

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 3, 2022  
122 Electric Ave.  
City building**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hamberg was absent. City Clerk Barton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She asked for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the meeting. **Motion to appoint Councilman Anderson as Chairperson. Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**The following answered roll call:** Council Members Anderson, Melville, Messmer, Okura, and Wegener were present. Council Member Robisch was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and City Attorney Stewart. Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

**Public hearing for Municipal Road Aid:** City Clerk Barton said the anticipated MRA funds for fiscal year ending 6/30/23 is \$75,000. The only road project to be done is mill and overlay Ridgeway Ave. There were no public comments made.

**Public Comments:** Campbell County District Court Judge candidate David Steele introduced himself. Campbell County Family Court Judge candidate Abby Volker introduced herself.

Council Member Okura read the Green Thumb Award winners: 111 Electric (Gearding) and 272 Beech Rd. (Harney). The winners were not present.

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 7/20/22. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville reported that the evergreen tree at Memorial Park will be cut down on August 15. The concrete work on Ridgeway Ave. has started. The contractor will start milling the street soon. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Councilman Messmer reported for Fire Chief Beatsch. He said there is a "Adults Only" event at the community center next Saturday on Aug. 13 at 6:00 which is a fund raiser for the fire department.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer said there were 40 new cases and \$4,400 in fines issued last month.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura reported that the City Wide Yard Sale is Sept. 10. The Super Seniors will meet Aug. 18. The County Senior picnic is Sept. 28.

**Public Buildings:** no report.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables.

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said the City will not sign a Tax Anticipation Note this year. There is enough funds in the bank from the American Rescue Plan funds at this time.

City Clerk Barton said the Animal Control Board met and discussed signing an Interlocal Agreement with Campbell County for services. Any calls for animal control should now direct their calls to the Campbell Co. Animal Shelter. City Attorney Stewart said that when the City signs the Interlocal Agreement the animal ordinance may need to be revised to be in line with the County's policies.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

**Ordinance 22-04 Amend Animal ordinance Ch. 91 to allow chickens (second reading).  
Motion/Second: Messmer/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 3 Nay 2.**

**Ordinance 22-05 Amend the police department salary range (second reading).  
Motion/Second: Messmer/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Proclamation Celebrating National Payroll Week.**

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** A citizen asked if the tennis court could be used for Pickleball. After discussion, Council decided to leave the courts closed and not use them because of safety concerns.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #32760 - 32792 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none

**Announcements:** none

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton  
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

Joe Anderson  
Joe Anderson, Chairperson