

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 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, Fire Chief Beatsch, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and Assistant City Attorney Rhoades.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 11/3/21. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Melville reported that the dump truck was repaired at the dealership. It was covered under the warranty. Public Works has started leaf pick up and holiday decorating. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson reported that the new flooring in the front office is done at the police dept. **Councilman Anderson made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 to purchase additional flooring to complete the back breakroom at the dept. Motion/Second: Anderson/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** This will ensure that the flooring will match the rest of the department. The SWEMS report was given to Council. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Southgate Fire department is part of a group of 4 agencies that applied for a regional safety grant. This grant will help pay for uniforms, equipment, and classes.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen reported on several upcoming events: Tree lighting 11/27, Community Christmas Party 12/19, and Kids Night on Council 12/1. Councilman Owen discussed the Park and Tree Board Tree Inventory findings.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch said that he, Mayor Hamberg, and Public Works Foreman Bowman met with the Red Cross about using the community center as an emergency shelter if needed. There was discussion of purchasing a generator in the future. **There was a motion to allow the Red Cross to use the community center as an emergency shelter if Southgate has power. Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reported that he reviewed the payables. Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said the auditors were onsite last week. City Clerk Barton said she will be posting the two police vehicles on govdeals and in the Campbell Co. Recorder. The community center rental agreement is being translated into Spanish. Tax collections are steady.

Assistant City Attorney Rhoades reported on the opioid settlement with Purdue and discussed a separate action with 20 other states. KLC is currently working on a resolution to move forward

with legal action. **Mr. Rhoades asked for a motion for the City to participate in the National Opioid Settlement. Motion/Second: Owen/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Then Mr. Rhoades read the following:

Resolution 21-16 Authorize Mayor to sign engagement letters with RSA Advisors LLC and Frost Brown Todd LLC with respect to American Rescue Plan. Motion/Second: Wegener/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Resolution 21-17 Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with Red Cross for use of the Community Center. Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: Councilman Anderson requested the Mayor to ask for reimbursement from the City of Wilder for the part of the trail in Wilder that was repaired after the land slide in 2019.

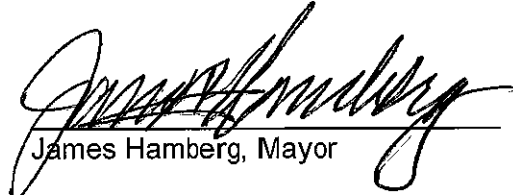
New Business: Public Works cleaned the tunnel under Alexandria Pike. The City is waiting for the State to replace the lights in the tunnel. Councilman Robisch discussed a problem with stray cats on Tracy Ln. The Animal Control Officer is working on catching the cats, neutering/spaying them, and then returning them to the location. This is the policy of the Campbell County Animal Shelter. Councilman Owen said he will be selling his house and moving out of the City because he needs more room for his family. He anticipates submitting his resignation from Council by Jan. 1, 2022.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #32018-32053 from Heritage Bank were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: Mayor Hamberg gave an update on the road diet for Alexandria Pike and the stage 2 plans for Memorial Pointe development.

Announcements: none.

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


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk