

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2022
122 Electric Ave.
City building**

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, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: Keri Welch spoke about her purchase of Evergreen Ave. property (previously Manyet Dance Studio) where she will be opening a fitness center.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 12/15/21. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said the Joyce Ave. street project has been delayed. He talked about Ridgeway Ave. street project. City Engineer Shumate presented more details about the project. The City will solicit bids around March for milling and overlay of the street. Public Works will do utility patch work before the contractor does the street work. The work will be done partly in the current fiscal year and part in the new fiscal year. **There was a motion to spend up to \$175,000 for Ridgeway Ave. street project. Motion/Second: Owen/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** City Engineer Shumate spoke about the assessment of the tennis courts by Geotechnology. Mr. Shumate said the cost to repair the courts is expensive. There was discussion to possibly build new courts in another location in the future, but the current courts will be closed because of safety. **There was a motion to secure and lock the tennis courts at this time. Motion/Second: Owen/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** The current location of the tennis courts will be reviewed in the future to see what can be done with the space.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Sergeant Johns said that the Police Chief was in Western Kentucky helping the tornado victims. Sergeant Johns had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch said that the Fire Dept. Installation of Officers dinner is Jan. 8. Chief Beatsch said the new ambulance should be delivered by the end of January.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said the total amount of fines collected in 2021 was \$25,000. There were 56 notices sent since the last report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen said that Park & Tree Board submitted the Growth Award application. Mr. Owen submitted his resignation to Mayor Hamberg effective Jan. 6. He said that he sold his house and is moving out of the city. **There was a motion to accept Councilman Owen's resignation. Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0. Mr. Owen abstained from the vote.** City Attorney Stewart explained to Council the options to replace Councilman Owen. **There was a motion to appoint Aileen Okura who was interviewed for Patricia Hayley's vacant council seat. Motion/Second: Anderson/Robisch. Approved by roll call vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Public Buildings: Councilman Robisch reported a problem with the stove at the firehouse which will be repaired.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said that he reviewed the payables. **There was a motion to approve the November financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Owen. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said the auditors are preparing the draft of the audit. It should be ready by the end of January to be presented to Council in February. City Clerk Barton said that tax collections are around 98%. City Attorney Stewart reported that the Attorney General confirmed that Southgate is part of the opioid settlement claim. Then she read the following:

Ordinance 22-01 Adopt the supplement to the Code of Ordinances (first reading)
Order 22-01 Disposition of old Police tasers

Old Business: Councilman Messmer said the Census information for Southgate that was sent in the council packets had some good information in it. He requested that it be put on the website. Mayor Hamberg said that he submitted the Discretionary Fund Request last week. Campbell County Planning & Zoning has received the Stage 2 plan for Memorial Pointe. The Vision 25-30 meeting to discuss the future plans for the City has been postponed until Jan. 27.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said that he and City Attorney Stewart met with Grand Communities about a development on the old Sun Rock Farms property. This development would be in Southgate and Wilder. An application has been submitted to Campbell County Planning & Zoning for a zone change. Planning & Zoning will hold a public hearing on Feb. 8 for public comments. It is anticipated that their recommendation will be presented to Council for approval in March.

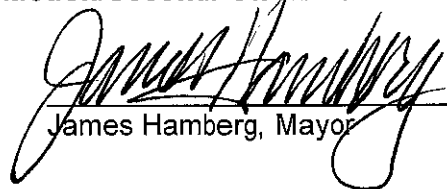
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #32140-32193 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor