

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2020
301 W. Walnut St. Southgate, KY**

Call to Order: City Clerk Barton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Hamberg was absent. Ms. Barton asked for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the meeting. **Motion to appoint Councilman Speier as Chairperson. Motion/Second: Hayley/Robisch. Approved by voice vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

The following answered roll call: Council Members Hayley, Homandberg, Melville, Robisch, and Speier were present. Councilman Anderson 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: Hope McGuinness from the VFW Auxiliary spoke about upcoming Veterans Day celebration and the activities of the VFW. Ms. McGuinness asked residents to fly their flags. The VFW will give a flag to residents who lost a loved one and who was a veteran. Co-Chairperson of Park & Tree Board, Nora Williams read the Sept. Green Thumb Awards at 256 Beech Rd. (Ling) and 108 Bonnie Lynn Terrace (Janson).

Approval of public hearing (tax rates) minutes 9/16/20. Motion/Second: Homandberg/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 9/16/20. Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Public Works: Public Works Bowman reported on trees at the Optimist Club Park behind the fence line that need to be trimmed or removed. Some branches are hanging over the playground. There was discussion amongst Council. **There was a motion to spend up to \$8,000 to remove seven dead trees, remove the fallen tree, and trim the branches over the playground. Motion: Melville. There was no second. There was a motion to remove the fallen tree on the Evergreen resident's fence and ask the Optimist Club for reimbursement by Mr. Robisch. He later retracted his motion. There was a motion to table this discussion until more information is brought to Council. Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.** Mr. Bowman then presented the estimate for the white sand for the volleyball court. The estimate was \$2,400 for 20 tons. Councilman Robisch said that KLC may have grant money available for this item and the City may consider it for next year rather than spending the funds now.

Public Safety: Councilman Speier had no report. Police Chief Christmann discussed the need for riot gear if the Police Dept. would be called to assist other agencies. He distributed an estimate for the equipment. Council may consider this in the future budget. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Fire Dept. attended 2 funerals for a retired member and auxiliary member this week.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Melville asked when the City and County was conducting their "Clean Up" events. City Clerk Barton said a dumpster will be at the Public Works garage from Nov. 9-16. The County "Clean Up" event is Oct. 16-17.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Homandberg reported that Trick or Treat will take place as normal. If you don't want to participate, then please turn your light out. The Health Department has issued guidelines for Trick or Treat. They are posted on the City's website.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch had no report.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve August financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Homandberg. Approved by voice vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said she drew \$100,000 from the TAN loan, mostly because of the trail repair expenses to be reimbursed from FEMA. The City had to expend the funds and wait for reimbursement from FEMA. City Clerk Barton had no report.

City Attorney Stewart wanted to give her report in Executive Session. She read the following: Order 20-15 Disposition of Police and City Clerk's copiers.

Old Business: Council Member Homandberg asked if the committee members met with Newport Central Catholic about their ballfield proposition. Councilman Melville said the meeting was held and the school will present a five-year plan to Council soon.

New Business: none

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #29845-29907 were presented for Council's review.

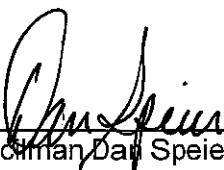
Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Executive Session: Motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. **Motion/Second: Hayley/Robisch. Approved by voice vote. Aye 4 Nay 0.**

Motion to go into open session. Motion/Second: Homandberg/Melville. Approved by voice vote. Aye 4 Nay 0. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 4 Nay 0.**



Councilman Dan Speier, Chairperson

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk