$135.00 a ton. It is a brown but it does turn white. We do have some of that left but this is not that, it goes back to the Morton and Cargile type salt.

The motion to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2009 passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 23, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2009. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 24, 2009.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – Just so the residents know, the first part where we're approving additional funds for \$8,000.00, as Walt explained last week, is where the City owns more property so the property tax bill is higher and that is what this money will be used for and then with the transfer in the General Fund, basically the City is using Hamilton County to prepare our deaths and birth certificates so that money

will be transferred over to licensing which will be used for people like getting pool licenses and stuff like that.

The motion to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 24, 2009 passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adopt Ordinance No. 24, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2009. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING ATHE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT OF TRUST FOR THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION (VEBA) PLAN AND ADOPTING SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 25, 2009.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – As was reported by Mayor Bill Burkhardt last week at the COW meeting, this is basically the agreement that the City has worked up for the C-9 Trust, their part of the VEBA Trust and he explained to us that this basically goes along with exactly what the judge ordered the City to do and both sides are comfortable with it and I would like to thank the Mayor and everybody that worked on this to finally get it done. It is way overdue.

The motion to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 25, 2009 passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 25, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Brickweg – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, June 25th at 7:30pm.

Mr. Walden – At this time we will take a recess for Council to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Walden – The June 18, 2009 City Council meeting is back in session. Council was in Executive Session discussing a personnel matter and purchase of property.

Mrs. Brickweg – I would like to make a motion to permit Gerry to enter into contract negotiations on the two properties, not to exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I'll second that.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to allow Gerry to purchase property in the amount discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Burkhardt – I would just like to thank Council for their support on the two issues in Executive Session. I think it is definitely positive for the City, both aspects.

Ms. Hausfeld – I actually thought this had something to do with Ordinance No. 25 but apparently we all got this Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, it's the issue with the grievance with the Fire Dept. on the payout of sick leave when they enter the DROP program. Kate recommended we give it to the attorneys to redraw up properly and they have but there is one small issue that she wants in there and she has contacted them and once I get that done I'll give it to you. It's for your information basically. What I'll do is once it's to her liking we'll sign it, they'll be able to do it, come next contract it'll either die or they'll negotiate it into their contract. That's what a Memorandum of Understanding is. It will be attached to their contract but it only lasts until the contract is up and then they either have to negotiate it in or it goes away.

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