

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2021
301 W. Walnut St.**

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, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 3/17/21. Motion/Second: Hayley/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that Public Works completed the installation of drainage pipe by the volleyball court. The roof at the city building is not draining properly and needs repair. **Motion to accept the bid from Ray St. Clair roofing for \$13,275. Motion/Second: Robisch/Owen. Aye 6 Nay 0.** This will be in the amended budget for 2020-21. Public Works Foreman Bowman said there would be a meeting tomorrow for residents on Joyce Ave. and Linden Ave. regarding the upcoming street project.

Public Safety: Council Member Anderson reported the minutes from the annual Community Center meeting held on March 17. **There was a Motion to purchase tablecloths (for round tables) from Chris Robisch at a cost of \$5 each for 20 (\$100). Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Aye 5 Nay 0. Councilman Robisch abstained from voting.** Mr. Anderson said that there was a request from a resident on Retreat St. to paint the curb yellow. This curb is in front of their house and by the stop sign. The resident wants to put a parking pad. Public Works will then paint the curb. **Motion to paint the curb yellow by the stop sign on Retreat St. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Anderson discussed a proposal of removing the sidewalk on one side of W. Walnut St. to alleviate the narrow street/traffic problem. There was discussion of water and gas shut off valves that may be in the sidewalk. The Mayor asked that a working group meet to evaluate (Engineer Jim Shumate, Councilman Anderson, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and Mayor Hamberg).

Police Chief Christmann said John R. Little VFW gave an award for Officer of the Year to Sergeant Ron Gross. KLC Law Enforcement audit was done at the Police Department which rated them 98% out of 100. Accreditation helped in the achievement. Chief Beatsch said Connor Hare received the Fire Fighter of the Year award from the VFW.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer reported that 55 notices were mailed and \$1,500 in fines were collected since last month's report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen reported details of the Dog Park. The estimated cost is \$41,000, but \$45,000 will be budgeted for next fiscal year 7/1/21. Mr. Owen discussed the use of the tennis courts and Pickleball players. Mayor Hamberg asked City Engineer Shumate to evaluate the condition of the tennis courts and obtain an estimate to repair/replace. Future use of the courts was discussed. Mr. Owen reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held this year. More information on the parade will be forthcoming.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch reported the ice machine at the firehouse was repaired. He said he would be doing a walk through at each building to check on items that need attention.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reported she reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve the February Financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said she would present an amended 2020-21 budget for first reading at next council meeting. Mayor Hamberg asked that department budgets be sent to Terri next week. City Clerk Barton had no report. City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

Resolution 21-06 Recognize Arbor Day on April 30. Motion/Second: Owen/Hayley. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg discussed the SNK Funding grant and the US 27 Road Diet. This grant is for the US 27 Road Diet and a turn lane at Blossom Ln. to US 27. **Motion to have CT Consultants write the grant application for a shared cost of \$1,050.** Ft. Thomas will pay for the other half. **Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Councilman Owen asked about new sand for the volleyball court. Public Works Foreman will get estimates. The cost for sand last year was high. There was discussion of parking on Retreat and Gleason by the VFW.


New Business: none.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #30351-30408 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk