

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2021
Facebook Live meeting**

Executive Order 20-03 Meeting protocol for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) PURSUANT TO KRS 61.826 and OAG 20-05, THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING THE THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, AND MUNICIPAL ORDER, THIS MEETING OF THE SOUTHGATE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE. ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY BE ATTENDED BY THE PUBLIC BY VIEWING THE VIDEO CONFERENCE AT THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE ONLINE AT: <https://facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky/>

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

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

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 12/2/2020. Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville asked City Engineer Shumate to talk about proposed street projects. Mr. Shumate discussed the Joyce Ave. and Linden Ave. project. Water leaking from the street from a spring causes an ice problem when it freezes. SD 1 has a cost share program for catch basins and storm sewers. This street repair is budgeted for this fiscal year. **There was a Motion to Approve an application to be submitted to SD1 for the Cost Share Program. Motion/Second: Melville/Owen. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Shumate also discussed the Blossom Street project. At the intersection of Bonnie Lynn and Blossom there is a low point where heavy rain water flows from Blossom to Bonnie Lynn to the home on the corner. The water runs down the driveway. Mr. Shumate proposes drain pipe and catch basin to correct the water run-off into the driveway. **Motion to get three bids for the work (anticipated to be under \$20,000). Motion/Second: Melville/Owen. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 1.** Mr. Shumate discussed the need for repaving in some areas on Ridgeway Ave. This would be done in next fiscal year. There was a public comment made during the meeting, asking if the utilities could be moved underground at Joyce Ave. and Linden. Cincinnati Bell will have to move the poles when street work is done. Mr. Shumate will check on this.

Public Safety: Council Member Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann said the NKY Health Dept. did a good job with the Covid 19 vaccinations today for first responders. He will be working with City Attorney on Nuisance Ordinance to address legal action with properties that have numerous calls. Surplus items were sold on Govdeals. As part of the accreditation standards, it is necessary to put a ventilation system in the evidence room. The Department is considering putting a camera in the K-9 vehicle for insurance purposes. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Fire department staff are beginning to get the Covid 19 vaccinations for first responders.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen said the Park & Tree Board has applied for and been awarded the Tree City USA for the 16th year. He will be attending the next Park & Tree Board meeting.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch had no report. He invited anyone with issues about the buildings to contact him. He will be exploring the possibility of a storage building for the Fire Department located behind the city building.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley made a **Motion to approve November financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson had no report. City Clerk Barton said property tax payment collection is at 98%. She is working on an online newsletter. The supplement to the Code of Ordinances will be presented under the legal report. This is done each year to update the ordinances that were passed in the prior year. Ms. Barton asked about scheduling practices for the ballfield. Mayor Hamberg said to take names, but not to schedule yet. Cares Act payment request (2nd round) of \$90,350 was submitted and should be received soon. Trails grant with FEMA was submitted and waiting for reimbursement.

Assistant City Attorney Rhoades reported on several properties that have delinquent taxes and have legal action pending by another party. He also said that he filed foreclosure on a property with criminal activity recently. He read the following:

Ordinance 21-01 Adopt Supplement 2020 S-6 to Code of Ordinances – First reading

Resolution 21-01 to Approve Appointments to the NKREA Board. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: Councilman Robisch commented on the Fire Dept. generator preventative maintenance. Former Councilman Speier handled this in the past. City Clerk will send Mr. Robisch the contact information for the company.

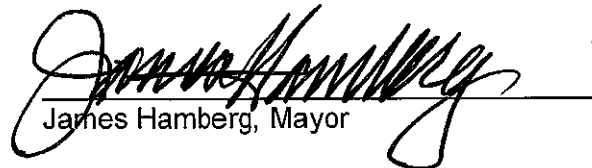
New Business: Mayor Hamberg provided a Covid 19 status update. He also talked about the Newly Elected Officials training on Jan. 16 via Zoom. TANK bus routes will be changing on Jan. 30.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #30084-30160 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brandi Barton, City Clerk