

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD

COUNCIL MEETING

June 26th, 2025

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on June 26th, 2025, in Council Chambers.

The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed all seven members were present: Mr. Moreton, Mr. Stuchell, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson, and Mr. Estep.

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to dispense with the reading of the last council meeting minutes and approve of the written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to start by wishing former Mayor and First Lady, Charlie and Mary Vondermuellen a happy 65th wedding anniversary which was yesterday, June 25th. We are blessed to have them in the community, and we appreciate their true love for one another. The St. Bernard Independence Day Celebration will be held Saturday, July 5th at Vine Street Park. Gates open at 5:00pm, the Remains playing from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and Rozzi's Fireworks Show will go on at 10:00pm. Come and get the best front row seat for the Remains and the fireworks. For those who do not want debris falling on them, we do have clear loaner umbrellas this year. Recreation will be grilling, and the food will be starting at 6:00pm. All you need to do is bring your cooler with your beverage of choice and your chair. We will have extra chairs in the Pavillion as well. This will be a rocking good time so don't miss it. Our summer concert series has been great so far. We enjoyed Stagger Lee this past Saturday. The weather was great and with the newly installed fans at the Pavillion it was perfect. So, don't miss out on the future opportunities and it's only a short walk to the center of the village. The St. Bernard Garden Club's Beautify St. Bernard yard competition is accepting nomination through July 5th and voting starts on July 15th. The Golden Gnome is looking for a new home in the garden of the most beautiful yard in the village. Those who would like to nominate themselves or just your favorite yard in the village please email Kenneth Price at kennethprice916@yahoo.com and please put yard contest in the subject line, so your email is not missed. Lastly, Ordinance 20 2025 is for the MOU to the City of Cincinnati for the cooperative agreement for the installation of speed cushions on Mitchell Ave at the crosswalk for Roger Bacon Stadium. Funds have already been appropriated but this is the formal agreement we have been waiting on from Cincinnati. Ordinance 21 2025 is for the contract is Yard and Company for the planning process for the Vine Street Business Corridor and Heritage Hill district, but this has been extended down to the I75 overpass. The village was given a \$30,000 mini planning grant from Hamilton County.

We are excited to get this process started. I would also like to ask for a motion to go into executive session for pending litigation. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion passes 7-0.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg (read by Mr. Moreton)- Thank you Mr. President. Today I have a report prepared by Auditor Brickweg. She wrote, I'm sorry, I'm unable to be at tonight's meeting. I have prepared Ordinance 18 2025 which provides the following additional appropriations which most were discussed at the last committee of the whole. O-1-2-I-9 is Professional Services in the amount of \$15,000. This is for additional legal services for contract negotiations. O-1-2-08-C is City Hall Maintenance in the amount of \$20,000. This is for the design and installation of improved security at City Hall O-1- 2-O-13 is for service department equipment and the amount of \$10,000. This is for new lawn equipment needed for the parks. O-1-7-8-8 is equipment maintenance and the amount of \$86,000. This is needed for the repair of the fire engine. 7-0-1 is Capital Improvements in the amount of \$100,000 and this is for the cost of the repair of the wall and pool loop track at vine street park. Council will also be voting on Resolution 9 2025. This resolution certifies the renewal of the seven-mil tax levy which will bring in \$599,038 per year to Saint Bernard. The resolution will be delivered to the Board of Election so that the levy can be placed on the November 4th ballot for Saint Bernard residents to vote on. Thank you. That concludes her report.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
read by Treasurer, Ms. Darrenkamp.

