

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2006**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, October 19, 2006 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 all members were present: Ms. Hausfeld, 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 have a few items to relay tonight. First Safety Bank has picked up 300 of the Cities' brochures for mailing to area realtors to aid in marketing efforts of available housing within the City of St. Bernard. The literature has also been placed with our departments who have the most contact with residents and potential new residents. In addition, we have compiled a list of universities and hospitals that I will write a letter to and later personally visit with the purpose of promoting St. Bernard as the livable and family friendly community that it is for people relocating to our area.

On a different note, this is our last opportunity to remind everyone about the community Halloween party. It will be held on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Children should gather at the pavilion for our annual costume contest at 5:30P.M. Costume judging will be at 5:45p.m. We'll have prizes for the costume winners and candy for all children. St. Bernard's Trick or Treat will be from 6 to 8 p.m. that evening and houses receiving children are asked to turn on their porch light at dusk. We appreciate everyone who participates in that.

Recently, a parent and a wife reminded me that her son would be returning home from Iraq and it served as a sobering reminder that even though we are enjoying our everyday lives in relative safety, there are men and women in Iraq risking their lives to preserve democracy. Rather than failing to mention any one of these people by name, I would like each of us to realize that it doesn't have to be Memorial Day for us to express our appreciation to the men and women in the armed services of our country.

On the Bertus St. Park, I want to thank Ed Geiser and Council for their support concerning the development of the Bertus St. Park property. It is especially gratifying to see Council pulling together for the common good of the community. This doesn't mean we all agree on all aspects of the project, but we do agree we need to determine the viability of the plan and if this means we need to put an issue before voters to pass or fail, we will at least have enough feedback to adjust our position to meet the community's wishes. Ed, we'll be looking forward to the outcome of your research at one of our upcoming meetings.

I've been thinking about Council's request for me to write a letter to local businesses with the aim of helping revitalize the Chamber of Commerce and I asked Mrs. McCarty to contact Mr. Sawtell on my behalf. The outcome of

this conversation is that the letter should be authored by Bob Sawtell, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and perhaps co-signed by the Business and Industry Committee. Of course, I am happy to co-sign the letter as well. Mrs. McCarty had developed a Chamber of Commerce page on our web site and has been waiting for feedback to complete the page which she and Bob discussed. Which brings us to a good topic for the letter, Bob will invite local businesses to get re-involved in the Chamber by listing their business on the Chamber's web page. Mr. Burkhardt, will you please add Mr. Sawtell to the 11/9 COW agenda. He feels he can have the letter ready by that meeting date and can bring us up to date on the Chambers activities.

I also asked our City Nurse, Laura Schmitt, to visit here tonight and give us an update on the flu vaccine. She has been trying to pin the Hamilton County Health District concerning flu shots for St. Bernard citizens. If you recall over the past several years, we had not been successful in securing any flu vaccine locally due to the scarcity. However, since we now contract some of our services with HCHD we will be getting some this year. It is a little complicated, but basically, I'll give you an oversight, before Laura gives you more information.

**The First Tier Recipients:** Within the next week to two weeks residents who are house bound due to health issues should call Laura Schmitt at 242-7770 (x25) **TO GET ON THE LIST FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF FLU SHOTS.** If Laura is out of the office, please leave her a voice mail so she can get you on the list, leave your name and address. Shortly thereafter a health care professional from HCHD will coordinate a home visit to administer the vaccine. The first round of vaccine goes to those at greatest risk of flu. There may, or may not be a fee for the shot depending on an individual's insurance coverage. More information on this is outlined in a handout prepared by the Health Department which will be at the front window of City Hall and we also have some handouts here this evening.

**The Second Tier:** The next round of vaccine will be dedicated to a clinic that will be held for ambulatory residents on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00a.m. and 2:00p.m. in St. Bernard Health Department. Laura planned this to coincide with the Senior Citizen's Meeting for convenience sake.

Again, there may, or may not be a charge for the vaccine depending on an individuals health care coverage.

Finally, to conclude my report, and I apologize for its length, there are a number of important dates to remember concerning the November 7<sup>th</sup>

**General Election:**

Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot, by mail, is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Deadline for voting an absentee ballot, in person, at the county Board of Elections is November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Again, Mrs. McCarty has posted the issues report as a PDF file to our website at [www.cityofstbernard.org](http://www.cityofstbernard.org). The link appears on the home page next to the VOTE icon. This will give you an opportunity to review the full text and ballot language at the five state issues on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot, and to compare the arguments for and against each issue. I urge you to study the issues carefully before voting and remember to bring a valid and current form of identification with you showing your current address on voting day.

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 32, 2006. As discussed at the COW, this Ordinance makes appropriation adjustments in the General Fund for the Fire Department and City Hall, moving \$5,000.00 from the Fire Department Wellness Program to Firemen Overtime and \$2,000.00 from City Hall Utilities to City Hall Stationary and Printing. This Ordinance also adjusts appropriations in the Swimming Pool Fund and the Master Plan Capital Improvement Fund, moving \$7,000.00 to Swimming Pool Equipment outlay from Swimming Pool Employees and \$22,000.00 to Master Plan Church Street Improvements from Master Plan Streets and Sewers Spring Grove and Beech.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Geiser – No report.

TREASURER, Mr. Kathman – No report.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – With Halloween and Trick-or-Treat coming up, I feel that it is only appropriate to go over some safety concerns for both children and adults. Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. The major dangers come from falls and pedestrian/car crashes. The National Safety Council and the American Red Cross have some safety reminders that will help ensure a safe Halloween.

For motorists, we ask that you please be especially alert.

Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

As twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

For our trick-or-treaters and parents we have the following tips.

Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.

Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low flying brooms.

Cross the street only at corners.

Don’t hide or cross the street between parked cars.

Wear light-colored or reflective type clothing so you’re more visible.

Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.

Carry a flash light to light your way.

Keep away from fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable)

Visit homes that have a porch light on.

Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger’s house.

Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.

Be cautious of animals and strangers.

Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don’t eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

The City of St. Bernard wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween. We will have a full compliment of Police Officers on the road watching out for our trick-or-treaters, including the Police Chief and myself. The Police Dept. will be distributing glow necklaces, so we encourage you to stop one of the officers and get one to help make your child more visible.

If n emergency arises or you need assistance please call 242-2727 immediately.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Kempe – I recommend adoption of Ordinance No. 33, 2006 accepting the bid for the repairs and resurfacing of Church St. and authorizing the Service Director to enter into a contract with J. R. Jurgenson Company in the amount of \$124,640.

The bids for Park Place repairs will be opened Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and I will try to have the information available for the next COW meeting

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mrs. Williams – No report.

Laura Schmitt, Public Health Nurse – Hi. For those of you that don't know me, my name is Laura Schmitt and I took over for Elaine Hinnenkamp when she retired last January. I just wanted to touch on a little bit about the flu vaccination just to get the information out there. It's been a little bit crazy trying to get it all situated with the county but we, as Mayor Estep said, we are having the flu vaccination clinic that will be held on Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm and as he said we did choose that day on a Wednesday simply because the majority of our seniors that come to senior citizens, that is the time that they will be down there. It's hard for them to get out with the limited hours on the bus. Just a clarification as to where it will be held, since senior citizens is held in the main lobby, we're going to be doing it in the old dial-a-ride office right there on the main level, that's where it's going to be taking place. I will be there, however, I will not be doing the vaccinations because it is Hamilton County's supply, and they are required to give it. I have printed up a little bit of a flyer that I'm going to leave out here on the window and I believe all of you have one as well. If anyone wants to pick one up, it does contain information as far as who is eligible for the vaccination, and how much the cost is (that's where the confusing part comes in for a lot of people). I've had a lot of questions and have been referring them to Hamilton County to a lady by the name of Mary Sarko, who is going to be handling the clinic. As far as the cost, there is some stipulations with Medicare and supplemental insurance. If you are 65 or older and have Medicare, straight Medicare, then there is no charge to you for the vaccination, however if you have any supplemental on top of that or an HMO, then you are required to go through your primary physician for that, so that's a little bit confusing for some people. They will also be offering the vaccination to our high risk citizens, those who qualify concerning who have long term chronic conditions, things like that. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, those types of things don't come into play there, they're referring to diabetes, cardiac problems, history like that. On this information sheet that I put out, I also went ahead and pulled a list because I know that the 29<sup>th</sup> is a little bit late for some of our people to be receiving the vaccination. I pulled a list of areas or locations within a 5 mile radius that people can go to get the vaccination and it's got all of their information as far as their fee and everything as well if this doesn't work out for some of our citizens. We also, within the next couple of weeks, will be starting the home bound visits. I've got the list that I'm compiling for Mary right now. The county will be the ones coming in to do those vaccinations as well, simply because it is their supply. I'm not able to do that. I want to take just a moment if I can, like I did in the pamphlet for the community as well, to explain why there's such a delay in us getting the vaccination so late and

