

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 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, and Robisch were present. Council Members Messmer and Wegener were absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Sergeant Johns, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Assistant City Attorney Joe Hill.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 4/6/22. Motion/Second: Robisch/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that the Joyce Ave. construction project is making progress. He said that the Public Works zero turn lawn mower is broken. The current mower was purchased in 2007. Public Works Foreman said he has money in his budget to get a new mower. The cost is \$10,319. **Motion to purchase new zero turn mower for \$10,319. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson reported that the Safety committee met to discuss Joyce Ave. and to make part of it a one-way street for safety purposes. There were several residents who asked to do this because the bend in the road is too narrow to allow two cars to pass and speeding traffic on this road. **Motion to change upper Joyce Ave. (at Linden) into a one-way street. Motion/Second: Anderson/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 3 Nay 1.** Police Sergeant Johns had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch had no report, but asked to meet with the City's IT Consultant about the door key pad at the firehouse.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer was absent. Mayor Hamberg said there is a conference call tomorrow with the City Attorney and Code Enforcement Officer Lauber to discuss two problem properties on Bluegrass and Valley View.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported on the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on 4/29 at the Community Center. Ms. Okura said Park and Tree Board received notice from DJ Scully that the large evergreen tree in Memorial Park is dying and needs to be removed. Cost estimates were presented to Council to do the work. **Motion to remove the dying evergreen tree at Memorial Park, move the Blue Spruce tree to that location at the best time of the year to transplant it, and provide written documentation from DJ Scully on the condition of the leaning evergreen tree. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

Public Buildings: Councilman Robisch said the ice machine was replaced at the community center.

Finance and Administration: Councilman Wegener was absent. Councilman Robisch reviewed the payables.

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said the City received reimbursement for the Graves County cleanup for Police Chief Christmann's payroll expenses while he worked there. The amount received was \$8,125.

City Clerk Barton said she and Councilman Anderson met with a new web designer about upgrading the City website. This will be included in the admin budget. There is a Community Center annual meeting which will be held May 4 before the council meeting. A meeting with the City and the Optimist Club will be held on April 26 to discuss the tennis courts property and restrictions. One part-time seasonal Public Works Laborer was hired this week. There is another person being interviewed tomorrow.

Assistant City Attorney Hill had no report. Mayor Hamberg welcomed him to his first meeting.

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg discussed the Blossom Ln. "hump repair" that he has been working on to receive funding. The City applied for an OKI grant and Discretionary Road Funds. Neither funds were awarded. Mayor Hamberg spoke to some contacts in Frankfort to help find funds to do the road work which is a safety issue. The Governor has approved this funding. A Memorandum of Understanding with the County and the State will be done. An interlocal agreement with Ft. Thomas and Southgate will also be needed. The goal is to get this project done by Aug. 2022. The lane addition at the bottom of Blossom onto US 27 has not been approved for funding by the state at this time since it is not a safety issue.

Mayor Hamberg is working with City of Wilder on the potential development above Woodland Hills. The developer will go to Campbell County Planning & Zoning before they come to the City. Council Members Anderson and Robisch met with the Memorial Pointe memorial committee with other members outside the City to discuss design.

New Business: Councilman Melville said that the family of LeRoy Julifs asked if the City could do something in memory of him. LeRoy worked for the City for 30 years in the Public Works Dept. Mayor Hamberg said the City could name the drive to the Public Works Garage after him. **Motion to put up a sign in memory of LeRoy's 30 years of service to the City. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

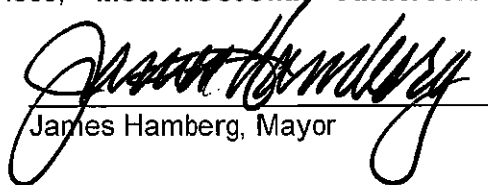
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #32469-32489 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor