

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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, and Assistant City Attorney Rhoades. Public Works Foreman Bowman was absent.

Public Comments: Police Chief Christmann introduced Tim Mitchell, new Police Officer with the department. Justin Otto, Economic Development Director introduced himself to Council. Mr. Otto spoke about County Citizen Academy which starts on 8/27. Park & Tree Board Co Chairmen Theis and Venneman read the July Green Thumb Awards for 109/111 Ridgeway (Hartig/Mullen) and 220 Heather Hill (Rauckhorst). Mr. Venneman spoke about a fall event they are planning.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 7/21/21. Motion/Second: Hayley/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Approval of public hearing Municipal Road Aid meeting minutes 7/21/21. Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that the gas lines have been moved on Joyce Ave. Water main line will be moved next month. The contractor should be starting in a couple of weeks. Mr. Melville said he discussed with Public Works Bowman the sand for the volleyball court. At this time we will wait until spring to see where we are on the budget before we get the sand. Tilling the sand on the court helped soften it.

Public Safety: Council Member Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann said a new full time officer will be starting on Sept. 1. He reported that some cars left unlocked have been broken into. The officers have written 28 tickets to drivers speeding on Mook Rd. One of the new cruisers was picked up from the dealer. The other one will be ready in the next week or two. Fire Chief Beatsch thanked the Mayor for the use of the community center for the Fire Fighters convention. He said the Block Party will be on Sept. 17 (adults only) and Sept. 18 (families).

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer reported that 57 notices were sent and \$5,950 in fines were issued since last month's report. Councilman Anderson talked about code violations like grass in the street and trash set out to the street days before collection. He asked about stepping up enforcement on these issues. Council discussed and Mayor Hamberg asked Assistant City Attorney Rhoades to look at the ordinance for fines or fees to charge the homeowner for cleanup by city employees.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen reported on several events: Sept. 11 is the City Wide Yard Sale, Sept. 18 is the First Responders 5K Walk/Run. Councilman Messmer said the VFW is sponsoring a clean-up day for Mook Rd. on Aug. 21.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch reported that the storage shed (behind the City building) was delivered. The gutters need to be put on it. Mr. Robisch received a call about the

playground equipment that has some rust on it. The equipment may need to be inspected for safety. Mayor Hamberg said the City will contact someone to check the equipment.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reported she reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve the preliminary June Financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson spoke about the American Relief Plan and the \$519,601 funds that the City received. There is no plan yet on how to spend the funds. Ms. Hudson discussed the tax rates and what was needed to meet budget.

City Clerk Barton said the Rumpke contract was renewed on July 1 so the waste collection on the tax bills will reflect half of the year with the old rate and half of the year with the new rate. \$196.20 will be charged for waste collection this year. The Southgate School has not set their tax rate yet.

Assistant City Attorney Rhoades had no report, but read the following:

Ordinance 21-06 Approve lease for financing of a project and authorize execution of documents (second reading). Motion/Second: Anderson/Hayley. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Ordinance 21-07 Amend pay class for Police Department (first reading)

Ordinance 21-08 Establish real and personal property tax rate (first reading)

Ordinance 21-09 Establish firehouse tax rate (first reading)

Ordinance 21-10 Establish motor vehicle tax rate (first reading)

Order 21-07 Disposition of 2 police Cruisers. Motion/Second: Robisch/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Proclamation for Payroll Week (Sept. 6-10) was read

Old Business: none.

New Business: Councilman Owen discussed several ordinances he thinks should be reviewed. **Chapter 91.11 Pit Bull ban was discussed. Motion to repeal Chapter 91.11 was made by Mr. Owen. No second was made. Motion Failed.**

After discussion of Chapter 71.03 amongst Council there was a Motion made by Mr. Owen to allow golf carts on city streets. No second was made. Motion Failed.

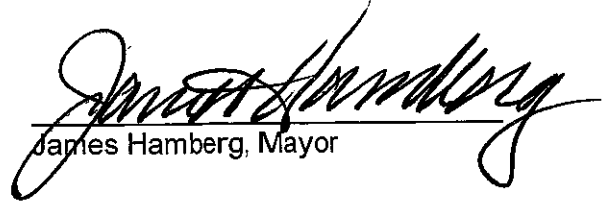
Chapter 72.01 General and Oversized Parking was discussed. Council agreed to review this chapter on Parking. Mayor Hamberg will assemble a working group with the City Attorney to revise the chapter.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #30695-30781 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: Mayor Hamberg said the excavation of Memorial Point will begin on Monday Aug. 23.

Announcements: none.

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


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk