

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 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 Sergeant Johns, Fire Chief Beatsch, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 10/20/21. Motion/Second: Owen/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Melville reported on the street project. The contractor is waiting on material for Blossom Ln. Duke Energy repaired the street lights on Linden Ave. Public Works will start putting Christmas lights up. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Police Sergeant Johns had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch said he has pictures of the new life squad that will be delivered in December.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer reported that 59 notices were sent and \$13,500 in fines were issued since last month's report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen reported on several upcoming events: Southgate Clean Up 11/8-11/15, Optimist Club Night at the Races 11/6, Tree lighting 11/27, Community Christmas Party 12/19.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch said he would like to get programmable thermostats for the large hall at the community center. The cost is around \$900. **Motion to purchase programmable thermostats for community center. Motion/Second: Robisch/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reported that he reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve the Sept. Financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said the new auditors will be onsite next week. City Clerk Barton said she is working on the newsletter. The boy scouts will deliver the newsletter on November 13.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

Resolution 21-15 Granting a renewable franchise for operation of cable tv system in Southgate to Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC (CBET). Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: Councilman Robisch said he would like to get the playground inspected before budget time next year. This would help to identify repairs or replacements that are needed. Councilman Owen said the tree inventory will be presented at the Nov. 8 Park & Tree Board meeting. Council will get the information after that meeting. Councilman Melville said they are waiting on the cost from the Ford dealership to repair the dump truck. There was discussion on

the gravel drive in the park. Nothing will be done at this time. Council will re-evaluate it in the Spring.

New Business: Councilman Owen requested Council look at a Fairness ordinance. He asked that someone come to Council and speak about it.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #30958-30983 Wesbanco and #32000-32017 Heritage Bank 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, City Clerk