

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2021  
122 Electric Ave.**

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

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

**Public Comments:** none.

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**Approval of regular meeting minutes 10/6/21. Motion/Second: Owen/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Council Member Melville reported that the Public Works dump truck needs repair. There was discussion on the repair/replacement of the vehicle. Public Works Foreman Bowman said he will have more information when the vehicle goes in for service. The work on Joyce Ave. is on hold until the utility companies have completed their work. The contractor will start work on Blossom Ln.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson reported on a man walking in the cemetery when several coyotes surrounded him. He told the public to be aware of coyotes. Police Chief Christmann said he emptied the drug box at the City building. He reminded the public not to put liquids or needles in the box. He also said he is reviewing the Police Department's policy regarding the use of stop sticks to make sure that no injury occurs to the officers. Fire Chief Beatsch said that he doesn't have receipt totals from the Block Party. They are waiting for all the invoices to be received.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer had no report.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Owen reported that Trick or Treat hours are from 5:30-7:30 on Oct. 31 with the party at the VFW afterward. Mr. Owen reported on several other events: VFW pumpkin carving 10/23, St. Therese Trunk or Treat 10/28, VFW home decorating contest 11/1-11/7, Hazardous Waste event 11/6, and Optimist Club Night at the Races 11/6. There was discussion of a walking club starting at the community center (Tues. and Thurs.)

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch reported that the shed is completed and the Fire Department can use it.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener reported that he reviewed the payables. Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said the new auditors will be onsite Nov. 9. City Clerk Barton said the newsletter articles are due by Nov. 1.

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

**Ordinance 21-11 Amend the Parking ordinance chapter 72 (second reading)  
Motion/Second: Owen/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Ordinance 21-12 Amend Waste ordinance chapter 50 (second reading) Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Resolution 21-13 Authorize and approve action for CDBG grant – naming a compliance officer. Motion/Second: Robisch/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Resolution 21-14 Authorize and approve action for CDBG grant – naming a Title VI Coordinator. Motion/Second: Owen/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Old Business:** Councilman Anderson spoke about the gravel pathway in the community center park that was originally laid for the trail project. He said that now that the project is completed he would like to see it taken out and grass planted in its place. There was discussion about cost and timing to do this. Council also discussed the trail that was repaired last year due to rain damage. Mayor Hamberg said he would send a letter to the City of Wilder requesting reimbursement for the portion of the trail in Wilder.

Discussion was held of late or no mail delivery by USPS to Southgate residents. Residents were encouraged to contact the Postmaster at the Newport Post Office if there are problems with delivery.

Mayor Hamberg discussed the Smart Cities grant that Newport received. He said he is working on Southgate's plan for the road diet and potential funding. He is also working on a future vision plan 2025 for the City. Mayor Hamberg will bring to council for review when completed. This would be launched in January of 2022.

**New Business:** none.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #30928-30958 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 6 Nay 0.**

  
James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Brandi Barton  
Brandi Barton, City Clerk