it really no fault of anybody's, it's the simple fact that the Ohio Dept. of Health has just in fact, as of yesterday, released a very small percentage of their vaccine that went out to select counties to start them off. The week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> which will be next week, they are sending out another 40-50% of all of the county's total request for vaccination so even at that point they won't have all of their vaccination. Hamilton County is not guaranteed to have their full supply until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November so that is why it's going to be a couple weeks after that. Of course, we have the holiday the following week. That is the reason for the hold up in that, just so everybody understands it. I know a lot of people were thinking that's a little bit late but unfortunately there's not a whole lot we as the community or Hamilton County can do about that until they receive the vaccination. I just want to touch base and let everyone know, the hours for the Health Nurse downstairs are Tuesdays, 8-5, keep in mind that I may be out, I do a lot of home visits during those times, so I am in and out quite frequently. Wednesday from 10-3 and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month I do senior citizens, I'm upstairs for the blood pressure checks and heart rates, and Fridays from 9-5. From 9 until about 3 o'clock I am at St. Clement all day during the school year so that takes up a large portion of my time there. However if anyone has any questions any concerns, feel free to give me a call. You can call my extension. You can reach me at 242-7709 and ext. 25. I will be more than happy to give you a call back at my earliest convenience. That's where I wanted to go with that. I also have listed on here, the number for other locations. There's a number, 931-SHOT (7408) that people can call in the community. That will also give them a list of all the available locations that they can receive the vaccination. I do know that some areas are already starting to get that vaccination out there. If it's more convenient for some of our community, it may be easier for them to do that rather than wait until the end of November. That's really all I've wanted to touch on. Any questions? Thank you.

Curtis- Thank you.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – All of Council and the Administration should have received copies of the Budget Tool. We have 3 of the 4 quarters behind us. I believe now you should be able to see the trends clearly. Please examine each line that is trending over in some cases, such as Safety Administration, it has been trending downward since January and will continue on that trend. Also in some cases we added additional spending, for example MP-CI of \$280,000.00 for the Delmar Ave. property. Without these numbers in there that line would actually be under. This trending tool was designed to keep a watch on the spending that was in the original budget. Some lines, such as the Drug Offender's Fund, the Criminal Act Forfeitable Fund can only be spent what they bring in. There are just a few lines that are over, please examine these spending trends.

Also, Mr. President, if anybody would like a copy of this tool, please contact me.

SAFETY, Mr. Burkhardt – I have the Police report for Sept., 2006. We have received a couple of emails recently regarding scams or schemes that have reportedly been used around the country to commit car jacking and

abductions. Although we have not confirmed that these schemes have actually been used. It warrants advising the public that this information is circulating via the internet. One scheme reported was having some obstruction placed on the back window while your car is parked and once re-entering your vehicle you notice the obstruction, exit your vehicle, and you are confronted by a criminal. A second report has someone approaching your window advising you that you have dropped money in order to get you to wind your window down thus allowing a criminal to have access to you and your vehicle. Even though these incidents are unconfirmed it bears reporting to the citizenry that there are many ways criminals will try to lure you out of your vehicle or try to get access. As recently as last week, the local news reported the scheme of striking the rear of a car in order to lure a young female out of her car, whereby she was assaulted. Please use these reports as reminders to exercise caution when confronted by this type of suspicious activity. If you enter your vehicle and notice that something has been placed on your rear window, be sure your doors are locked, windows are up, and drive to the nearest well lit, populated area to remove the obstruction. Also, notify the local police in that area what happened. If someone knocks on your window to advise you that you dropped money, it is best to drive away. No amount of money is worth the risk. Advise the local police in that area what happened. If you are rear ended in a secluded area, drive to a well lit and populated area before stopping and if possible, call 911 and advise them what happened and where you were driving to.

SERVICE, Mr. Meier – This evening we have Ordinance No. 31, 2006. This is the Ordinance that I've put together creating the Community Reinvestment Area. I am asking that Council let this run its full course so that everybody has an opportunity to read through this and also that the School Board can have a copy of this final document so that they can read through it so if they have any questions. This is very similar to the current Ordinance that is in effect in Cincinnati. It's modeled off of that Ordinance so there really shouldn't be any big discrepancies with what they have.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Asbach – The Committee recommends passage of Ordinances No. 31 and 33, 2006 this evening. Also at last week's COW meeting, 618 E. Ross Ave property was placed into my Committee. It was also stated that we would be better off waiting until the beginning of the year to advertise for the sale of this lot just before the building season starts. We will address this item in the near future.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Ms Hausfeld – My Committee met tonight and started to discuss and work on the Ordinance for canvassing and soliciting licenses that date back as far as 1933 and 1967. We will be having another meeting next Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 6:30 downstairs in the Council's meeting room.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Schildmeyer – I really don't have a report, but I do have some "thank you" that I want to wish out. First, to John for contacting Bob Sawtell and getting that Chamber letter going, I think that will benefit the City in the long run and maybe just get a jump start on the City working with the Chamber of Commerce on the Vine St. Program in the future. I also want to thank the Senior Citizens, I stopped by there Wednesday, introduced the October Can Good Drive for the Make a

Difference Month and they take it over and run with it. They're a good group they work really good together, we are supplying the gifts that they will be giving out throughout the time period of this Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> all the way through Nov. 15 and then we'll distribute the cans, as last year, I believe they went to Emmanuel Church and I believe that's where we'll go with them again this year.

I also want to thank the EMS Squad, Butch Baur and Mark Sicking, also Officer George Nimo who assisted my mother on Tuesday morning, very early, about 6:55a.m., she fell in the bathroom of her home. They got her into the hospital within about ten minutes, fifteen minutes at the most and she is still there and will be there for a while recovering from the fall and nothing was broken or hurt but they did find some deficiencies in some of the, I guess the vitamins and that that the older people don't take when they get to my mom's age of 85, so I appreciate their services and the services of all depts. of St. Bernard.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Brickweg – I attended the Where Do We Grow From Here Meeting last night. This is the meeting I informed the Administration and Council on in hopes that other members would attend. These meetings and the information presented are extremely important to the City of St. Bernard in regards to getting OKI funds for our projects. It is also a great way to meet other County and Municipality leaders. I have learned so much from many of these individuals. In order for our City to move forward, I feel we need to look out side our City for help and guidance and a great way to start is by attending meetings such as this. I assume many our leaders also receive notice of meetings and seminars so I hope you will consider to start attending some of them. Since no one else attended this meeting I will do my best to give a short report on what the "Where Do We Grow From Here?" meeting was about. The OKI, "Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments" is an association of 180 cities, villages and townships in eight tri-state counties. OKI's primary job is to determine how federal dollars on transportation are spent in the region by planning maintenance and improvements to highways and transit systems. OKI is predicting an almost \$3 billion short fall in the future. Since land use decisions, which are made locally, affect transportation needs OKI adopted a strategic regional plan. This plan calls for encouraging consistent local comprehensive planning and rewarding it with additional consideration in the funding for transportation needs. They presented a brief description of the elements of local comprehensive planning that will be considered when OKI evaluates local transportation projects for potential federal funding. Evidence that a local project has arisen from systematic comprehensive planning will give it additional weight in the funding process.

We were also given a two-page Completeness Checklist, assembled as an evaluation tool for transportation projects applying to OKI funding. We also were provided with a guidance document entitled "Elements of an Effective Local Comprehensive Plan" which provides a great deal more detail about effective comprehensive planning, and which has undergone extensive peer review from several local planning directors in the OKI region.

As you can see this was a very important meeting when it comes to our City getting funds from OKI for future projects. It is time that our City leaders start looking outside our City's budget for more funding which is widely

available. All it takes is attending meetings, making contacts and going the extra mile.

Mr. Burkhardt – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

**Committee of the Whole**  
**Oct. 12, 2006**

1. Council approved the minutes of the Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting 7-0.
2. Mayor, John Estep
  - A. After some discussion on the possibility of developing Bertus St. Park, Council agreed 6-1 to have Mr. Geiser seek outside help on the legality of the City to develop the park. Mr. Meier voting no.
3. Auditor, Walter St. Clair
  - A. Council voted 7-0 to put an ordinance on the table for appropriation adjustment and transfers. Council also decided to bring the Fire Chief in to discuss his Wellness line item.
4. Director of Law, Edward Geiser
  - A. Ed informed Council that the City had won its suit on a predator living too close to a school. This person has 30 days to move.
  - B. After some discussion on the Civil Service using Ed's line items for books and lawyers' fees, Council decided to have the committee come to the COW meeting to discuss their expenses.
5. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell
  - A. Jonathan explained the Fire Dept. overtime and the Civil Service expenses. Also we should be hearing about the grant for the Quint Apparatus that was applied for.
6. Service Director, Joe Kempe
  - A. Council voted 7-0 to put an ord. on the table accepting Jurgenson's bid for the Church St. repairs. The bid was \$124,000.00. Council agreed to transfer \$22,000.00 from the Beech St. project to cover the extra cost of the project.
  - B. Council voted 7-0 to transfer \$7,000.00 from pool employees' to pool equipment to cover the cost of pool repairs to the pumps.
7. Tax Commissioner, Sheri Williams, absent.
8. Laws, Contracts, & Claims, Patty Hausfeld
  - A. Gerry W. informed Council that 618 E. Ross would be put back up for sale once Council passes the ord. covering CRA. (Community Reinvestment Area).
  - B. Patty announced a committee meeting for Oct. 19 at 6:30 to discuss soliciting.
0. Public Improvements, Steve Asbach, no report.
10. Business & Industry, Mike Schildmeyer

A. After some discussion, the Mayor will send out a letter to local businesses to try to bring back the Chamber of Commerce.

11. Safety, Bill Burkhardt, no report.

12. Highways & Transportation, Peggy Brickweg

A. Peggy reported on her town meeting and is trying to get hold of Dr. Romanos. Peggy will report back when she talks to him.

13. Service, Kevin Meier

A. Council voted 7-0 to put an ord. on the table for the Community Reinvestment Area.

14. Finance, Greg Zix

A. Greg is looking into the City's sign ord. and will get everyone a copy of Cheviot's ord.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Mayor Estep,

The purpose of this email is to tell you what an outstanding Service Director I think you have in Joe Kempe. He was very kind and helpful to me this past summer.

I wanted to honor two long-time residents of St. Bernard, Ida and Eddie Niemann. Ida was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard and passed away at the age 97 last year. Her husband, Eddie, passed away back in 1964. Ida's father, Fritz Henn, worked for the City of St. Bernard for many years. I thought it would be nice to put in two memorial bricks for them in front of City Hall. I now live in Chicago and contacted Joe Kempe about my desire to do this. He was very helpful and friendly and did this task for me. It meant a lot to me and I am very grateful to the City. I moved away from St. Bernard in 1963 but remember what a great place it was and how nice the people were. Joe Kempe has certainly reinforced my memory of what a fine City you have. Thank you so much for helping to preserve St. Bernard. By the way, I was able to visit St. Bernard this past summer. Sadly I see that the old elementary school is gone as is Bob Morel's Pony Keg on Tower Ave. It has been so long I imagine that there is no one in the current school system that remembers some of the great St. Bernard teachers, such as, Miss Kemp, Miss Davis, and Mr. Anderson. I also imagine that not very many current residents remember one of your predecessors, Mayor Haverland. He was also an excellent Mayor.

Sincerely,

Kipp Martin  
Professor of Operations Research  
And Computing Technology  
University of Chicago

Graduate School of Business

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to receive and file the Communication.

### **REMARKS**

Mr. Schilmeyer – I would like a copy of that to drop off to Mr. Haverland.

Motion passed 7-0.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 30, 2006. AMENDING AND/OR REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 351 "PARKING" OF ST. BERNARD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms Hausfeld, seconded by Mr. Asbach to let Ordinance No. 30, 2006, as amended, to take its regular course. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 31, 2006. CREATING A CITY WIDE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer for Ordinance No31, 2006 to take its regular course.

### **REMARKS**

Ms. Hausfeld – I just wanted to ask Kevin, did you or any member of Council or Administration talk to the schools yet about this tax abatement?

Mr. Meier – Patty, just as I was saying in my report, now that we have this in front of us and it's a final document, the reason that I was recommending that it go its regular course, we could make copies available to the schools so they could look over it and anybody else that was interested could look over it as well.

Ms. Hausfeld – I'm new at this, shouldn't we have at least went and talked to the schools first before we even started to pass an Ordinance?

Mr. Meier – In the research on this, bringing it to the schools is something that is done as a courtesy. It's not the type of Ordinance that a school board can effectively stop. I felt that the best thing we could do would be to have everything in its final form, so that when they look at it there is not going to be anything that needs modifications or deletions or additions. That is the reason that it is in a final form. Copies have been provide to everyone in Council in weeks passed so that they could get some input and I did get

some input from them. I think this is the best way of presenting it, so they can see what it actually is and not what it might be.

Mrs. Brickweg – Mr. Meier, I will agree, but as a common courtesy, I think usually the City does go the schools and talk to the schools about it before we even put it up here. Now that it is on the table, that's fine, but I would like to recommend, maybe, if your committee could actually go and talk to the school and at least explain and answer their questions. I think that would be a nice courtesy thing to do.

Motion to let Ordinance No. 31, 2006 take its regular course passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2006. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Asbach to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 32, 2006.

### **REMARKS**

Mrs. Brickweg – This is a question for Mr. St. Clair. We all received a letter from the Fire Dept. and in the letter it stated that he wasn't going to be transferring the \$5,000.00 that he was going to be asking out right for the money. I was just curious if you got a copy of that letter and why it's still in here?

Mr. St. Clair – What would be the date on that letter?

Mrs. Brickweg – I just got it this week, I don't know, the 13<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. St. Clair – No, I did not get a copy of that letter.

Mr. Burkhardt – It just stated here that, I guess at the meeting, we said that we were going to, I guess, according to this, we were going to hold back on that \$5,000.00 until we talked to the Chief. I don't have a problem with the money being there. I don't want them to run out of money in the overtime line item and then have all kind of problems down there. Since the Chief is coming, I don't have a problem with doing this and he can answer to us next Thursday's meeting. If you'd like a copy, I'll get it to you.

Mr. St. Clair – Well it sounds like it's irrelevant right now. If you're going to let it ride the way it is, that's fine.

Mr. Zix – I will be voting against this Ordinance. I don't feel comfortable voting for the transfer of funds to place the additional money in the Firemen's overtime line item. I would like to get an explanation. I feel that each dept. should be managed within its budget, which by the transfer it does but it should balance, each line. Transfer of funds, within a dept's budget, do not work where the budget is trending over. So at this point I will be voting against this.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just in regards to Mr. Zix, in that same letter that we all received, Chief Scherpenberg did explain everything within his budget and transferring the funds and the overtime and how the overtime that he has for the officers is at the request of City Council to keep the minimum manning at 6. I will go ahead and vote for this because I know there's other numbers in this Ordinance that need to be passed to pay bills but I do feel that Chief Scherpenberg did explain everything and I'm sure he will explain more when he comes to the meeting, but in the letter it was pretty well detailed out.

Motion to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 32, 2006 passed 6-1. Mr. Zix voting no.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 32, 2006. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Zix voting no.

**ORDINANCE NO. 33, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHN R. JURGENSON COMPANY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 33, 2006.

## **REMARKS**

Mr. Asbach – I will be abstaining on this Ordinance as my son works for the company so I will be abstaining on the vote.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just so the public knows that the amount of \$124,000, \$640,000 is above what the budget amount was, but the Service Director informed us last week that a previous job came in under budget so we are just transferring the money so we can get this project completed.

Motion to suspend passed 6-0, Mr. Asbach abstained.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 33, 2006 as read. Motion passed 6-0, Mr. Asbach abstained.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to add to what Mayor Estep said about the voting and remind people that we will be voting at just the Municipal Hall again, that there's not going to be voting in the various Wards. It is just going to be at one place.

Mr. Estep – I just want to make a little comment on the budget tool. I think it's really got a good thing for Council and the Administration. It gives us a picture instead of trying to turn pages and look at line items. For me more of a visual learner, to keep all of our thumbs on the pulse of the financial

situation that we're in and I think it's helped us, not only become more aware of it, but more cognizant of who is spending what and sort of a future, an outlook, what we can not really predict but really have on our minds, who is spending what and what we really have to be aware of. I would like to compliment Mr. Zix, I think he is the one that brought that to our City.

**AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None.

Mr. Burkhardt – The next COW will be Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30.

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