

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 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, Messmer, Okura, and Robisch were present. Council Member Wegener was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, Assistant City Attorney Hill, and City Engineer Shumate.

Public Comments: Park & Tree Board Chairman Theis read the Green Thumb Award winners: 118 Tracy Ln. (Nieses) and 109 Maple Ave. (Mabalot). He presented the business award to St. Therese Church. The other winners were not present.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 6/15/22. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that the evergreen tree at Memorial Park will be cut down and that the fire department will cut it up as a training exercise. Ridgeway Ave. street project will start the first part of August. City Engineer Shumate spoke about the Joyce Ave. street project. There was extra work on curbs, steps, and sidewalks that needed to be done causing the project to cost more than estimated. Mayor Hamberg asked for a **motion to approve the overage on the budgeted cost. Motion to approve \$12,843 extra cost on Joyce Ave. project. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Councilman Melville said the KLC reverse salt auction bids came in high. We will reject the bids and wait for the cost estimate from Morton Salt separately.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann said he is working with Councilman Robisch on designing the police impound lot next to the Public Works garage. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Block Party was a success and had good attendance. The old 1996 fire truck was sold and the new one will be arriving in the next few weeks.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there were 27 new cases and \$6,700 in fines issued last month.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported that the Park & Tree Board will be placing a bench at Memorial Park in memory of Robert Paul. Donations were received for the bench and the family will pay the additional cost of the bench.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch said the air conditioning was not working in council chambers, but it was fixed.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener was absent, but he reviewed the payables earlier in the week.

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin had no report. City Clerk Barton said Terry Baker, Animal Control officer, will be taking a new job on August 1. The Board will meet next week to discuss

an agreement with the County for animal control. KLC will be holding their conference Sept. 20-23 in Owensboro. Mayor Hamberg will be sworn in as KLC President at the dinner on Sept. 22. Council members who are interested in going should let Brandi know.

Assistant City Attorney Hill had no report. Mr. Hill read the following:

Ordinance 22-04 Amend Animal ordinance Ch. 91 to allow chickens (first reading).

Ordinance 22-05 Amend the police department salary range (first reading).

Resolution 22-04 Authorize Mayor to sign amendment to SVFD contract. Motion/Second: Robisch/Anderson. Councilman Messmer recused himself. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #32655-32759 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none

Announcements: none

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

James Hamberg
James Hamberg, Mayor