

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2006**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday August 17, 2006.

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

Roll call showed that members were present: Ms Howell, Mr. Asbach, Mr. Schildmeyer, 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 7-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – I would like to just ask for a short moment of silence for Pam Culbertson and her family who passed away earlier today due to some complications at Christ Hospital. I'd appreciate it.

Pam is a life long resident, her and her family lived here and worked here forever and it's really a shame.

Mr. Geiser did call me to say he was still down with a stomach virus and he wouldn't be here tonight just so you know. He reported to me that he found nothing in past ordinances, or deed-transfers to prevent development of the Bertus Street Park property. I want to thank Ed Geiser and Judy Witzeman for their work on this project. It was a big job going through the old records to verify this. I understand there is still some research to do. Moving forward, I do understand the next barrier to development of this area is its current sewer placement which runs too close to the park and may not support housing. Therefore, I have asked Gerry Wiedman to pursue information pertinent to the preparation of this area for construction of single family housing. This may entail reengineering recommendations specific to the sewers, and in addition, steps and cost projections necessary to prepare the area for building. Finally, I am interested in hearing from residents of the community, especially from the residents immediately surrounding Bertus Pak. Your input concerning an aesthetic vision is important to us. We had a nice turnout for Friday's concert in the park featuring Hot Wax. I encourage residents to take advantage of these community events. It is one of the most enjoyable experiences of summers spent in St. Bernard and being family friendly it is worthy of good attendance. I enjoyed seeing the hula-hoop skills of some of our neighborhood kids and adults when they went on stage to compete as the band played. I inadvertently neglected to thank one of our local banks for their sponsorship of the summer concerts in the park series and want to take this opportunity to recognize First Safety Bank and WesBanco for their community support and for making annual contributions to these summer concerts.

I continue to get positive feedback concerning Community Safe Call Command. Our Senior Citizens seem to be one of the groups that benefit from these messages most. Some Seniors have limited access to internet news and aren't frequently out-and-about in the community and I'm hearing this is one of the ways they keep abreast of local information. We try to be sensitive to the number of messages we put out, while at the same time,

making sure not to neglect important information that may benefit residents. The service is being provided to us free of charge for the balance of the 2006. For 2007 Cognis Corporation has made a commitment to sponsor this service.

It's that time of year to begin thinking about local children returning to school and to be mindful of increased car and pedestrian traffic in the City and especially around local schools. We want to have another safe year for our children. I was pleased to read in the paper that St. Bernard/Elmwood Place Schools climbed in their ranking from Continuous Improvement to a ranking of Effective. The next step for the district will be to move forward to the Excellent ranking, and I have confidence in the district to achieve this since they are located in a community whose support of education remains one of the citizen's top priorities. Excellence in academics demonstrates our viability as a community and enhances our ability to move forward with our vision for improving our City.

I did meet with the Enquirer this week to follow up on a two part interview and they were very impressed with the fact that we have a number of churches and private as well as public schools in our area which meets the needs of all the student from our local community. They were impressed with the community sense that we have here and the safe community that we have considering what we have surrounding us and the great job our police, fire and service do.

Finally, tentative plans have been made for the next Public Meeting for the Mill Creek Expressway Project. It will be held in the Senior Center of the Municipal Building on September 28th from 4p.m. to 8p.m.; residents are encourage to attend.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – Reports for the City's investments and bank accounts have been distributed to Council and the Administration. Before Council tonight is Ordinance Number 24, 2006. As discussed at the COW, this Ordinance makes a small appropriation adjustment for the Recreation Dept, moving \$700 from incidentals to concerts.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Geiser – Absent

TREASURER, Mr. Kathman – No report.

SEFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – No report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Kempe – Mr. Kempe is with his wife this evening.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mrs. Williams – Absent

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – The Finance Committee recommends passage of Ordinance No. 24, 25, and 26.

SAFETY, Mr. Burkhardt – No report.

SERVICE, Mr. Meier – Earlier this week Mrs. Brickweg requested some information on the price we pay for recycling material. I want to thank Mr.

Kempe and Mr. Fozzaluzza for getting that information and providing it to her.

PUBLICIMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Asbach – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS & CLAIMS, Ms. Howell – I have no report tonight except that my Committee is still working on Commercial Vehicle Ordinance. I am waiting for Mr. Geiser to get a couple of questions answered and as soon as he gets those questions answered he will get back with me and I will bring it back to Council.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, Mr. Schildmeyer – I did make a few contacts with Procter and Gamble this week. Louise Hughes and Ed Rider along with Will Esterly have been working with the City in the past and as different information becomes available to the City they will contact Mr. Wiedman's office and Gerry will evaluate the information that comes from P&G and copy both Business and Industries for possible announcements at the appropriate time. Business and industry Committee will also be sending out a letter of introduction to both the Chamber of Commerce and businesses throughout the City and the industrial areas of the City.

I look forward to meeting and working with each business and industry in the City, addressing questions they might have in the direction the City is taking for future development. I'll keeping updated with Council and the citizens on meetings for future development.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Brickweg – I also was going to thank Mr. Fozzaluzza and Mr. Kempe, I had a citizen call me and wanted to know what we got per item for recycling so I emailed it to her so that was the request, a citizen asked me.

I would like to report that there will be an implementation committee meeting to discuss the I-75 expansion project on Monday, August 21, 10:00a.m. in Centennial Hall. I will be attending this meeting as representative of St. Bernard. There will also be a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 28, from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. in St. Bernard Municipal Hall, to present the public with the assessment of feasible alternatives to the project. This is similar to the meeting from a few months ago where citizens can view charts and pictures and ask questions.

I sent my letter to the Board of the Intermodel Coordinating Committee at OKI requesting a slot. There are currently two available slots for Ohio cities with populations under 40,000. The purpose of the ICC is to provide technical advice and assistance to the Technical Services Director and staff in such areas as regional planning, land use, transportation, air quality, traffic engineering, open space and any special purpose projects, as well as preparing recommendations to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Basically the ICC is a group of engineers and planners that make technical recommendations on transportation projects to the OKI Board of Trustees. I will let everyone know if my request is accepted.

Committee of the Whole
Aug. 10, 2006

1. Council approved the minutes of the Aug. 3rd Council meeting,7-0.

2. Mayor, John Estep, no report.
3. Auditor, Walter St. Clair
 - A. Council agreed to put an ord. on the table for a appropriation adjustment in the Recreation Dept. of \$700.00.
4. Director of Law, Edward Geiser, no report.
5. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell, no report.
6. Service Director, Joe Kempe
 - A. Council agreed 7-0 to put an ord. on the table to buy new trash bags.
 - B. Council agreed 7-0 to put an ord on the table to purchase a new pick-up truck for the Service Dept.
7. Tax Commissioner, Sheri Williams, no report.
8. Laws, Contracts, & Claims, Patty Hausfeld, no report.
9. Public Improvements, Steve Asbach
 - A. Council agreed 7-0 to change the date of the Aug. 31 COW meeting to Aug. 24 at 7:30p.m.
10. Business & Industry, Mike Schildmeyer, no report.
11. Safety, Bill Burkhardt, no report.
12. Highways & Transportation, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Council agreed 6-0 to have Peggy be the City's representative for OKI. There will also be meetings concerning I-75 expansion on Aug. 21 at 10:00a.m. and Sept. 28 from 4-8p.m.
- 13 Service, Kevin Meier
 - A. Kevin has al the information for the ord. for the Property Tax Abatement Program and this will be discussed at the next COW meeting.
14. Finance, Greg Zix, no report.
15. After Council came out of Executive Session, they voted 7-0 to put an ord. on the table accepting the new police contract.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Meier to read this evening's Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2006. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third of Ordinance No. 24, 2006. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 24, 2006. Motions passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2006. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLASTIC TRASH BAGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Asbach to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 25, 2006.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2006.

Mr. Kathman – I think, in the heading of the Ordinance, where it reads, “into a contract with, I think is supposed to be All American Poly”.

Mr. Walden – It appears you are right Mr. Kathman. Would anyone on Council wish to make a motion to amend Ordinance No. 25, 2006?

Mr. Asbach – Since they are named in Section No. 1, I would like to make a motion that we scratch the word “with” and have it read, “enter into a contract for the purchase” that’s easier.

Mr. Walden - We have a motion to delete the word “with” from the heading of Ordinance No. 25, 2006. Is there a second?

Mr. Walden – Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to delete the work “with” from Ordinance No. 25, 2006. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 25, 2006 as amended. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2006. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WOODY SANDER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-150 SERIES, ONE TON PICK UP TRUCK AND THE TRADE-IN OF A 1995 FORD PICK UP TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to suspend with the second and third readings of Ordinance 26, 2006.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg - Just to explain to the citizens, this is going to replace a pick-up truck in the Service Dept. that has a cracked frame and they had enough money in their budget after they bought the packer, they had some money left over that will cover this so that is why they're purchasing it.

Motion on suspension passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs, Brickweg, seconded by Ms Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 26, 2006 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Estep – I mentioned that Joe wasn't here to be with his wife, I should probably explain, we'd all probably all like to be with our wives. She had some minor surgery over at the hospital and he's with her tonight.

Mr. Meier – I would just like to update everybody that the CIC did meet this past August 9th. At that meeting we reviewed plans for the Gateway Project for Vine and Ross. We will proceed with that and we should have some updated drawings. We will let everybody know when the next meeting is so if people would like to come and take a look at those they can do so. Also, we went into Executive Session, just to update people, the market is very soft, the developer was approached by somebody who is looking to purchase the property for their business. The consensus was that it was not the type of business that we're looking to put in there and that it wouldn't fit in with the overall scheme of where we want the City to go. The recommendation was that we not pursue the sale to that Company. Also, and the last thing I would like to do, I'd like to be put on the agenda for the COW to bring up the Ordinance on the property tax abatement. Mr. Wiedman did provide the housing information, I'll go ahead and complete this, I'll have it in everybody's boxes so that by Monday you can pick it up and take a look at it prior to the meeting next Thursday.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to thank the CIC. Patty Hausfeld and I attended the meeting. It was a very informative meeting and it was nice to see the plans and see how it was discussed and everybody was very welcoming and I just wanted to thank them for including us.

Mr. Estep – I had one other thing, under the brochure that we passed around, we did do some revisions and I appreciate your input. If anybody has something else, it's in its final stages and ready to go to the printer so get them in quick, but I think it's about ready to go.

NEW BUSINESS - None

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - None

Mr. Burkhardt – Usually in a month of five Thursday's we skip this next coming week, but instead this month, we will have a meeting Aug. 24, 2006, at 7:30p.m. and there will be no meeting Aug. 31st.

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