

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 2, 2020
301W. Walnut St. Southgate, KY**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Hayley, Homandberg, Melville, Robisch, and Speier were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: Co-Chairperson of Park & Tree Board, Joyce Hamberg presented the Aug. Green Thumb Award to Jean Melville at 117 Bonnie Lynn. The other winner was Lyn & Larry Rose at 110 Joyce.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 8/19/2020. Motion/Second: Speier/Homandberg. Councilman Melville asked for a correction on his vote to approve the Mayor to sign the TAN loan to Aye. Approved with corrections by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Anderson reported that the trails at the park are completed. Riegler will return to finish the punch list. Michaels is working on the alleyway off of William Blatt by First Church. There was discussion to add sand to the volleyball court. **There was a motion to spend an estimate of \$900 for the sand. Motion/Second: Anderson/Speier. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Councilman Melville commented on the gravel that was laid in the park for the contractor to work on the trails. Council agreed to leave it for now for possible future use. Public Works Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Speier said the SWEMS year-end financial report was distributed in last meeting packet. He said expenses were under budget for 2019-20. Police Chief Christmann said the police officers have started their required training. The department is using the new radios. Next week the radios will be installed in the cruisers. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Fire Dept. Block Party for Sept. 18th has been cancelled. The department will be doing raffle tickets. The Fire Department received a grant for the radios which will help defer the cost of 28 radios.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Melville said there are 36 new cases and 33 open cases this month.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Homandberg had no report.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch had no report.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve July preliminary financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said she is closing out June 2020 financials. City Clerk Barton reported said the City received a check from DLG for \$196,192. This is Cares Act Funding related to Covid 19 expenses/payroll for Mar. – July. There will be a public hearing for tax rates before next council meeting on Sept. 16 at 6:15pm. The Southgate

Independent School will pass their tax rates at their Board meeting on Sept. 10. The process is delayed this year because PVA data was received two weeks later than usual.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

Ordinance 20-09 Establish real and personal property tax rates 2020 (first reading)

Ordinance 20-10 Establish firehouse tax rate 2020 (first reading)

Ordinance 20-11 Establish motor vehicle & boat tax rate 2020 (first reading)

Order 20-11 Re-appoint Therese Paul and Fred Espenscheid to Parking Citation Appeal Board

Order 20-12 Disposition of Police 2011 cruiser

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg reminded the public that grass clippings should be picked up and not left in the street. Signs should be placed in yards, rather than in the right of way.

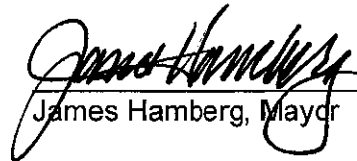
New Business: Mayor Hamberg would like to do an official ribbon cutting for the completion of the community center trails. This may be done at the end of Sept. There was discussion of Halloween this year. Council agreed to leave it as usual with the same time 5:30-7:30.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #29768-29812 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Anderson/Speier to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6 Nay 0.**


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk