

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2006**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, July 6, 2006 in Council Chambers.

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

Mr. Walden – Before we go further, I would like to ask Council to observe a moment of silence in honor of Joe Rusche, former Law Director for many years for the City of St. Bernard who passed away recently.

Roll call showed that all members were present: Mrs. Howell, Mr. Asbach, Mr. Burkhardt, Mrs. Brickweg, Mr. Meier, Mr. Zix.

Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Asbach seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Zix to suspend with the regular order of business to hear from Mr. Wilson and to swear in the new Councilman Mr. Mike Schildmeyer. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Wilson – I would just like to let all the residents and also City Council know what is going on here.

Over the past 22 I have worked evenings and weekends in the retail world. Due to my busy work schedule it has been a constant challenge for me to attend my son's basketball games and my daughter's volleyball games. After a retirement in the Service Dept. this left a vacancy. The job opening in the Service Dept. was offered to me. After many nights of talking it over with my wife and thinking long and hard, I've decided to accept this position with the Service Dept. In accepting this position I'm forced to resign from my position on City Council. I want to thank everyone for all the votes they have given me. I want to thank all the residents for sending all their letters and emails over the past years. This has helped me to make better decisions on the future of our City. It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past 4 ½ years on City Council. Thank you.

Mr. Walden – Thank you and thank you for all your years of service. For anyone that in not aware, after Mr. Wilson's resignation letter was read last Thursday, Mr. Schildmeyer was elected by Council to fill the vacancy in Third Ward and we will now move to Mr. Schildmeyer being sworn in.

Mr. Geiser then swore in Mr. Schildmeyer as Third Ward Councilman.

Mr. Walden – Welcome, Mr. Schildmeyer.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – As Mr. Walden mentioned the City wishes to extend condolences to the families who have recently lost loved ones, John Winders recently passed away, drove a school bus for many years for the school. Joe Forshback, almost an icon at St. Bernard Eagles as well as Joe Rusche.

Each of these three gentlemen spent much, if not their entire life in St. Bernard and all three were very committed in giving back to our community. Moving on to a little bit brighter note, we had a super turn out at this years Independence Day celebration in lower Ross Park. Service, Fire, and the Police Departments all did a terrific job setting up and making sure we had a safe and entertaining event. I know Joe spent many hours down there rearranging some things and making sure that everything worked before and did the best that he could do down there. Did a great job down there and I appreciate all the hours he spends down there doing that. There was a slight breeze on the evening of the 3rd that carried some of the cooled ash too close to spectators which concerns us. Remember, we moved the site to detonate the fireworks to the upper field because of the some of the problems we had several years ago down on Broerman and Imwalle with the hot ashes being blown down to those houses and cars and we wanted to eliminate that so, when you fix one problem sometimes you run into a problem in another area. We will be looking at ways to eliminate this next year, however having limited space in a residential area will make come up with the perfect solution a challenge. This is on the agenda for our Dept. heads meeting on Monday and we'll get together to discuss improvements for these events. We've already had a couple of good suggestions from officers Moore and Simos as well as input from Chief Moeller on how to better service citizens next year. If anyone has suggestions, I'd really like to hear them so we can make additions to our list and make it even better. As people left the park that night, I think it was a combination of great weather, great band, and just a well behaved crowd, no problems that we're aware and we had a lot of compliments, so it's nice to have something positive like that in our town. I appreciate Mr. Geiser getting back to me so promptly with some initial feed back concerning his research on dedicate parks and I'm sure Ed will give you additional information on this subject. Because he needs to research a parcels individual history, he asked which parcels the City may have interested in developing. My inclination is that Bertus Street and the Tennis Lane courts are two of the most likely candidates for development and therefore I have asked Ed to begin his research there.

I was invited to attend the Seniors Luncheon last week. It was sponsored and catered by Duke Energy and Andy's in Carthage. They did a nice job and it was well attended and it is always an enjoyable afternoon to spend time with the Seniors' and hear some of their suggestions. Due to my other job across the street from there I don't get to attend as many as I'd like, but they also had some nice suggestions that we're looking into as far as additional hours or other hours for the Dial-A-Ride. I would like to thank Council again, being able to put more money in that line item for the Dial – A-Ride and have two buses that ran till midnight, they were very appreciative, not only the Seniors but a lot of the citizens and people who attended the function on July 3rd. So thanks again Council for working with us and a lot of good things are going on.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The June Auditor's reports are prepared for tonight's meeting. At the halfway point in the year, one report can give a quick analysis of spending levels for each line item by comparing year-to-date expenditures with the balance remaining. The receipts report and the report showing year-to-date revenue and expenses by fund are derived from the Auditors report, and they are given to Council and the Administration.

Payroll for the month of June:	\$ 428,597.41
Payroll year to date:	2,512,002.76
Other expenditures for the month of June:	\$ 417,874.87
Other expenditures as of June 30 th :	2,294,367.09
Total Expenditures through the end of June:	\$ 4,806,369.85

Before Council tonight is Ordinance Number 20, 2006. As discussed at the COW, this Ordinance makes a small appropriation adjustment for the Civil Service Commission.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Geiser – I’m continuing to work on draft legislation for the regulation of newspaper racks. As the Mayor stated, I’m also continuing to work on the application of dedicated parks and how we can, if Council decides, to remove those as parks. Also, I’m also working with Councilman Meier on the CRAs and those issues. Tomorrow, we expect a decision from Judge Marsh regarding the law suit of Mr. Helton verses the City of St. Bernard and on one of these sexual offender cases, the individual living on Kemper Ave. has moved out of town and that case will be dismissed.

TREASURER, Mr. Kathman – I have the receipts report for the month of June.

The receipts for the Month of June:	\$ 663,117.02
Receipt for the year through June 30 th :	\$ 5,527,988.01

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – I too would also like to thank everyone for making the 4th of July celebration so successful. Without the help of the Police Dept., the Fire Dept., and especially the Service Dept. who did such a great job with the set up and clean up, we wouldn’t have been able to pull it off without these dedicated people. I also have a message for our residence about the placement of garbage. We have tried to inform our residence about the changes in pickup days via mailings and Call Command. Even after multiple attempts to inform our residents, we still had garbage place on the curb on the 4th of July. Aside from making our City look bad, we do have an Ordinance in place that clearly defines the setting out of waste for collection.

All containers, plastic garbage bags or refuse shall be neatly arranged on the curb so as to not block the sidewalk and shall be in accordance with the rules prepared by waste collection.

Larger items, such as wood, limbs and cardboard should be neatly bundled and should be set out between the hours of 6:00p.m. on the night preceding waste collection and before 7:30a.m. on the day of collection.

All containers shall be taken in no later than 8:00p.m. on the day of collection.

All containers and refuse shall be set out for pick up at least once a week on the regular collection days.

All special pick ups shall be set out for collection only on regular collection days.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is susceptible to a citation and a fine of not more than \$100. for each offense and the Police Dept. will be enforcing this Ordinance.

I also have something to share with you about one of our Police Officers. Dan Luken was issued a commendation by the Cincinnati Police Chief, Thomas Stricker. While investigation an abandoned vehicle on Northbound I-75 on Oct. 17th, 2005, Officer Luken observed a large hunting knife covered in blood, lying on the ground. After recovering the knife, Officer Luken issued a teletype message to all local depts.. The knife was later retrieved by Cincinnati homicide detectives. It was determined that the knife was a weapon involved in a homicide on Oct. 15. It had the blood of the suspect on it also. Subsequently the homicide unit established that the suspect also became a homicide victim several days later. Because of Officer Luken's skills of observation and dedication to duty, this assisted in the closure of this case and I would like to thank him for his help in this.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Kempe – The Board of Controls has met and reviewed the bids received for the 2006 Street Maintenance Program. There were two bids submitted: Terry Industries in the amount of \$236,542.50 and Jurgensen Company in the amount of \$287,275.82. The Board has selected the bid from Terry Industries. Therefore, I recommend passage of Ordinance No. 19, 2006 accepting the bid of \$236,542.50 from Terry Industries for the 2006 street repair work.

The Beech St. project is well under way and progressing on schedule. The project should be substantially complete by the first week of August.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mrs. Williams – No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – Tonight, Walt St. Clair, the Auditor, read the 2007 budget in Public Hearing. I'd like to thank the other two Finance Committee members, Steve Asbach and Glen Wilson and the rest of Council for all the help on this budget. I'd also like thank Joe Kempe and Walt St. Clair along with all the Dept. heard for all their preparation of this budget to the Finance Committee.

Also the Finance Committee would like to recommend the passage of Ordinance 20, 2006.

SAFETY, Mr. Burkhardt – No report.

SERVICE, Mr. Meier – I would like to read the Service Dept. report for June, 2006. This past month there were 28 trucks placed at residences, 15 dumpsters, 170 special pick-ups and 245 tons of garbage to the landfill. Recycling, there were 24 tons of recycling material, 11,900 lbs. of scrape metal, 234 lbs. of aluminum cans. The City received \$802.25 for recycling in May of 2006.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Asbach – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS & CLAIMS, Mrs. Howell – My Committee met last night along with Peggy and myself and I want to thank Joe and Jonathan and Gerry and Chief Moeller. We discussed some property maintenance issues

which that is going to be an ongoing discussion for a little while. Also, we discussed Commercial vehicles and parking and I would like to be put on the agenda for the next COW to discuss this a little bit further with Council.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, Mr. Schildmeyer – Newly appointed.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Brickweg – Since there has not been much activity with highways and transportation, except for lots of highway road work, I have been using my time working on other issues for our City. As you have seen in my last few reports, I am continuing to look for grants for our City. I hope that the Administration will follow up on some of these and get free money for our City. I purchased a large resource book from Hamilton County which assists cities with revitalization. This is a reference tool kit/guide to assist Administrators and economic development officials in locating resources available for the revitalization of housing and business districts. As I learn more I will report back to the public, Council and the Administration. I hop by informing everyone, some on of these ideas can be worked on and accomplished to revitalize our City.

Mr. Burkhardt – The Committee of the Whole Report has been submitted to the Clerk.

**Committee of the Whole
June 29, 2006**

1. Council approved the minutes of the June 15th Council meeting, 6-0, Mr. Wilson absent.
2. Council agreed 5-0-1, Mr. Asbach abstaining, to allow the conditional use permit for 4617 Vine St.
3. After some discussion Council decided to go with Dr. Romanos' original proposal and to turn this information over to the CIC to allow them to work on the Vine St. corridor.
4. After a short discussion on vacant properties, Mr. Wiedman will work with the Sanitarian on stronger laws for cleaning up properties
5. Mayor, John Estep, absent.
6. Auditor, Walter St. Clair
 - A. Council agreed 6-0 to put an ordinance on the table for a \$600.00 transfer for the Civil Service.
 - B. Walt reminded Council of the public hearing for the 2007 budget.
7. Director of law, Edward Geiser, absent.
8. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell
 - A. Informed Council that they will start going over the applications for the HIP position.
9. Service Director, Joe Kempe

A. Council agreed 6-0 to put an ord. on the table to accept the bid for the street repairs.

B. Joe read a letter from Glenn Wilson saying that he accepted the Service Dept. position and resigned his seat on Council. The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the vacant 3rd Ward Council seat.

Nominations were Mike Schildmeyer and Barb Kalb. It was voted 4-2 to have Mike Schildmeyer fill the vacant seat, with Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Brickweg voting no.

10. Tax Commissioner, Sheri Williams, no report.

11. Laws, Contracts, & Claims, Patty Howell

A. Announced that the committee will be meeting soon to go over commercial vehicles and the property maintenance code.

12. Public Improvements, Steve Asbach, no report.

13. Business & Industry, Glen Wilson, absent.

14. Safety, Bill Burkhardt, no report.

15. Highways & Transportation, Peggy Brickweg, no report.

16. Service, Kevin Meier, no report.

17. Finance, Greg Zix

A. After a short discussion, Council will leave the running of the meeting up to Curtis.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Burkhardt
President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS – None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mrs. Howell to read tonight's Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2006. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TERRY ASPHALT MATERIALS, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 19, 2006. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adopt Ordinance 19, 2006 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2006. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Meier to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2006. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adopt Ordinance No. 20, 2006 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Zix, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adopt the 2007 budget for presentation to Hamilton County. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Brickweg – Since last weeks COW meeting I have received many phone calls and emails regarding the replacement of Glenn Wilson as the Ward 3 Council Representative. I would first like to state that it would have been nice to be informed by the Administration or by Glenn that he had received and accepted the job and would be resigning from Council. I heard rumors but never received anything official. It appears others were informed or were acting on gossip since Mr. Zix stated he had already discussed the Ward Three Council position with Mr. Schildmeyer. At the COW meeting Mr. Zix motioned to nominate Mr. Schildmeyer and Mr. Meier seconded the motion. As I stated at the COW meeting, I think this is wrong and in my opinion an abuse of political power to chose a representative that the people did not elect. This is what happened in January with Ward One and now again with Ward Three. This is nothing against Mr. Schildmeyer or Mr. Meier but neither of them received enough votes to represent the citizens. In Mr. Schildmeyer's case he was an incumbent that the voters chose no to re-elect. One of the citizens of Ward Three said it very well, "We have elections for a reason. People say if you are not happy with your government you have the power to control it come election time. The people spoke at election time. They changed the balance of the parties because they were not happy with the way things were being handled. This Council has thumbed their noses at the voice of the people. Two Council positions have changed in this term. Both of them under very questionable circumstances, and both positions were filled with people from the opposite party. I want a say in who is representing me in my government. By Federal law I have that right." Because the Orange Party has the majority of Council votes they chose one of their own without even speaking to the citizens of either Ward. This is plain wrong!

Councilperson Patty Hausfeld suggested that we wait a week and talk with the citizens of Ward Three but the nominations were closed and voted on. It was so obvious that this was all planned and it would not have mattered to wait a week. Mr. Asbach, Mr. Burkhardt, Mr. Meier and Mr. Zix had their minds made up. It is my opinion that once again the Council members voted along a straight party line for another one of their members and did not even think twice about the citizens and how they voted. There are four wards in our City and thanks to the vote of the Orange Party, council representatives only half of the City is represented by the people voted in and in the other two wards they are represented by people that did not even come in second. I can only pray the citizens remember these actions when they go to vote for their city representatives in 2007. As Council members we are "elected" to represent the citizens, not a political party. This is just another example of why our City is not moving forward, we have Council members that are too busy trying to keep "the good old boys club" going, instead of working on

improving our City. I feel if some Council members spent the amount of time working on improving our City as they spend on trying to control power we would be a City people wished they could live in.

Mrs. Howell – I just also want to, I know I talked to a couple Council members and I just want the public to know, I did, last week try to get Council members to wait one week to fill the position of the Third Ward Candidate just to get the feel for what Third Ward people, taxpayers, citizens would want to represent them. Then I was not comfortable nominating anybody at the spur of the moment without talking to the candidates first or the people first and see what they actually wanted. Even though I know the votes wouldn't have changed and you guys still would have voted four to two to put Mr. Schildmeyer in here and Mr. Schildmeyer this is no dig on you at all, I do believe we should have waited one week before we did the nominations and before we closed the nominations and before we voted. I was going to prepare a speech, but you guys know me by now, I speak from the heart and that is truly from the heart what I believe.

Mr. Asbach – In regards to what was just discussed, just for the record because it did happen at COW, Mrs. Kalb was nominated for the seat as well. This Council had nothing to do either one of these circumstances. It is up to us to fill the seats when they are vacated and that is basically what we did. We had no control over Mr. Wilson taking the job with the Service Dept. as well as Mr. Hausfeld remaining a fireman and not being able to serve as a Councilperson. Basically we did what needed to be done to fill the vacancy of those seats.

Mrs. Brickweg – I would like to comment on Mr. Asbach. You might have done what you thought needed to be done, but in my opinion, I'm the one that nominated Barb Kalb and your reasoning was to choose a representative from the "at large" ticket that lived in Ward Three, well Barb Kalb came in forth and I'm sorry Mr. Schildmeyer came in fifth. So if we were even going to pretend that we were listening to the citizens and we were using the "at large" vote, it would have been Barb Kalb that we voted for. So my, it doesn't matter what people say, to me it was very obvious, a strong political move, and like its said after meetings, that's just the way the game goes when a certain party holds the control of Council. I can't do anything about it, I feel its wrong, but it would have been nice, when you say you did everything you could do, maybe talking to the citizens of Ward Three would have just been a little better and ask them exactly what they wanted since they are the citizens being represented.

Mr. Schildmeyer – Just a comment since I'm in the middle of this now and hope to get us all back on track and continue on to work and improve this City. I want to thank the twenty to twenty five calls that I received from the Ward Three people who congratulated me on this appointment and welcomed me back on Council. It's a tough choice for everyone, politics run some strange streets sometimes and this is where it lands. We promise to work on this City and keep it moving ahead as I've always tried to do in the past and hope everybody can get along and get this over with and get this City moving ahead.

Mrs. Brickweg – Another item discussed at last weeks COW meeting was meeting protocol. Mr. Zix wanted to discuss this because he feels that Council members should not be permitted to ask questions during or following individual reports. At the previous Council meeting I asked Mr. Geiser about a lawsuit against the City after he read his report. Mr. Zix felt that this disrupted the Council meeting. Mr. Asbach thought that Council members should have to wait till the end of the meeting when the citizens are asked to address Council. As a Council representative I think it is important to ask questions, give comments and discuss items when they are brought up. I do not think it is a good thing to wait till the end of a meeting to bring topics back up. Ms. Hausfeld also agreed she wanted to ask questions when topics were being discussed. I stated that this has not been a problem in the past and I wondered why now it was. In the end it was agreed to allow the President of Council, Curtis Walden, to run the meeting. I do ask Curtis's permission before asking questions and he has been granting permission to speak. Hopefully he will continue to let Council members do their job and represent the citizens by asking questions to gain more knowledge.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Norman Miller, 219 Washington Ave. – I'd like to just address what Peggy just had on her mind. I think what you need to remember, the word is politics. Had your party been in power, I'm going to guess 100% there would be the same outcome only different party. You can look at it anyway you want but they call it politics. The party that is in power is going to do all they can to stay in power and if your party was in power, you too, maybe not you personally, but your party, I'm sure would have done the same thing. So they call it politics.

The other thing that I have on my mind, at the COW we had a pretty discussion on the Vine St. project and I'd like for someone, probably Mr. Meier, to make some kind of a detailed listing of the program, how its going. The people don't really see this, only those that come to the COW do they know what might be going on in the Vine St. project, rather than just say, we're working on the Vine St. project and I think it would be nice if the people knew what was going on, how you're progressing and what you're progressing toward.

The other thing, when you talked about the Baker Ave. project being extended, I think Mr. Zix brought that up, some of these things were brought up as many as three years ago when we first got a little light on it last Council meeting. I'm wondering why we're sitting on that piece of property down on Mitchell Ave., sitting across from the stadium, you see very few people in there, it's a piece of our property that can house as many pieces of property that's sitting up there at Tower and Mitchell. We're sitting on another piece of property over on Baker Ave. probably three houses. I never did hear anything about it. Three years ago it was brought up and we got a little sniff the Council meeting before. The park down there at Chalet, we could still hold on to that park, the section that goes from street to street and

build another nine homes from that park up to the end. But we don't talk about it so after two years we get a sniff so where are we going from here? One other thing, the Nu-Maid property down there, has any thought been given in trying to take place in probably the next three to eight, five to eight years due to the expansion of the expressway. If we're going to move the fire dept. and the service dept. and I don't know how much of the post office is being involved, would any thought being given its rather than going out and buying more property to house these when they go down, that piece of property might be used there since we own it, we wouldn't have to go out and buy more, we're not doing anything real progressively on what's going to be used for now. I'm wondering if that piece of property belonging to us might house our services along with the post office and the government might even look ahead toward us to get these done rather than wait until the day before they decide, where are we going to put this and where are we going to put that.

Mr. Meier – Mr. Miller, I will try to address a couple of those issues. As you know at the COW last week, there was a discussion on the role of the CIC and the development and there was a presentation made. I think that that meeting clarified which direction we want to go, not so much the direction we want to go with Vine St. but how we're going to address that. As the CIC meets and brings back ideas, we will be making presentations and of course the CIC meetings are now open to the public so if people would like to attend, they may. So as soon as the next CIC meeting is scheduled I will certainly let you and the other citizens know and feel free to come in and observe that if you would like to.

As far as removing services and things over on to the Nu-Maid property, there have been some conversations about that, it has been brought up in ideas and there is a lot of different thoughts on it. One of them is that we probably don't want to do anything, make expenditures now to move something where if we wait a little bit and the State or the Dept. of Transportation has some funding to make those moves, we are going to want to make sure we take advantage of that if we can. It's something that has been talked about, not as an agenda item but it has come up in conversation. I think that the next time we have our meeting I would very much like for you to come and attend that and observe and see what is going on and after the meetings we more than welcome your comments. You always have good insights on what is going on in the City.

Mrs. Brickweg – I would just like to comment on one thing to Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller I don't know if you did not know this but I'm not a member of either political group. I decided I'm tired of the politics in this City and what its doing so I'm totally independent. So, it wouldn't have gone that way, I vote with my heart and what I thing the citizens want but I'm not a member of the Orange Party, I'm not a member of the Green Party, I'm just independent.

Joan Ronnenberg, 4217 Sullivan Ave., - Nothing was mentioned about the people that talked last week about the grant that they are bringing, that they are going to get to put this wall with the sign down by the post office, can someone elaborate on that so the people that watch this on television can hear about that, if they weren't at the COW meeting?

Mr. Meier – I'd like to address that and, Gerry if I miss something, feel free to fill it in. The understanding is that the City was given a block grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 and those funds have to be spent this year. Since the Vine St. corridor was in the CIC, one of the smaller projects that was brought up as an idea as one of the focal points of this City, basically when people are coming into the City, they are coming down Ross Ave. or they are coming South on Vine St., we'd see that there is something welcoming them, again identifying to them that this is the City of St. Bernard. If you're looking at St. Bernard Square at the traffic light as you're entering to the Square, that section to the right of there, or going North on Vine St., in front of the, from the entry to St. Bernard Square towards the post office, the idea was probably some new landscaping and some hardscaping there with some signage and some nice benches. One of the ideas was, that wall to make it similar to the wall over at OLA so that we're starting to get kind of a theme going on in the City to try to tie things together. There were some diagrams that were brought down to the meeting and we can make it so next time we have a CIC meeting we can bring those diagrams back and people are more than welcome to come and take a look at those as well. It is funds that are available, they are grant funds and they have to be spent before the end of this year which is why we kind of moved pretty quickly to get something in place and bring it back to Council.

Mr. Estep – I was just going to ask Mr. Meier, if those meetings are open to the public and you would need some help getting that message out, if you'll let Joe, myself or Glenna know, we'd be glad to put that on Call Command and at this time I should probably mention if there's anybody in the City not on that database and you would like to receive any of these messages, please call City Hall at 242-7770 ext. 11 and leave your name and phone number with Glenna and we will add you to that data base. We've gotten a lot of positive feed back on Call Command.

Mr. Burkhardt – Due to Council's summer vacation, the next COW will be July 27th at 7:30p.m.

Motion by Mr. Zix, seconded by Mrs. Howell to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.