

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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 Melville, Messmer, Owen, Robisch, and Wegener were present. Council Member Anderson was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch and City Attorney Stewart. Public Works Foreman Bowman was absent.

Public Comments: J. D. Chaney, KLC Executive Director, Doug Goforth, KLC Deputy Executive Director, and Brian Traugott, President of KLC and Mayor of City of Versailles were present. Mayor Traugott swore James Hamberg in as KLC First Vice President.

Councilman Owen read the Park & Tree Board Sept. Green Thumb Awards for 134 W. Walnut (Strickley) & 112 Maple (Brooks).

Hope McGuiness, VFW Auxiliary member, spoke about a contest that the VFW would like to sponsor for patriotic flag home decorating in November. The winners will be announced at the Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11. Council approved this event.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 9/15/21. Motion/Second: Robisch/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Approval of special meeting minutes 9/21/21. Motion/Second: Owen/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Melville reported on the Joyce Ave. street project. No. KY Water will replace the water main at Joyce and Washington. A construction meeting was held with the contractor. The project may not be completed by Dec. 1 because of the utility work being done first.

Public Safety: Police Chief Christmann said the computers at the office needed to be upgraded to Office 365 because several older versions were causing problems with other software programs. The Firehouse Subs grant was not awarded to Southgate. New flooring will be installed soon in the office. The second cruiser was picked up from the dealer. The lights are being removed from the old cruiser before it can be placed for auction.

Fire Chief Beatsch said the Block Party went well, but it was a strain on volunteers. Next year the Block Party will go back to one night in July so that the turtle races can be held. There may be an Octoberfest one night in October as well. The department has a good number of new recruits.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer reported that 59 notices were sent and \$7,350 in fines were issued since last month's report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen reported that the First Responders 5K run went well. There will be some improvements made for next year. Trick or Treat hours

were discussed. The times will remain the same as in the past on Oct. 31. Optimist Club will hold the Night at the Races on Nov. 6.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch said there were no problems with the buildings.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reported he reviewed the payables. Mayor Hamberg asked him to tell people a little bit about himself. **Motion to approve the Aug. Financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said the new auditors will be onsite Nov. 7. She is closing June financials for end of fiscal year. City Clerk Barton said she mailed the tax bills. Collection totals are \$97,000 to date.

City Attorney Stewart said there is another class action suit being brought to cities for the opioid addiction. The city should be receiving this soon. Ms. Stewart read the following:

Ordinance 21-11 Amend the Parking ordinance chapter 72 (first reading).

Ordinance 21-12 Amend Waste ordinance chapter 50 (first reading).

Order 21-09 Appoint Aileen Okura to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board.

Old Business: Councilman Owen asked about excavation happening at Memorial Point. Mayor Hamberg gave an update. The City did not get the OKI grant for which they applied. This was for the road diet on US 27 and entrance to Memorial Point. Mayor Hamberg is working on an alternate plan now. Memorial Point Phase 2 should be submitted soon to Planning and Zoning. The developer will order street signs for the development. The memorial committee has not met yet. Council members Anderson and Robisch are on that committee.

New Business: none.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #30862-30927 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Robisch/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brandi Barton, City Clerk