

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Sept. 16, 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, and Robisch were present. Councilman Speier was absent. 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:** Coach Martin from Newport Central Catholic spoke about his proposal for the Southgate Community Center ballfield to be converted for use by NCC ball teams. His goal is to begin use in Spring 2021. Mayor Hamberg said he would appoint a committee to discuss and make a presentation to Council in Oct. Council Members Melville and Anderson along with Police Chief Christmann will meet with Coach Martin.

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 9/2/2020. Motion/Second: Hayley/Homandberg. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Council Member Anderson reported that Riegler will install ballards at the end of the trail by Aspen Pines. Mayor Hamberg said that City of Wilder does not at present have funds in their budget to contribute to the cost of the trail repair. Michaels has completed the alleyway off of William Blatt by First Church. Public Works will order sand for the volleyball court. Public Works Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Police Chief Christmann said the police vehicles (Chevy HHR and Humvee) are on the agenda to be disposed tonight. They were acquired from the DRMO program at zero cost and will be transferred to other police departments (Cold Spring and Wilder). Fire Chief Beatsch said the Fire Dept. received a grant for the radios which will help defer the cost of 28 radios. They wanted to amend the grant allocation to add 25 pagers. The City cost will be \$59,465 now instead of \$46,367 (with the grant awarded). This amount was budgeted for radios. There was a motion to add the pagers into the cost of the radio budget. **Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.** Councilman Melville abstained from voting on Fire Department issues.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Melville said the City Attorney will take legal action against a property owner who has violations that have not been corrected after considerable time and multiple fines.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Homandberg reported Halloween hours are from 5:30-7:30 on Oct. 31. The Park & Tree Board received a Conservation Tree Grant for \$2,232 with a 50% match. This will be used for several areas of plantings in the Wagner garden, the trail head and in the park.

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch had no report.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables. Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said she closed out June 2020 financials. Auditors will be onsite Oct.

16. City Clerk Barton said she is working on the tax bills. The Southgate Independent School 2020 tax rate was passed by their Board at \$11.89 per \$1,000. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Sept. 25 at 1:00 to announce the completion of the Trail restoration.

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

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

**Motion/Second: Melville/Homandberg. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Ordinance 20-10 Establish firehouse tax rate 2020 (second reading). **Motion/Second:**

**Robisch/Homandberg. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Ordinance 20-11 Establish motor vehicle & boat tax rate 2020 (second reading). **Motion/Second:**

**Homandberg/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Order 20-13 Disposition of Police vehicle (Chevy HHR). Mayor Hamberg will sign.

Order 20-14 Disposition of Police vehicle (Humvee). Mayor Hamberg will sign.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #29813-29845 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** none.

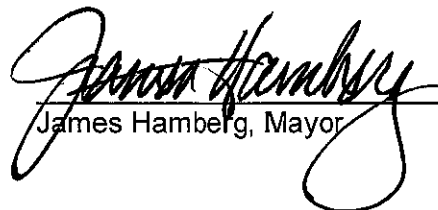
**Executive Session:** There was a motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

**Motion/Second: Homandberg/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Motion to return to open session. Motion/Second: Homandberg/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

  
James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Brandi Barton, City Clerk