

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, September 17, 2009 in Council Chambers.

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

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

Mr. Meier made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Ms. Hausfeld seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – Before we begin with the regular order of business I'd like to turn the meeting over to the Mayor for a moment.

Mr. Burkhardt – I have invited a few, very important residents to the meeting this evening that need to be acknowledged for the dedication to their community and the support they have provided to a lifetime resident of the City of St. Bernard, Mr. George Herbold. Mr. Herbold has been and continues to fight many health issues and with the help of these inspirational friends and neighbors he is able to maintain a positive outlook and was able to continue living in his home until just recently. Each one of the individuals has given of themselves to care for George, physically and emotionally, by doing everyday things like shopping, cooking, cleaning, and lawn care, as well as providing much needed transportation to and from physician's appointments several times a week. They also spent many hours with George just sharing stories, and being there for him providing inspiration and support. I truly believe that these individuals define our community. Thank you for all you do to make this community special.

The City of St. Bernard proudly honors distinguished residents.

Jerry Dwertman

Gwen Ralston

Shirley Wilson

Rusty Betterton

Philip Parmley

Karen Scherpenberg

For their deep sense of commitment to the value of community.

At this time I would like to give Karen Scherpenberg a little token of the City's appreciation.

Karen Scherpenberg – All I have to say is God is great, beer is good and the people of St. Bernard truly inspire me. They truly do. I am just deeply touched. I instigated this and I never expected to be on this end of this receiving end but I am and I appreciate that. I have been here 23 grateful years and have been getting paid from the City for doing what I love most, just taking care of people. I've been truly blessed and I'm not one for prayer, I'm really actually horrible at it. The only prayer I really say before my head hits the pillow is; Dear Lord, please inspire me to make a difference in this community. All of a sudden I met George. Hey Shirley, come aboard here honey, we need you. And then I met Shirley. And this is Shirley Wilson who loves George the way I do. And if it weren't for her and it weren't for George none of us would really be here. He has just inspired us. I've never seen a man that people want to do and do and do again for. Your guys need

to go to Wellington and meet this man and just find out why he was busted from Corporal twice, not just once, twice. He's at Wellsprings and he's an amazing man and we just love George. Don't we love George? We're being honored for being gracious to a man who loves us as much as we love him and that's just, I guess it's kind of not right but we are. We're sorry that other people couldn't be here but this was last minute and there were people working and one of our women that are getting honored is in a nursing home with a broken collar bone and just and anyway, thank you. It's great to be here.

Mayor Burkhardt – Shirley, in behalf of the City of St. Bernard, thank you. One more thing. I would also like to recognize Faith Martin and the children that attend the summer Arts & Crafts program at Vine Street Park that graciously agreed to make cards for Mr. Herbold a few weeks ago. The cards were bright and cheerful and continue to bring a smile to his face. Thank you all again.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – The Mayor's Monthly Court Report Receipts for August 2009; Mayor's Court fines were \$5,532.00 and costs of \$299.00. Parking fines of \$621.00. Mayor's Court Computerization of \$141.00 and Clerk of Court Computerization was \$470.00. Bond Forfeiture of \$35.00. Total to the City was \$7,098. State fees: Victims of Crime \$495.00 and General Revenue \$825.00. Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund of \$52.50, Indigent Defense Support Fund of \$175.00 and the Drug Law Enforcement Fund of \$122.50. Total to State was \$1670.00. Total Disbursements were \$8,768.00. \$273.00 being held in account for the Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund until further notice from the State.

Last Saturday, the first "Dog Swim" was held at the community pool. It was well attended and the owners and dogs seemed to enjoy the dip in the pool. We are looking forward to another event next year at the end of the pool season.

The first meeting of the Community Task Force met yesterday. The Committee discussed what policies that would need to be in place to address nuisance properties. This will create a specific source of information for all departments so they may effectively respond to situations that may arise in the community. There have been a few situations that we have dealt with this year and the need for this committee was very apparent. Once we had all departments involved we were able to address and resolve situations very quickly. We will also be discussing emergency response policies to better prepare us for any future natural disaster. The Task Force will meet again next Tuesday, September 22nd at 4:00pm. Also, just a reminder that the next Vine Street streetscapes meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29th at 6 pm in the lower level conference room at City Hall.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The month of August reports for the City's investments and the balances in our various bank accounts have been given to each Council member and the Treasurer.

As discussed at the COW, the Auditor's Office has prepared Resolution No. 19, 2009 and Ordinance No. 38, 2009.

The Resolution provides for Council approval for payment of an invoice greater than \$3,000, incurred before Auditor certification that appropriated funds were available. This transaction is for legal services in the amount of \$7,201.65 pertaining to issues with the Ohio EPA and a former City landfill.

The Ordinance provides for additional appropriations: \$500 to the Health Department Professional Meetings line item, which covers additional mandatory meetings for our Health Department personnel on current health issues, such as the H1N1 virus and bedbug control; \$771.72 to the C-9 Trust Expense line item which will allow the transfer of all monies in the C-9 Cash Account to be transferred to the bank account set up by the C-9 trustees to pay for certain unreimbursed medical claims for the City's retirees according to the amended trust document recently passed by Council; and \$3,046 to the FEMA Expense line item, which will allow the City to invoice all the money received from FEMA and reimburse the City's General Fund for the expenses incurred last September for the clean-up after the remnants of hurricane Ike came through. The Ordinance also provides for appropriation adjustments: \$1,000 from the City Hall Supplies and Incidentals line item to its Stationary and Printing line item; \$274 from Fire Department Ambulance Supplies to its Stationary and Printing line item; and \$467.92 from Swimming Pool Employees to the Swimming Pool Managers line item.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – Absent.

TREASURER, Mr. Sipe – No report.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Chapman – (read by Ms. Hausfeld) This first report is actually to the attn: of Mayor Burkhardt and Rodney asked me to give it.

On average, home fires kill 540 children ages 14 and under each year. 80 percent of fire deaths involving children occur in homes without working smoke alarms. By providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape, smoke alarms double a family's chances of getting out of home fires alive, but only if they work. That's why the St. Bernard Fire Department, along with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, are reminding citizens to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they change their clocks back to Standard Time on November 1st. As part of this effort, the St. Bernard Fire Department does provide smoke detector batteries free of charge to the Citizens of St. Bernard, and will have the smoke detector batteries available to the St. Bernard citizens as we perform our home inspections in October. Also, please remind our citizens that if their smoke detectors are over 10 years old, they may be beyond their product life and should be replaced.

A declaration of support from our community's leaders would help us immensely in communicating the programs' lifesaving message to the citizens of St. Bernard. Please join us in our effort to educate the community on the vital importance of working smoke alarms in protecting families against the devastating effects of home fire.

Sincerely,
Chief Scherpenberg

My next report from Chief Scherpenberg, he has a letter here, and Sue I would like you to make a copy of this because this is a notification of a competitive examination to establish an eligibility list for duty with the St. Bernard Safety Dept. as a Firefighter. The examination date is Saturday, Oct. 17th, 2009. Place and time is St. Bernard City Hall, 110 Washington Ave., Lower Level, at 9:00 am. The examination will take approximately take 2 to 2 and ½ hrs. Applications will be accepted at City Hall from Sept. 28, 2009, Monday thru Friday, thru Oct. 15th, 2009 from 9:00 to 5:00 pm.

A couple things he has highlighted here; anyone 18 years of age may apply to take the examination. No one shall be eligible to receive an appointment prior to their 18th birthday or past their 31st birthday. Applicants must enroll in a paramedic course after they are appointed.

And like I said I will give you a copy of both of those Sue for the reports.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – The Dial-a-Ride will be running the full hours of the festival but the dispatcher hours will close down at 7:00. The bus will run from the park up till closing of the festival.

Adleta will be starting curbs and sidewalks next week. Just to update Council, we added a lot of extras to the bid from June. Instead of \$15,000 we are at \$24,000. We have \$30,000 in the sidewalk line item. I would like to be added to the next COW to discuss next year's Hamilton County Storm Water Billing for 2010.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Greg Zix – No Finance report but I would like to thank Phil Stegman, the Service Director and the Service Dept. for the flowers and landscaping at St. Bernard Square and throughout the City. I think it really looks nice this year.

SAFETY COMMITTEE, Ms. Hausfeld – Tonight I'm going to give the Police Dept. monthly report for August. During the month of August, officers were involved in 1056 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 23 accident reports and took 31 offense reports. Of those offenses, 10 have been cleared. Officers responded to 150 suspicious activity runs. Officers made 76 misdemeanor arrests along with 2 arrests for a felony. Officers responded to 52 parking complaints and issued 145 citations for parking violation. Officers issued 58 traffic citations and 101 warnings for traffic violations. Officers responded to 17 domestic disputes. Officers responded to 9 theft reports including 1 attempted vehicle theft, 1 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and 1 motor vehicle theft.

SERVICE COMMITTEE, Mr. Tobergte – The Service Department report for August 2009 is as follows: There were 37 trucks and 14 dumpsters placed at residences along with 205 special pickups. 220 tons of garbage made its way to the landfill. There was 14 tons of recycling material, 5 tons of cardboard, 5110 pounds of scrap metal, along with 23 appliances. The City received \$712.00 for recycling in July.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Meier – The CIC met last night and I will give you an update on the Executive Director's report. In St. Bernard's Commerce Park site, there have not been any new inquiries. Mr. Kanters and Mr. Wiedmann are planning a follow up meeting with Smuckers and they are meeting with ATZ which is the other company which had at one point expressed an interest in the site. Al reported that there are two options for us and one of the things we will have to do when we develop that site if we have multiple users is to put a road back into there and through the State of Ohio there are two options for financing. One is, it is a loan program with a zero percent loan for five years that can fund up to 40% of the development cost. The other is a grant program, and the grant program will fund up to 50% of the road work to the business that is on site and has the situation where the business is ready to move in there but only as long as the road is built, it would have that requirement.

Al's report on the Canal Bed housing, he's still moving forward with estimating cost. What he reported last night was about building five duplexes and one single family for a total of eleven town homes on the site. There would be some site preparation work that would be needed to be done, including the moving of the sewer and there would be some excavation up near Phillips Ave. which incur some other issues up there. In order for this to move forward the total of the infrastructure cost has to be less than \$300,000. If it gets above that then it may be cost prohibitive to move forward unless the City wanted to take a loss on the development.

At Mitchell and Vine the demolition of 18 Mitchell, which was the car detail place that was down there next to Fischer's, that is completed. Al attended a Board of Revisions. What they asked for was, the County had a Tax Evaluation of \$475,000 for the lot we owned where Fischers is at. What the County uses is the best evaluation of the most recent sale. We purchased it for \$475,000. We went back and challenged that and said that the actual evaluation had been \$260,000 and basically we overpaid for because of the importance of that site to the development of the City. The County agreed with that and so that is approximately a \$5,000 annual property tax savings by getting that reevaluated, or reassessed to a lower value.

In another activity is we did have a contract to purchase 4712 Vine St. for \$80,000, that is contingent upon the law offices that are interested into moving into that site. If we get to the point where they're ready to sign a lease for that site at that point then we will proceed with the completion of the sale. If we don't have somebody ready to move in we will not proceed with that purchase. The CIC is working with First Safety Bank to finance that purchase.

To go along with that, what we would have to do is cost collateralize the 4620 to 4622, that's the other property that the CIC owns, that's that little brick house, and then the other one that is partially completed and partially renovated and has been there for the last year or so and the people that have been doing that are practically bankrupt and the CIC was able to get that.

This other report, this is actually the Senior Housing that Mayor Burkhardt and Gerry Wiedmann have been working on up at Ross and Greenlee. The Keiner's and Manthey property. I know Bill had been talking with a company about going in there and Al had also been contacted by a different company that would be interested in constructing Senior Housing on that site. That is moving forward and right now we will see if NFC funds can be used for the demolition and site prep at that spot. That is the Executive Directors report and when we have the next meeting scheduled I will pass that information on to you.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Peck – At the last COW we discussed a proposed Ordinance dealing with the whole house clean out as a result of court order evictions. We have it hammered out, we are just discussing what kind of cost and fines to impose as a result of the City cleaning up those type of situations. I'd like to be put on the next COW, I think I'm already on there to talk about it but we're going to see where we can go with regard to that issue.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Brickweg – Absent.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Today I attended the poster presentation and the actual verbal presentation of the passenger rail system for the City of Cincinnati. One of the main reasons that I did attend this is because it had been rumored that St. Bernard could be part of a depot station in the future along this rail. At present there is no indication that St. Bernard, anywhere in St.

Bernard will have a depot station. The preferred route at this particular time will be at Sharonville. That's what they're considering the north side of Cincinnati. The west side including the Mill Creek was considered but that was considered in a phase two which they eliminated because of the rail system that they would be using for that would take them along the Mill Creek over Mitchell Ave. That is highly utilized and so to use that rail system with all the freights would be a very cumbersome task to do at this point in time. So if anything happens within a rail system that even comes close to the St. Bernard area it won't be until phase four which is quite a long time away. That will be for the high rail system. So there is no indication at all that St. Bernard will be affected by any of the depots, but it was very interesting. The application is actually due on Oct. 2nd. There is \$80 billion dollars that has been set aside from the stimulus money for these projects and there has been over \$102 billion in requests. So at this point in time it is still up in the air whether Cincinnati is even going to be granted this. I went to see what type of affect that would have on St. Bernard and at this particular time it doesn't look like any.

Mr. Walden – It is my understanding that the COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

ST. BERNARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT FOR SEPT. 10, 2009

NEW OR REFERRED ITEMS:

1. Council approved the minutes of the Sept. 3rd council meeting.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Bill Burkhardt:

1. Bill asked council if they want to endorse the Hamilton County Library Levy. Council agreed and voted 7 to 0 to place a resolution on the table for the next council meeting.
2. Bill announced that City Hall will be open September 12th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Auditor, Walt St. Clair: Walt asked council for the following additional appropriations and adjustments as follows:

Appropriation Adjustment:

1. \$274.00 from 7-A-3, Ambulance Supplies to 7-A-4, Stationary & Printing.
2. \$1,000.00 from 5-A-5, Supplies & Incidentals to 5-A-4, City Hall Stationary & Printing for envelopes and postage meter.
3. \$ 467.92 from SP-2, Swimming Pool Employees to SP-1, Swimming Pool Managers.

Additional Appropriations

1. \$771.72, C-9 Trust Fund. To allow the total cash balance in the C-9 Trust Fund Cash Account to be remitted to the trustees' bank account.
2. \$3,046 to 19-01, FEMA Expenses. To allow the total cash balance in the FEMA Cash Account to be expended.
3. \$500.00 to 14-A-2, Health Dept Professional Meetings. Required for Health Commissioner and Nurse on current health issues, e.g. H1N1, bedbug control, etc.

Walt asked council for a "Then and Now" resolution of \$7201.65 to pay for legal expenses for the work done with the Ohio EPA regarding Gas Well Monitoring. Council voted 7 to 0 to place the ordinance and resolution on the table for the next council meeting.

Law Director, Kate Bedinghaus: Kate informed council that she will need additional money for legal fees because of the three active matters she is working on. Kate will report back at the next COW regarding the amount.

Safety Director, Rodney Chatman: Rodney was not present he was in Columbus at a negotiations meeting, Mayor Burkhardt read his report.

1. Rodney reminded everyone of the St. Bernard Dog Swim on Saturday, September 12th from noon to 3:00.
2. Rodney reminded everyone that there will be Block Watch meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16th.
3. Rodney reminded everyone that the class on Self Survival and Preservation will take place on September 29th with more details to follow.

Service Director, Phil Stegman:

1. Phil informed council that he is working on ways to raise the fee for the City cutting homes grass. He is looking at other municipalities to see what they charge.
2. Phil informed council that the City purchased 277 plants from Natorp's at the cost of \$2007.00 and they are being planted at five sites. The St. Bernard Square was completed with 97 plants.
3. Phil updated council on the City's work to expand the soccer practice field at Ross Park. In order to do this, three telephone poles will need to be moved at the cost of \$13,310.00. Phil has the money in his budget for this but since it is over \$10,000.00 he needs council's permission. Council approved the work.

Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser: absent

Treasurer, Jamie Sipe: no report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Laws, Contracts and & Claims, Mike Peck: Mike discussed his committee's ideas for a whole house clean outs and evictions ordinance. It suggests that after 24 hours a property owner/landlord shall be responsible to remove any items and/or trash left on the curb. If they fail to do so the City will and the property/owner will be responsible for the cost. The St. Bernard's Mayor's Court may also charge costs as part of a fine in any criminal action. If the City is not reimbursed for the costs, the City reserves the right to collect by placing a lien on the property. The committee will continue to work on the ordinance and report back at the next COW.

Public Improvements, Kevin Meier: Kevin reminded everyone that the CIC will be meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 PM and the Public Improvement Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 PM to discuss the implementation of cleaning up the residential housing stock.

Business & Industry, Peggy Brickweg: Peggy updated council on a Public Meeting regarding the proposed passenger rail concept linking Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland. The meeting will take place Thursday, September 17th in the City of Cincinnati Council Chambers. Peggy stated that she was planning to attend the meeting but she will not be able to because she is having a medical procedure done. Cindi said she would attend the meeting. Peggy also stated that she may not be able to make next week's council meeting because of the procedure she is having done.

Safety, Patty Hausfeld: no report

Highways & Transportation, Cindi Bedinghaus: no report

Service, Don Tobergte: Don asked for an update regarding the City having an emergency preparedness plan. Bill stated that he will discuss this at the Board of Health meeting the Department Head meeting.

Finance, Greg Zix: no report

Audience Participation: Lee from Harvey Court stated that the City needs to make sure the Police have the equipment they need to do their jobs and that the City needs to express their appreciation to PO Temple for the work he did when he was injured on duty. Bill stated that PO Temple is doing well and will be reporting back to work very soon.

Ordinances and Resolutions for the next council meeting:

1. Ordinance for additional and adjustment appropriations
2. Then and Now resolution
3. Supporting the library resolution

Next Council Meeting: Sept. 17th at 7:30 P.M.

Next C.O.W. Meeting: Sept 24th at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Brickweg,
President of Council Pro-Tem

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to read tonight's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2009. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE (1) INVOICE COVERED BY "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATIONS OF PURCHASE ORDERS EXCEEDING \$3,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 19, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Resolution No. 19, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2009. EXPRESSING THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD'S SUPPORT FOR THE 1 MILL OPERATING LEVY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY TO BE VOTED UPON ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mr. Peck to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 20, 2009.

REMARKS

Ms. Hausfeld – Last week when this was discussed I voiced my opinion that I wasn't necessarily in favor of this due to we the St. Bernard City has been waiting on the Library to build on a piece of property that we gave them twelve, thirteen, fourteen, years ago. Nothing has been done yet. In talking to the other Council members and the Administration it was brought to my attention that this is strictly to keep the library that we have so I will be voting for this tonight just so that the residents themselves can have the opportunity of voting yes or no come the election on Nov. 3.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mr. Peck to adopt Resolution No. 20, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2009. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 38, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 38, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I would like to ask Bill, with the Nuisance Task Force, when you are meeting on specific properties like, I was talking to Rodney, the place on Greenlee might be coming up soon. Is it possible that the Ward Councilman could be at the meeting because I get asked when I'm out walking my dogs, what's going on with this property or that property and if we don't know there's nothing we can tell them. But if we're at the meeting there could be some information we could give them like this is being worked on or that's happening and stuff like that.

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, I don't have any problem with that. That would be a good idea. Thank you.

Ms. Hausfeld – Bill, could you let all of us know so that way if one of us want to show up we can.

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, I'll send an email out to all of Council.

Mr. Burkhardt – The Board of election has informed us that we have to advertise the proposed Charter Amendment. There are two options. One is mailing the proposed amendment to registered voters not less than thirty days prior to the election or publish the proposed amendment once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in the newspaper with the first publication being at least fifteen days prior to the election at which the amendment is to be submitted to the electors. My recommendation would be to contact the registered voters by mail to assure that we make every effort to inform the voters of the amendment. I need Council's, what they would like to see.

Mr. Zix – I would agree with that. I think we should inform the voters and I'll make a motion to that affect.

Mr. Tobergte – I'll second that.

Motion by Mr. Zix, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to notify the voters by mail of the upcoming ballot issue and the wording. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Burkhardt – The report that Patty gave in her Safety report on the smoke detectors, we are preparing a Resolution for the COW in support of that so that will be at the next COW.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I have some Block Watch news. There will be a personal safety and survival seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 7:00 pm here at City Hall. Space is limited to the first 40 people. Please RSVP to City Hall at 242-7770. That will be the last Block Watch meeting. Rodney was saying it was going to be like talking about certain movement, your body language, and how that affects that.

Ms. Hausfeld – I do have one thing. Bill you had mentioned your Streetscape Meetings on that same night. What time was your meeting?

Mr. Burkhardt – It was 6:00pm.

Ms. Hausfeld – It was at 6:00pm. OK because I do like to attend those and I didn't know if they were at the same time or not. Thank you.

Mr. Walden – On a personal note I just wanted to thank the Fire Dept. who safely helped my father to the hospital when he had a problem over the Labor Day weekend. And then successfully got my mother back into the house when she made it home at 4:00am and the house key was still at the hospital. I wanted to thank them for that.

Mrs. Kathman – Along with what Bill said, I received a letter from the Board of Elections concerning the wording of the ballot issue arising from Resolution No. 13 and I would like to be put on the agenda for the next COW to discuss the wording that is going to be on the ballot.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Lee Wright, Harvey Ct. – I would like to see a hardware store and a pharmacy in St. Bernard. And I would like to know how come all the basketball hoops have been taken down? The reason I say this is because my neighbor was just talking about not having the basketball courts up for the kids and he was saying he heard it was taken down because people using it that don't live here and he didn't think that was fair and was wondering what the real reason was.

Mr. Burkhardt – The real reason was because of the crowds that they were drawing from citizens outside the City and some of the residents didn't feel safe because of it so they were taken down. We are looking at other options to hopefully cure that.

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

Mr. Meier – The next COW will be on September 24, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Ms. Hausfeld – Before we adjourn, Bill, this just came to my mind. Have we as a City, and I don't know if we, I would like to do this and if you get me his address I'll be glad to head it up. I know George Herbold personally. I used to wait on him every day. And as a City I know his heart and soul is here so I'd like to maybe get a card together or something and send it to him. I can get everybody on Council and the Administration to sign it if they would like to. If you could get me his address or where he is.

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, Elaine has it so you can contact her.

Motion by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.