The budget will be submitted to Hamilton County for their review and action. The 2026 tax budget reflects The Villages General Fund, which is the basic operating fund of the Village. First of all, revenue. This is estimated for 2026 estimated revenue from The Village's earned income tax \$12,600,000. Expected General Fund receipts from Property Taxes \$1,100,000. Total local tax receipts are estimated to be a total of \$13,700,000. Estimated revenue from the state and county from revenue hearing and certain taxes and permits \$223,200. Other expected revenue for the Village of Saint Bernard comes from charges for services \$680,000. Fines, local licenses and permits \$200,000. Miscellaneous Revenue \$480,000. So, the total estimated General Fund Revenue for 2026 Total \$15,283,200. Now for the expenditures, this is an estimate for 2026. Within each class of expenditures in the tax budget, estimated costs are itemized for personnel, contractual services, supplies and materials and equipment or capital outlay. Security of Persons and Property, Police and Fire Departments \$5,997,841. Public Health Services \$6400. Leisure time activities, Parks and Recreation, \$315,700. Basic Utility Services the Service Department \$1,652,550. Transportation Dial a ride \$37,000 and General Government \$2,433,812. Transfers from the general fund to other funds, for example, streets, swimming pool, debt service, master plan and employee health plan \$4,221,016.00. So, the total expected general fund expenditures for 2026 are \$14,664,319 this results in an estimated surplus of the general fund at the end of 2026 of \$618,881. That concludes my report for Peggy Brickweg.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to accept the proposed estimated 2026 budget. Motion passes 7-0.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenberg- Absent.

Treasurer, Ms. Darrenkamp- Thank you Mr. President. The Star Ohio account as of month ending May 30th, 2025, balance is \$10,833,172.46 and that concludes my treasurer's report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Williams (read by Fire Chief, Mr. Young)- Thank you, Mr. President, I have Mr. Williams report for the month which has been submitted to both Council and administration. I am going to give you a summary of the highlights. Swimming pool lane pathway repair and drainage and engineering plans been prepared by JMA engineers to fix the drainage issues near the pavilion and pool area. They repaved the pathway along the new retaining wall. This work should begin in the next couple of weeks. If you may have noticed, the railroad crossing at Vine Street and Spring Grove has been repaired, so that's been taken care of. Bank Street parking lot wall plans are still being worked out for that. That could be up to approximately \$85,000. We still doing some research on that and we'll get an estimate once the structural engineering examination is complete. Office reconfiguration continues on the first floor of City Hall. All rental policies and procedures have been submitted to the mayor for review. Hilltop Concrete facility on Kylie Ave. has recently requested a fence permit for the expanded portion of their site. They're working on getting that squared away. I think it needs to be looked into regarding the zoning. So, I'll get back to you on that. There is a meeting with Hilltop this week, them and Jerry Stoker. They're working on some issues with City Hall security. They're reaching out to an architect to look at the current security and develop recommendations on improving access control. Vine Street natural gas upgrade and Duke Energy continues to work on upgrading the gas supply here in Saint Bernard and they're working on the permits for street cuts. Heritage business district plan, they're working with the Yard and Company reviewing a complete contract with them. So that should be on council's docket for June 26th. There's been cameras installed at City Hall and one in the council chambers, one in the tax office, more to be upgraded in the future. Working on a zoning change on Kylie Ave. and that's been. I think sent to the mayor for review, new alarm system installed level park landfill in conjunction with the monitoring wells. I know there was a request for additional appropriations for the engine for the fire truck. That truck has been taken from a Specialty Truck to Cummins today. We were able, through some competitive bidding, to save some money. We're hoping about \$20,000 to \$25,000 on that repair. So, we're going to leave the money in there because we're not sure what's going to come in at, but we're hoping we can go from \$88,000 to somewhere around \$60,000 to \$65,000 total. So that's in in the works and that concludes our reports.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- May 2025 end of Month Receipts:

- Tax collections for May 2025: \$710,563.

- May 2025 is up 12.63 % or \$79,699.00 from May 2024.
- Refunds for May -\$29,400.00
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$211.62.
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$78,039.00

Also, I will be in Dublin for the next COW meeting I will be out of the office from July 9th through the 11th. I am teaching a seminar on Tax Assessments for the Ohio Municipal League. That concludes my report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Thank you, Mr. President. Our next Finance Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for July 9th at 6PM in the lower level of City Hall. We will be discussing the final steps to implementing the LISC Home Repair Program and the expected impacts of HB335, which drastically reduces our Village's tax revenue. The next Community Connect is scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd at 6PM in the lower level of City Hall. As always, all who live, work, or shop within the Village are welcome to attend to share any celebrations or concerns. I want to thank LaChé Roach from LISC for her quick support towards setting up a unique, 0% interest small loan program to support low-income folks as they address deferred maintenance on their homes, likely as a response to some sort of code enforcement. Thank you. That concludes my report.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- The Waste Collection Fee Report for May 2025 shows that \$25,800.02 was remitted to the Village. As part of the Waste Collection Report for the month of May 2025, the Service Department completed the following:

- 38 dump trucks spotted at residences.
- 23 dumpsters spotted at residences.
- 183.7 tons of garbage taken to the landfill.
- 27.9 tons of recycling material sent to Rumpke Recycle.
- 4,320 lbs. of scrap metal recycled.
- 6 tires and 4 batteries recycled.
- Responded to 9 nuisance property complaints, resulting in 6 properties being cut and billed by the Village.

Trash collection for the week of July 4th will be the following.

- Regular Trash collection will occur on Monday and Tuesday.

- Thursday trash and recycling collection will occur on Wednesday.
- Friday trash and recycling collection will occur on Thursday.

Lastly, the Service Committee will meet on Thursday, July 3rd at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the long-awaited revised draft of the hall rental contract.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you Mr. President. There was no need for a Public Improvement Committee Meeting, but I would like to highlight a couple of things. First, I would like to thank all those who make our t-ball league possible. T-ball is played almost every Wednesday and Thursday in the month of June. Most kids that play is between the ages of three and six years old. This year there were five teams with about sixty kids. T-ball is where most kids learn the basics of baseball for the first time. These games couldn't happen without our great Rec Dept and about fifteen to twenty coaches who give their time to these kids and our community. It's not only a great time for the kids but even a better time for every parent and grandparent in attendance. Monday June 30th will this year last games and will include a cookout put on by our Recreation Department. Hotdogs will be served during and after the games to close out this season. This activity builds so many great memories for all those involved. Thank you again to all those who make it possible. Lastly, I want to congratulate the St. Bernard Branch of our public library. They are celebrating ten years at that location. They do a great job looking for new ways to serve our Village. Thank you for all you do. Thank you, Mr. President this concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you Mr. President. Tonight, I have both the fire department and police department reports. The fire report for the month of May. Fire incidents 8, other fires 2, vehicle fires 1, auto accidents 5, hazmat incidents 4, service calls 2, fire alarms 13, CO alarms 1, EMS assists 10, for a total of 46. Mutual Aid Given: Elmwood Place 3, Norwood 2, Lockland 1, Springfield Township 1, Golf Manor 1, Reading 1. and Green Township 1. EMS Incidents: Transports 58 and Non-Transports 42 for a total of 100. Mutual Aid Given: Elmwood Place 6, Norwood 8, Reading 1, and Mariemont 1. Mutual Aid Received: Norwood 1. All personnel completed Master Stream Operations Training. All engineers and back up engineers completed 40 hour Pump and Aerial Operations Class. Officers completed Mayday Management Class. I also have the police activity report for the month of May. The police department had 666 calls for service resulting in 527 contacts. There were an additional 439 other service calls including 31 total criminal offenses resulting in 61 criminal arrests, 29 traffic citations, 94 traffic warnings. Of these traffic contacts 13 were for speed and 3 OVI. They responded to 26 accidents as well with 2 of these involving injuries. The police motorcycle is now out and about after maintenance and repairs and we have received a lot of positive feedback from the citizens. Motorist are asked to be alert and mindful of motorcycle and bicycle traffic as the weather warms up. Lt. Ungruhe is officially enjoying retirement. I'd like to congratulate Lt. Michael Potrafke and Sgt. Lucas Barrow on their promotions. That concludes my report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Please make your calendars for Ringside at the Poolside on Saturday, July 12th. There will be live wrestling in the pavilion. The event starts at 7:00pm and gates open at 6:00pm. This is a free event. Come down and cheer on hometown favorite Denver Drake who is the son of Bill Jacobs and Jennifer Johnson. Another reminder that the St. Bernard German Luau will be on Friday, August 1st from 5:00pm to midnight and Saturday, August 2nd from noon to midnight. Please don't forget your nominations for the Grand Marshall of this year's parade. The deadline is midnight on June 30th. Please to the website for more details on this year's Luau. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- No report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. Minutes for the last meeting were submitted June 25th and I have no communications this evening.

RESOLUTION NO.9, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF THE SEVEN (7) MILL TAX LEVY ON THE CURRENT REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO, CERTIFYING SAID RESOLUTION TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Resolution 9 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Moreton, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Resolution 9 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2025

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 18 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Ordinance 18 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2025

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTION 121.08 REGARDING THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 19 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adopt Ordinance 19 2025.
Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CITY OF CINCINNATI FOR SPEED CUSHIONS ON EAST MITCHELL AVE. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 20 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Ordinance 20 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH YARD AND COMPANY FOR REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING SERVICES FOR HISTORIC VINE STREET BUSINESS CORRIDOR
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 21 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Ordinance 21 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time, does anyone on council have anything under old business? New business?

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- I was just over on Leonard behind Roger Bacon, do we have any plans to fix the large amount of potholes over there?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- They have actually marked the areas that are going to be repaired. Yes, the street does need to be repaved, but we are waiting based on the fact that there are some plans for Roger Bacon on the back side of that property. They owe a few of those properties and they are going to be expanding their parking area so we are waiting for the heavy equipment that will be utilized on the street. If you drive over there right now you can see the orange paint where they are going to cut out the areas to repair. So, yes, we are aware that it does need to be taken care of, and it will be on the list for a complete repaving.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council this evening? State your name and address for the record.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Before I get to what I came here for I just had a question. What is your name and badge number? Did you just do a U turn out here? If I do a U turn out there, is it illegal? Would you give me a ticket? OK. I just wanted that to be on the record. I just have a few questions, if you don't want to answer them then don't answer them. If you do, I appreciate it. Has any city official council member ever failed to recuse themselves of a vote involving A vendor, employee or financial interest tied to them or immediate family?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- I'm sorry that I have not. It's required for all elected officials to undergo conflict of interest training, and we have to sign off on that as well. So, I don't want to speak on behalf of my colleagues up here, but as long as we're honoring that, then I would assume they would have the same answer as me.

Council Member, Mr. Culbertson- With my wife being the clerk, I've had to abstain from voting on certain things that singled her out at the advice of the law director. Anything, anytime that she's been put into any kind of ordinance, I've asked the Law Director first if I'm safe voting on it or not, just to make sure it stays ethical.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- I have voted on stuff for the police and the fire department that I had brothers on, but it did not impede my personal financing. I wish the law director was here, but it has nothing to do with my finances. Like with Ray, with his wife, it involves his personal finances. His wife is there; they live together. Mine are separate in the city and it does not affect me at all.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Have any elected officials received undisclosed gifts, favors or compensation from contractors, real estate developers, or public or vendors within the last five years?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- Exact same answer as your first question. That's encapsulated in the same agreement and ethics training that we must undergo as well.

Council Member, Mr. Culbertson- I have not.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- On what legal basis were the last 10 executive sessions convened and do any of those involving litigation or employment actions connected to a council members relative?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- We are authorized as a public body to enter executive session for pending litigation. Every time we go into executive session, we list off one of the reasons that allows you to go in executive session. Unfortunately, none of us are going to be able to answer your questions about the specific topics that we discuss because that would be breaking the law and the reason for executive session. Sorry.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Have any land deals, terminations or budget allocations been discussed in closed session without public vote disclosure and potential violation of Ohio's Open Meetings Act?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- not to my knowledge.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Have city officials ever instructed staff to delay, redact, or deny A valid FOIA or Ohio public records request outside of boundaries of RC 149.43 exemptions?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- Again, speaking on behalf of myself, and I would assume others have the same answer, absolutely not, that would be illegal.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Were any personal devices used by council or police leadership to conduct city business, and if so, have those devices been archived per public record retention laws?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- Sorry, I'm not sure what you mean by devices. I do know that there was a case approximately four years ago or five years ago that went to the state auditor's office where they conducted an investigation. I wasn't on council at that time though, so I'm not privy to the details. If you're referring to a recording device that records public records, again, disposing of that outside of the records retention schedule would be violating the law. So I would say no.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Has the city failed to respond to any FOIA within the the mandatory 10 business day requirement without legal justification? And who approved the non compliance?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- There is nowhere in ORC that dictates a specific day time frame on when to respond to a public records request. FOIA actually applies to federal regulations, not state regulations. Like what you might be familiar with, like the Sunshine Laws. What they determine or what they tell us that we as public officials have to do is respond to them within a reasonable amount of time. There's a lot of different case law that regards to a bunch of different types of public records requests where that varies case by case. So, it's tough for me to tell you that we've responded within 10 days because sometimes it would take officials much longer to do that. In order to say redact Social Security numbers from a public record, some other sort of private information that is not included within Ohio Sunshine Law. So, I can't tell you that we've responded to public records always within 10 days. I can tell you is that with our annual audit from the state, they look at every single public records request on a public records request log and ensure that we are responding with any reasonable enough time.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Has a police chief or any ranking officer used CPD database where internal access to search for information on private citizens, including myself, outside of an open investigation or legal process?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Council would not have knowledge to that question.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Have any internal sexual misconduct allegations ever been made involving the current chief or officers under his command, including harassment, inappropriate online behavior or misuse of department time or resources?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Other than by you, no.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Has the chief of police ever use social media, city press contacts or unofficial public statements to target, discredit or humiliate a civilian, whistleblower or journalist?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Once again, council would not have knowledge to that question.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- As far as his personal response on Facebook, it would be out of our control, but no.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- No, OK. Has any city leader, including law enforcement, ever been the subject of retaliation claim tied to whistleblowing or protected speech under the 1st Amendment?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Not to council's knowledge.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Has the Police Department or any elected official ever conducted informal surveillance, social media monitoring or traffic enforcement disproportionately against my name, my persons or particular people that are speaking out?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Not to council's knowledge.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- How many settlement agreements with or without non-disclosure clauses have been paid out to the city or Police Department in the last 10 years and how many include the whistleblower related elements?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Once again, council would not have the information to that question.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Has the city ever failed to notify the public of payout over \$10,000 as required under the fiscal transparency policies?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- Again, not to our knowledge, not since I've been on council.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- If the city were subpoenaed tomorrow for all internal communications regarding public complaints, FOIA requests, police conduct, whistleblower handling, would every elected official and department head pass on independent review of their compliance?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- I'm confused by your question. Can you restate it or rephrase it in any way?

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- I'll read it again. If the city was subpoenaed tomorrow for an internal communication regarding public complaints for the request, police conduct and whistleblower handling, would every elected official and department head pass an independent review of their compliance?

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- Again, I can only speak for myself. Yes, I would pass, and I would assume my colleagues on Council and in the administration would pass that as well.

Jeffrey Smith, 3607 Heger- Will each of you, for the record, publicly state under penalty of perjury, I have never misused my authority, weaponized my position or violated a citizen's rights directly or indirectly and service to the city or its internal interests?

Council members collectively answer "yes".

Tom Cunningham, 702 E Ross- I heard potholes mentioned in a previous report. Is there a chance the potholes near the railroad crossings at Spring Grove and north of Murray Rd. could be repaired? Because I've noticed going that way that there are several potholes in that area. I don't know if that's the city's responsibility or the railroads but there are potholes that need to be fixed.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- So unfortunately, I'm very aware of the potholes and the Director of Public Services and Safety has been painfully trying to communicate with the railroad. So, we can't just go down and fix it on demand. And trying to reach them to get permission to make the repair or have them do the repair is extremely painful process. But because the railroad right away that they have, it's not as simple as it would seem. So, when there is obvious erosion, pothole developing, getting larger, we cannot go fix it until we're given authority to do so. And we've

been trying to communicate with them. We would like to be able to address not just a pothole but address the approach on either side to formally repair it. So, we are trying. But it's not a simple process. I apologize for the fact that they exist, and it doesn't make sense of what we all have to go through to work with them, but yes, we are trying to deal with it. They don't ask permission to stop the trained for 20 minutes, and it is simple for them to just write a check for when they get fined, but they won't respond to us over a pothole.

Thomas Fox, 309 Jackson- Next Friday, garbage that day?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Next Friday the service department and city hall are closed. Everything moves forward a day. So, garbage pickup for Friday will be on Thursday. Monday and Tuesday are unchanged.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- I know someone brought up the library being in the new location for 10 years. I'd like to give a shout out to Mike Schildmeyer. He worked tirelessly to get this new library building built down here when we did not think we were going to get a library. So just a shout out to Mike Schildmeyer.

Council enters executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Council returns from executive session after discussing pending litigation.

The next COW meeting will be held Thursday, July 10th at 7:00pm in council chambers.

Motion made by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Moreton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting is adjourned.