

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 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, Okura, Robisch, and Wegener were present. Councilman Messmer was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 2/16/22. Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville said the Public Works 2012 truck needs to be replaced. There is concern about the safety of the vehicle and it can't wait until next fiscal year. The estimate for a new F350 truck with lights, toolbox, and a plow is \$59,903. Motion to purchase a new truck for Public Works. **Motion/Second: Melville/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Finance Director Franklin said there is money in the budget to make the purchase now. Councilman Melville said that the street project on Joyce Ave. is moving along now that the weather has improved.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann gave a year-end report for 2021 for the Police Department. Fire Chief Beatsch reported on the recent car accident on I-471 with a fatality. There was a house fire on Harvard Place this week that the Fire Department responded to. Discussion was had on the procedure for homeowners returning to the house after a fire. A proposed bill is in the House that will affect employers and fire fighters who work for two different agencies.

**Code Enforcement:** There is a Code Enforcement Board meeting tomorrow at 6:30.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura said that Park & Tree Board is planning Arbor Day.

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch said he is waiting on vendors for flooring at the Fire Department and Police Department. He is waiting on the contractor to look at the storage shed behind the City building.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. He made a motion to approve the January financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said there was an ARPA meeting with the department heads to discuss the procedure for the ARPA funds. Each department will get the estimates to Ms. Franklin and she will do a budget for the funds.

City Clerk Barton said there was a person who expressed interest in purchasing the land where the tennis courts are located. City Attorney Stewart said that if Council wanted to surplus the property, then it could be sold to the highest bidder by receiving sealed bids. An appraisal needs to be done on the property. There will be more discussion at the next meeting if Council is interested in selling the land. City Attorney Stewart had no report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Hamberg said Campbell County Planning & Zoning anticipates a revision of the Sun Rock Farms development coming in May. Council Members Anderson and Robisch will work with the developer and the Memorial Pointe memorial committee.

**New Business:** none.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #32303-30350 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton  
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

James Hamberg  
James Hamberg, Mayor