

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 11th, 2024

The St. Bernard Village Committee of the Whole was held on January 11th, 2024, in Council Chambers.

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. Moreton, seconded by Mr. Estep, to approve the written minutes of the December 21st, 2023, council meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Today I had the pleasure of swearing in the newest member of the Saint Bernard Fire Department, Greg Melton, as a firefighter EMT. He is currently enrolled in paramedic school, so we're looking forward to a long-standing relationship and hope to we get to see him as he progresses through his career. Also, I am working with Alloy Development on the Saint Bernard, so Closure will be trying to coordinate a meeting with Ready since Sandy and the property owners, and I will keep everyone informed. This Saturday, if anyone's looking for something to do, the St. Clement Athletic Booster Cornhole Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 13th at the St. Clement Gym from 6:00 PM to midnight. So, this again is a great opportunity to come out if you want to play cornhole or just socialize during a winter event and that this event does support through Michael Widener Cardinal Athletic Award.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I have a few things on the agenda for tonight. First being Resolution 1 2024. It's just the resolution that we passed every year that allows us to use village funds to purchase meals and refreshments. So basically, Boy Scout night or just any event that we have that we could use that money. Are there any questions on that? The second one is Ordinance 1 2024. State minimum wage went up to \$10.45. So, I made the changes and they're highlighted in yellow and there was a difference between all of them and I didn't really have to change anything but the first year pay. So, I If this is OK with everybody, I just needed to be approved so when the swimming pool starts up, we can pay the summer employees that are coming in at the correct minimum wage. W2's went out this week so everybody should have got their e-mail so you can go online and print your W2's and then for the full-time employees you also have your healthcare form 1095. And then my final thing is from Heidi. We were discussing all the meetings that are coming up, so she pulled up the Ohio Open Meetings Act and she just wanted me to go over it with you to make sure that on the special meetings and the committee meetings that she doesn't have to drive around town to all six of the mailboxes and post them. This is what it says. It says every public body must establish, by rule, a reasonable method for notifying the public in advance of its meetings. The Public Bodie's Notice rule must provide for notice that is consistent and actual reaches the public. So, she and then under special meetings. It says a special meeting is any meeting other than the regular meeting. A public body must establish by

rule a reasonable method that informs the public of time, place, purpose of a special meeting and conforms. So, she was asking council's approval if for the special meetings and the committee meetings, she continues to just put those in the display case here at City Hall only and on the website instead of having to drive around to the other display boxes, because apparently, we now have 4 special meetings next week. So, she'd have to drive to all five different places and put it up. So that's all she's asking. If council approves that, she will continue to do that.

President of Council Mr. Asbach-So, you are asking at the meetings just be placed on the board outside of City Hall as well as on the website just for special meetings?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Yes, the ordinances and resolutions will still be placed on each display case throughout town.

Council Member, Mr. Culbertson- I just want to confer with Valerie if this would be possible?

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- My apologies, I was out. I've been out this week. I literally just got home about 4:30 this afternoon dealing with a family emergency. I didn't have my phone with me, so I apologize. I haven't seen this because of that.

Auditor, Mr. Brickweg- I would confer to Heidi's since she is our records retention and open public meeting person and we looked this up online. I don't know if you could find something different. This is actually Ohio law here that she gave me. So, I think she knows what she's doing.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- I know in the past we've never placed committee meetings. Committee chairs have announced the meetings and they have gotten with the clerk to put them on the website.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Well with people watching her like a hawk, she wants to make sure she is doing everything right.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Can you make a copy for Valerie to review, and we can discuss at the next meeting?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Well we need to make a decision tonight because we have 4 special meetings next week.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Special meetings or Committee meetings?

Auditor, Mr. Brickweg- Committee meetings are considered special meetings.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Unless they are regularly scheduled, which I do not think we have any right now that are meeting on a regular basis. Let me look at it first thing tomorrow morning and I can get back to you. I think it's ok the way it is but let me double check.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Ok, well you can let Heidi know she will have to drive around town to post the other things.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- I don't mind just posting it at City Hall while we wait to see what Valerie comes up with but on just on a little note, couldn't we do a special call command?

Just to make sure that the public knows. I know it's already on the website, but t just as an extra protection, I guess is what I'm suggesting.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell-I don't mind doing that. I mean I would obviously combine them. We also have like a two-minute limit, you know so like we'll combine it, and we can do it that way. That's not an issue.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- If memory it's got me correct, I think two meetings and two meetings are on the same night just an hour difference from each other.

Council Member, Mr. Schildmeyer- It seems odd to me that council would be asked to vote on something that is Ohio law. What is the benefit?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- If you heard what I said, it has to set up or say you have to come up with a reasonable method. So, it's saying that this is a reasonable method. But do you agree with the reasonable method? So that's what it's saying. So, we have always done it this way. And she just wanted to make sure it was OK to continue that way because in all honesty, there were hardly ever any committee meetings and now these committee meetings are coming constant now. And so, she would be constantly getting in her car and driving to all these mailboxes and putting in the committee meeting notices. We figured it was kind of a waste of time, you know, when not many people even look at them. But the ordinances and resolutions do have to be in there by law. So that's why she was just asking if you all agree that it's reasonable if she continues to do it that way.

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Estep, to place Resolution 1 2024 and Ordinance 1 2024 on the agenda for the next council meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Moreton, seconded by Mr. Stuchell, to approve the previously approved method of notification of special meetings and committee meetings to be posted on the website and the display case in front of City Hall, until we heard an update from the Law Director. Motion passes 7-0.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Again, I do apologize, I was out of contact all this week pretty much. On the agenda was something and because I was out of town, I don't have a before you unfortunately. The ordinance that's on the agenda, the past several years we have had an ordinance where we charge people with what I think it's \$15.00 for waste collection and that's something that had been negotiated with het county. It was, for the last five years and with one automatic renewal and it's actually expired. But we haven't heard from the county about anything different. At least I haven't. I'm not aware that anybody in the administration has. So, I'm assuming they're not trying to charge us anything more. I will get something, and I will have Heidi issue a draft for you to look at so we can talk about it a little bit more. But that we, we have the past five years approved it with the \$15 charge it goes to, it's on people's tax bill. I'm sorry, water bill. I know it's just something that is done that it helps defray the costs of things. And like I said, I do apologize because I, I did not anticipate being out of town and unavailable, but I'll get that circulated to you tomorrow to look at.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Just for reference, the original ordinance was Ordinance 4 2018. It is paid through Water Works.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- We have the statement from Star Ohio. Our funds there as of December 29th, the last business day of the year, totaled \$11,325,152.87. I'll put copies in council's mailboxes. Also, the First State Bank down here was closing, so I went and withdrew the funds from there. I need to get with the mayor. We're going to schedule time to go and open another account with the money somewhere else. I have a Cashier check, ready to go.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- Just a little bit more on trash for when council decides to make up their mind. The last three years, we've been paying \$33 a ton. This year, it went up to \$38 a ton. I signed a three-year contract because if it goes up \$5 per ton and the end of the year, we don't know what next year's going to bring so we're going to top out on the third year at \$41.00 a ton. Republic is no longer. We can no longer take trash there. So, we are under lock and key with Rumpke. So, when you decide and talk about the \$15.00 that would be sufficient. So, and since we've already voted talked about it, I would keep it at \$15.00 because it has raised, and we spend a fortune to get rid of Saint Bernard trash. I have just one thing to ask the community. We are getting hit with graffiti again, quite a bit, so we would like to ask your help. If you are in a park and you see a person with a spray can of paint, that's not usually a good sign and it's against the law. So, what you basically need to do is call the police. You can call me. But then I called the police. So, it would be quicker if you just called the police because it's against the law and that's under suspicion. So, but the new cameras are up now. That should help a little, but we could still use your help to stop this.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- So, they can call our police office direct?

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- They can use either number, 911 to 513-242-2727.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- December 2023 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for December 2023: \$1,883,162.00.
- December 2023 is down -21.30% from December 2022.
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$764.72
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$4,543.57.
- Year end 2023 tax collections: \$11,276,718.00

I just have a few updated from the tax office:

1. The Ohio State tax list for 2022 was processed providing an additional 183 residents to our tax database. Those individuals received a letter this week for the filing of their 2022 tax return.
2. 1099G forms were issued and mailed last week. We are required by federal law to report any carry-forward tax payments and refunds that were issued in 2023.
3. 2023 4th quarter estimated payment coupons were mailed last week to those who qualified.
4. The e-file site will be up and running in early February for the 2023 tax filings.

5. A pdf/paper version of the 2023 tax form is currently available on the tax webpage.
6. 2023 Reconciliations were printed and mailed last week.
7. Assessments are currently being conducted on all who did not respond to the November letter that was mailed regarding delinquent 2022 tax returns.
 - a. If you receive this letter, do not hesitate. You have 60 days to respond if you disagree and would like to petition for a reassessment. After 60 days, the assessment becomes FINAL.
 - b. Assessments are based upon the average household income for Hamilton County Ohio per the State/County Census.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Moreton- I hope everyone had happy holidays and a great start to the new year. I am excited for what 2024 has in store for our village. To kick off the new year, I held the first of many Community Connect events where over a dozen residents were able to attend and share their concerns and ideas regarding our Village. These events will continue on the first Thursday of each month with the next planned for February 1st from 5:30PM-6:30PM at Biggby Coffee at 4921 Vine Street. As chair of the Finance Committee, I have also set up regular meetings with our Auditor and the fellow members of this committee to proactively discuss budget appropriations and any other pertinent topics regarding our Village's budget and finances. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th at 7PM in Centennial Hall on the Lower Level of City Hall for anyone else who would like to attend. We will be discussing budget transparency, current abatement and TIF policy and landscape, future meeting scheduling, and any potential upcoming appropriations, such as Ordinance 01, 2024.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- Applications for seasonal employment at the Service department are now available for pickup City Hall. Individuals over the age of 16 processing a valid driver's license are invited to apply. The service department will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. There will be no trash collection next Monday. Normal trash for Monday collection will be shifted to Tuesday. Normal Tuesday collection will be shifted to Wednesday and trash collection for Thursday or Friday would remain unchanged. Lastly, the service committee will be holding its first meeting of the year. The meeting will take place next Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 PM here in Council Chambers. And we'll be having a general discussion of responsibilities, tasks in future projects. I encourage all those interested to attend.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- On Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 in Centennial Hall, we will be having a committee meeting of the Public Improvement Committee. Our discussion will be whatever topics are brought up by either by our committee members or anyone else attending. A couple possible topics would be an update possibly on the shopping center development and getting more information to under so I can understand what the CIC does and what they're responsible for. Everyone's welcome. Someone from the administration or CIC, we would be thrilled if they would attend to help give us the update. I would also like to thank Kate Clauss at the Saint Bernard branch of the library for invitation and toward the branch. It is a beautiful building with a lot to offer our village and is all you would expect and more. It is an after-school

program to watch over kids whose parents aren't home until after work. It has a craft area and for projects including making buttons that you can wear. It has computers and a printer that you can use and a room for about 20 people you can reserve for a meeting. We encourage anyone to take the tour. I'm sure they would be impressed.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- First, I wanted to discuss or see what council's point of views were to discuss adding to the rules of Council. I'd like to address missing council meeting. A citizen gave me some paperwork saying 4 meetings for four-year term. I don't think that's reasonable, especially because some of our members are only on two-year terms and others are on four-year terms. But I do think something needs to be in place. As far as what's appropriate, and what's not appropriate and how many meetings that we as council members are allowed to miss or be excused from per year. So, I just wanted to get other people's ideas and opinions as far as if they have any, on that particular discussion. And then I'll go on to the next thing.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Anyone? And that's why I put it on the back of there when you brought it up the end of last year. I think it's a matter that should go into Laws, Contracts and claims possibly come back with a recommendation from there.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld-If nobody has an opinion on it and I don't know what the correct number would be. I've talked to a couple people and stuff and it's hard to actually decide. So, I don't have an objection to put it in law contracts and claims, let them discuss it. Then come back with their opinion. But I do believe in the past, and I'm not talking this year, but in the past, there has been several council members that have missed several meetings during the year and I do think we need to get control on how many meetings were allowed to be excused from. I understand that there are emergencies that come up and there are things that can't be helped. And that to me is what an excused absence is. But there's other things that can be helped that you could schedule like a date night on a different date, knowing that you have council meetings every other week.

Motion made by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to place excused absences into the Laws, Contracts and Claims agenda for discussion. Motion passes 7-0.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- Item two was to discuss a room with a computer and printer for council people to use. A few of us have taken the Sunshine Law course. Different things that are brought up and I just think, when you go to work, and let's face it, even though this is a part time job, this is still a job. Your work provides you with the materials that you need to do your work. And I'm not talking to buy me a personal computer. I'm not talking to buy me a personal laptop, even though that was a joke two weeks ago. I'm talking about a room at City Hall here that we can come, we can look over our emails, we can answer people back if we need to. That we don't have to use our own personal stuff to do our job. That's my opinion, and I was just going to put it out there to see what other council members thought about that.

Council Member, Mr. Moreton- I just have a couple kind of filters for this conversation because what I'm understanding is that the concern is twofold. It's one printing capabilities, right? And then the other concern is access to materials and resources like via our e-mail, the ordinances that we review, the minutes that we review ahead of time is that am I understanding that right so. Yeah. So, I do believe in correcting for wrong. We have the printing capabilities here. I printed

my report today. So, I think that might resolve that issue and I hope that would resolve that in terms of access to the proper technology that you need to get these materials ahead of time. My opinion is that this is what our council pays for. It is to help subsidize the things that we need to be able to do that type of job and I do have to shamelessly admit, out of the jobs that I've had in my short career so far, only one of them has provided me with a laptop. Every other case I've had to either figure a way around it, I had to use public resources, or I had to purchase it myself. The one objection I do hear and understand is utilizing public resources like going to the library. That might be a security risk and I would love to entertain the conversation of security behind our technology, our emails, etcetera, but it's hard to rationalize spending resources when I think we've. We already have systems in place that give us the opportunity to accomplish those two facets that I said, both printing and access to materials digitally. That is my opinion as it stands right now but I am interested in counter opinions also.

Council Member, Mr. Stuchell- So I would have a recommendation for a compromise. If we wanted to entertain it, it would be to purchase Microsoft 365 for all the administrative members to use. That way it could be tech linked to our city e-mail and then also saved to the cloud so that if you're worried about any security risks even though you're personal devices. It's still saved through your work e-mail.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- There is the old computer in my office and I'm more than willing to share it with anyone that would like to use it. It was purchased in 2000 something, when they did the last Census. So that was like 2010 maybe. It is pretty old, but it does work. And anyone can use it. Mr. Paul can add the security for the door to let you in if you're not already have access to it.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- What about the software? We would have to spend some money to get that updated also. That's why we were all getting updated computers because they all have the old software on them.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- What about 360 like he was saying? You just need the web to get to that.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- You're on the server. So are they. Each of them has the 365 office. We probably pay close to 20,000 Dollars every 3 years for that to happen. What's happening is, if you can get to the Internet on yours, I think you're a Windows 7. Which Microsoft stop backing, and they're all the way up to 11 now. City Hall is not even up to 11 yet. You're on 10. So, your computer would be a little bit antiquated.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- I am not hearing anymore else in favor. So, it doesn't seem like it's a go.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- So, yes, if indeed we need to look at giving printing access, I think that Mr. Paul could help make that happen, at least if that's necessary. So, it's a matter of utilizing, you know, the printer and whatnot and being able to connect with your laptop or you know or whatever device you may have, I mean I think we can work on that correct? I think that would be a option I think we should explore. If council members needed a space to make phone calls or whatever without using their cell phones, we could make that happen also.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- The conference room was always labeled as a space for council to use.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- I'm in the process of cleaning the back hall of all the antiquated equipment. It's all been wiped. All the data has been zeroed out. So they're being ready to be trashed. No, John, your computer will remain there until you say goodbye to it, if you want.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- My only concern, well, the printing is one thing but. Which, by the way, I did not get the W2 thing that you just said you sent out to everybody and did not get it. So, my concern is with the sunshine laws being discussed. I don't have a computer or laptop, I have a iPad and a phone. My thing is if someone would come and take people's laptops or computers for whatever reason, like if they are subpoenaed or whatever. If we are doing work for the city, it should be here at City Hall and it should be on the village's computer versus our own personal stuff. I just wanted to put my concerns out there.

Council Member, Mr. Estep- I some would agree. I don't have a computer at home. Ours went down and we never replaced it. I don't have an iPad, my wife does. So, I work off my phone. But like she said, I'm a little concerned with all the stuff I read in the paper and goes around about the sunshine law. You want to communicate with somebody? Do they come and take your phone? Did they take everything off your phone? It would be nice to have a separate device to do city stuff on and your phone to do your personal stuff on. I don't expect anyone to buy me a computer, but it would be nice to have access to something to use.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- We will add the discussion about the Rules of Council and missing meetings to the next meeting. We haven't said it yet. It'll be set probably for early next month. I want to get with Valerie and Jonathan for availability. So, we'll add that I think we have short-term rentals to pick up from last year and maybe a couple of other things.

Council Member, Mr. Culbertson- The Recreation department will be hosting sports sign-ups at the recreation office on two dates, Saturday January 27th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Saturday, February 3rd from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You may also sign up at City Hall Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Activities include Knothole baseball ages 7 to 13 cost us \$40.00 for residents, \$60.00 for non-residents. Girls' softball ages 7 to 13 again cost \$40.00 for residents, \$60.00 for non-residents. Stingrays swim team, based on ability, all ages \$40.00 for residents, \$60.00 for non-residents. SAY soccer ages 6 to 13 again \$40.00 for residents, \$60.00 for non-residents. A winter swim lesson, all ages, \$20. These will take place on Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Mommy and Me swim lessons, six months to 36 months cost us \$20. This will take place on Thursday evenings in March. T-ball ages four to seven, \$20.00 is the cost. Lollipop Soccer ages 3 to 5 \$20 dollars is the cost. The village is now accepting applications for summer employment, including lifeguards and support staff at the Aquatic Center. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, February 12th. The next St. Bernard Ludlow Grove Historical Society meeting will be held on Monday, January 15th at the Municipal Building. Starting at 7:00 PM there will be a presentation by Larry Phillips titled Meeting the City Founders of Saint Bernard. And lastly the Marketing Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16th. In Council chambers, starting at 6:00 PM, we will discuss the

village newsletter and the new resident welcome packet. I too would like to congratulate and welcome new firefighter Greg Melton to the village.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- I'm working on a list of businesses in our village to invite a business of the month, I guess, to each council meeting. I've spoken to Mr. Edwards and Mr. Culberson. I'd like to sort of piggyback on the meeting on January 17th at 6:00 PM in Centennial Hall. We'll meet during that to talk more about it, but in the meantime would like to get a list of the businesses and get a letter out to them and you know, maybe it'll be more customer friendly to everybody that lives in a town and works and shops here and everything else. So, it's a step in the right direction I hope.

Auditor, Mr. Brickweg- I would like to comment on something. I was on council for eight years. There's really anything you would get that is confidential stuff. You get ordinances, resolutions. You're not supposed to be communicating through e-mail anyway because of Sunshine Laws. The ordinances and the resolutions are put in your mailbox. So, I don't, you know, so I think you will be it. You'll be fine. Because I know whenever I do anything I send it out e-mail and Heidi does the same thing. We put the hard copy in the mailbox. You just have to come down and get your mail but and you were in here this week to get it. So, you got everything that was in there. So, I think, that part I don't think we have a major issue with. What I forgot is that I told Connor about it on the sick time payout. We have someone retiring in January and he's pretty much going to use up the whole line item. And I have some other employees that have put in for their sick time payout. This is a line item that I can't predict what is going to be. We can put the entire liability in there if you want it, maybe \$2,000,000 every year, but I don't think we want to do that. You know, in the past I've just come and told you when we need more money. Usually, it doesn't hit in January like it did, but so I'm going to ask if I can have an additional appropriation of 60,000 and then I'll do a transfer into the employee sick time payout and hopefully that will do us for a while. But like I said, I don't know if are going to ask for it or not. They can ask for it in their last eight years. One last thing, there is a lot of discussion out there about going emergency and 2nd and 3rd readings. I wish people would understand emergency does not have anything to do with anything besides meaning it goes into effect that day. So, everybody's running around town going Oh my God, they're passing everything emergency. It just goes into effect that day, not in 30 days. That's not a major thing, second and third reading or something different. As I explained to Connor, I wish we could do the appropriation once every meeting, but that would be 3 months. And as I explained to him, you know you have a budget at your house. If you think nothing's going to go wrong or change in three months, consider a village. Things happen. Emergency just means it goes into effect that day.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to place an additional appropriation ordinance for the retiree payouts on the agenda. Motion passes 7-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council?

Nicole Klungle, 551 Church Street- Mr. Edwards, I noticed that you mentioned several possible topics for your committee meeting. Since it's a special committee meeting, you do have to announce what those topics are in advance, and you're restricted to those. If it were a regularly scheduled council meeting, you'd have a lot more flexibility. Also, council passed an ordinance.

discussing how a notification for special meetings needs to work last year. So, I hope you recall that or look at it. And then regarding emergency ordinances, I completely agree that appropriations ordinances cannot go regular course, other ordinances can, and the main benefit to not passing a regular ordinance as an emergency. Emergency ordinances bypass citizen's rights of referendum. Meaning if citizens really object to an ordinance that's passed and it's passed as an emergency, they don't have the right to collect signatures to put it on the ballot so that they have a say in it. But if it does go, if it's not an emergency, they do have that right. And I think that's an important one to preserve.

Greg Lair, 111 Albert Street- On the notices thing, I believe Ordinance 30 of last year stated that all the five locations had to have all the notices located and posted there. Do you guys remember that one that long ago, like October? So, there are five locations where all notices have to be posted. Just FYI.

President or Council, Mr. Asbach- Just for the record on that, I don't have the ordinance, it's at home. I have to look at it. But I know in the past well and if we just passed it next, it's not worth it. But I know that they were never posted in the past, but I'll have to look at that ordinance from before. I don't have an answer for it. Anyone else in the audience?

Thomas Fox, 309 Jackson Ave- When will they tear down the square?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- So, the exact time frame is yet to be determined. We are working on vacating the businesses that are there so that we can actually move forward. Once that happens, we are then we will go out for public bid. So, I would hope that within the next four to five months you will see some activity, but I can't give you an exact date. We will do everything we can to give enough advance notice.

Thomas Fox, 309 Jackson Ave- Ray, kickball game in September?

Council Member, Mr. Culbertson- Tom, are you talking about the fundraiser? I will get with the people that organize that when the time comes. We will then announce it and make sure everyone is aware of it.

Auditor, Mr. Brickweg- I'm going to ask a few questions for Heidi, if that's OK. I'm going to refer to both of you since you know more, to be honest. So, on a committee meeting. Is that considered a special meeting or a committee meeting?

Nicole Klungle, 551 Church Street- In our case, most of the committee meeting are going to be special meetings because no other regular meetings have been established.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Ok, that was my next question. So, for example, if a committee head announced 2 weeks ago, I am going to have a meeting on whatever date and time, would it need to be posted? Or by announcing it in advance and planning for it, does it still need to be posted?

Nicole Klungle, 551 Church Street- My understanding is that it still needs to be posted. I would refer to the ordinance or where it has to be posted.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Ok, well maybe if the committee can give her some more notice so she can get them all out together, that would help.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Just also to clarify, and I asked this question for Mr. Estep with respect to your committee, so unless I misunderstood. So, you made reference to piggybacking, so are you actually a separate committee meeting that you're blending with public improvements? Did I misunderstand?

Council Member, Mr. Estep- That was my intention. That won't work? Do I need a different start time?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I am not trying to be difficult, but if you asked me to make any type of announcement so I understand properly, and so it not a surprise to Heidi to have to go out and provide notice. We're not setting her up for an issue because we don't have it properly announced and scheduled. So, I'm just asking you to make sure that I understand so that we can clarify this. I don't know if I can talk for an hour about public improvements. So, whether or not, you know you think that 6:00 or 6:30 that business and industry can meet, but I mean I think it has to be, we have to have an established time.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I don't think she has posted them yet. If you can get a specific time together so she can add that to her postings and let Jonathan know before he makes the call command.

Next Council Meeting will be held January 25th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting is adjourned.