

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 21, 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 Sergeant Johns, Fire Chief Beatsch, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and Assistant City Attorney Rhoades.

**Public Comments:** Council Member Owen read the June Green Thumb Awards for 213 W. Walnut (Wilson) and 248 Evergreen (Wells).

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 6/16/21. Motion/Second: Melville/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville reported on the cost for the sand to add to the volleyball court. **A motion to purchase the TN white sand at the cost of \$77/ton, contingent on Arvil's review of the Public Works/community center budget. Motion/Second: Owen/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Melville said there were 3 dead trees behind 245 Evergreen that a resident asked to be removed. Two of the trees are on City property and one is on Optimist Club property. Kremer Tree Service provided a quote for \$2,000 to remove the 2 trees on City property and \$400 to remove the tree on the Optimist Club property. There is money in the budget for tree work and a possible grant may be available from the Campbell Co. Extension Office. It was discussed that the work be done and the Optimist Club will reimburse the City for its portion of \$400. The Optimist Club is aware of this. Progress on the Joyce project has begun with Duke Energy moving the gas line and Cincinnati Bell removing the poles. Northern KY Water District repaired 2 water main breaks recently so they want to move the water main in that area. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Anderson had no report. Police Sergeant Johns had no report, but wanted to recognize Officer Wilson who has worked hard to clean up the drug activity in the City, especially two properties. Mr. Wilson has accepted another position out of state and will be leaving at the end of the month. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Block Party will be on Sept. 17 (adults only) and Sept. 18 (families). No turtle races will be done because they are in hibernation this time of year.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer reported that 65 new notices were sent and \$7,500 in fines were issued since last month's report.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Owen reported the new co-chairpersons of Park & Tree Board are Bill Theis and Andy Venneman. Mr. Theis presented outgoing Chairperson Joyce Hamberg a certificate and thanked her for all her years of work. Mr. Owen discussed a proposed event of a 5K race. After discussion, **there was a Motion to approve the 5K race for first responders on Sept. 18 in the morning. Motion/Second: Owen/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch reported that the storage shed (behind the City building) should be delivered Aug. 2. He spoke about the Fire Dept. having a meeting with vendor about a new door entry system (Fobs).

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Hayley reported she reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve the May Financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson spoke to potential new auditors of Bramble & Ackley. They work with Cities of Ft. Mitchell and Park Hills and were recommended. Their quote for services was between \$8,500-9,000. This is about a 15% increase from the City's last auditors. Motion to accept proposal from Bramble & Ackley. **Motion/Second: Hayley/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** City Clerk Barton said that she turned over the delinquent taxes of three years or more to the City Attorney. Two were being taken to court for motion to sale action. Ms. Barton said open record/meetings laws changed and those were sent to everyone to review. There is a new form for open records requests now posted on the website.

Assistant City Attorney Rhoades reported on the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy settlement. This involves possible money given to local governments for opioid abatement purposes. The City Attorney is monitoring this lawsuit. Mayor Hamberg read the Proclamation for Joyce Hamberg for her work on Park and Tree Board. Councilman Owen presented her with a plaque. Mr. Rhoades read the following:

**Resolution 21-09 Authorizing Mayor to sign document for the TAN loan with Wesbanco. Motion/Second: Robisch/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Resolution 21-08 Authorizing Mayor to sign amendment for the Fire Dept. contract. Council Members Melville and Messmer stepped out of the room since they are active on the Fire Dept. Motion/Second: Anderson/Hayley. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

**Resolution 21-10 Authorizing Mayor to sign document for the police cruisers loan with Wesbanco. Motion/Second: Anderson/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Resolution 21-11 Authorizing Mayor to sign document for interlocal cooperation agreement with the KY League of Cities. Motion/Second: Robisch/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Ordinance 21-06 Approve lease for financing of a project and authorize execution of documents (first reading)**

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** none.


**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #30590-30694 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** Councilmember noted that Pangallo's Auto has a new 3 bay garage being constructed.

**Announcements:** none.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

  
James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Brandi Barton, City Clerk