

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Dec. 4, 2019
Community Center 301 W. Walnut
Youth Appreciation Night**

Call to Order: Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Hayley, Homandberg, Speier and Robisch present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Asst. City Attorney Rhoades.

Public Comments: Mayor Hamberg explained that students from St. Therese and Southgate Schools will sit in the place of Mayor, Council, and staff for the night.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/6/19. Motion/Second: Anderson/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Mayor Hamberg announced the resignation of Councilman Blanchet. He explained the procedure whereby a vacant Council seat is filled. A special meeting on Dec. 17 will be held to review resumes of potential candidates. A new Council member will be chosen on Dec. 18. **There was a motion to accept Councilman Blanchet resignation. Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Public Works: Councilman Anderson said that Public Works Department is installing Christmas decorations in the City. North St. project is finished. Other streets will be completed in Spring. Public Works Foreman Bowman reported that leaves will be collected until mid-December. They will be preparing for snow removal season.

Public Safety: Councilman Speier reported that an amendment to the ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles and parking should be ready for consideration in January. Police Chief Christmann said that the new police cruiser is being outfitted currently. It should be on the road early in the new year. Fire Chief Beatsch said there are approximately 35 active firefighters.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Blanchet was absent. His previously distributed report stated that there were 23 active cases and 17 resolved cases.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Homandberg reported on several upcoming events: Community Christmas Party 12/15 and Park & Tree Christmas decorating contest judging on 12/12.

Public Buildings: Councilman Robisch reported on his committee assignment for city building, garage, community center, and police dept.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables. **There was a motion to approve the October financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Speier. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson reported that the auditors are preparing a draft and should be ready to make a presentation to Council in January. City Clerk Barton said that taxes were due Nov. 30. Collection is around 95%. Assistant City Attorney Rhoades reported on the liens that he filed for Code Enforcement. Then he read the following:

Resolution 19-12 Authorize Mayor to sign loan documents for the new police cruiser. Motion/Second: Anderson/Homandberg. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

**Proclamation honoring Sie Jewell for 50 years of service with Fire Dept.
Proclamation honoring Mel Whitehead for 50 years of service with Fire Dept.**

Old Business: none.

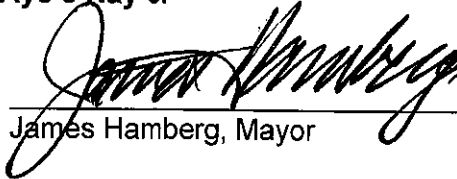
New Business: none.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #29008-29099 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: Mayor Hamberg and Optimist Club President Brock Mueller presented certificates to the youth who participated.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Homandberg/Robisch to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0.**



James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk