

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Nov. 16, 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, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Sgt. Johns, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: Southgate Independent School Superintendent Duty gave a presentation on the status of the school and the need for funds to do improvements to the aging building. He explained the need for a "Nickel tax" in order to apply for funds from the state. School Board Chair Diane Hatfield explained the funds from the Nickel tax can only be used for building improvements. Councilman Anderson asked questions about the test scores of the students and the school tax rates. Councilman Robisch asked about the Nickel tax and if it was a one-time occurrence or if it will continue in the future. Superintendent Duty said the Nickel tax will be included in future tax rates. Mayor Hamberg explained that the City has a contract with the School to collect taxes for them. He suggested that this additional tax bill be processed in December and be mailed Jan. 2, 2023. The due date would be in Feb. 2023. Superintendent Duty thought that timeframe would be agreeable with the School Board.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 11/2/22. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said the estimate to replace the Public Works dump truck was around \$58,380 with the state contract. There is an additional cost of \$9,500 to transfer the bed of the old truck onto the new truck chassis. Mr. Melville said the window to order vehicles is closing soon and the City needs to place their order quickly. **This was a budgeted item, but there was a motion to purchase a Ford F450 truck (2023) for approximately \$58,380 plus \$9,500 to change the bed. Motion/Second: Melville/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Councilman Melville said the road projects that were scheduled for this year will be postponed until the first part of the year to re-evaluate the cost increases.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson reported that the Police Dept. will be hiring a new officer at the end of November. He will go to the police academy on Dec. 11 until June. Police Sgt. Johns had no report. Mayor Hamberg said that this is the first time in a long time that the City has hired a new recruit that will go to the police academy. Sgt. Johns asked Mayor Hamberg about the water drainage problem on I 471. The Mayor said he forwarded the information to KY Dept. of Transportation Dist. 6 but has not received a response. Fire Chief Beatsch said the new fire engine is in service now. It will not leave the City. If a call comes from another City the older truck will respond. The Fire Dept. has some new members who have joined. Fire Chief Beatsch thanked Councilman Robisch for his help with repairs to the Fire Dept. and other things the Fire Dept. needed in the past.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer was absent.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported on several upcoming events: Super Seniors on Nov. 17, Tree lighting service on Nov. 26, and Community Christmas Party on Nov. 18. She said she will be recruiting for new members for Park and Tree Board.

Public Buildings: Councilman Messmer said the security system for the doors on the firehouse and city building are installed. The City sign will be ready around December, but he would like to wait on the installation because concrete and electrical work needs to be done first before the installation of the sign. He suggested postponing it until Spring.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables.

Finance Director Franklin said the auditors were onsite last week.

City Clerk Barton said the newsletters were delivered last weekend by the boy scouts. The Kids on Council Night will be at the next council meeting on Dec. 7. KLC will be having orientation and training for the newly elected officials on De. 16 and Jan. 18.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the second reading of Ordinance 22-10 Accepting the street in Memorial Point. **There was a motion to Accept the new streets in Memorial Pointe subdivision and approve the subdivision cash bond. Motion/Second: Robisch/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said the committee met to discuss the parking on Retreat and Electric Ave. by the VFW.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33040-33075 were presented for Council's review.

Executive Session: There was a motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Discussion which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing if requested. **Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Motion to come back into open session: Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor & Council Comments: none

Announcements: none

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

James Hamberg
James Hamberg, Mayor