

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2023
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 Okura, Melville, Messmer, Lycans, and Wegener were present. Councilman Anderson was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Assistant City Attorney Hill.

Public Comments: Council Member Okura recognized the June Green Thumb Award winners: 121 Ft. Beech and 110 Tracy Ln.

Approval of public hearing minutes 6/21/23. Motion/Second: Melville/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0

Approval of regular meeting minutes 6/21/23. Motion/Second: Okura/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Approval of special budget meeting minutes 6/28/23. Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that the new basketball goal posts are now installed at the lot by the Public Works Garage. Thanks to Pangallos Auto for the donation. The curbs on US 27 by Joyce are finished. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Police Chief Christmann reported Police Officer Boeschstein has completed his field training and is now working third shift on the road. Police Officer Snyder has 10 weeks remaining at the police academy. The VFW has donated a drone for the Police Dept. The new Police Durango has been ordered. Unit 32 cruiser had the graphics replaced on the side doors.

Fire Chief Beatsch said the Block Party was well attended and despite the rain, the crowd stayed to enjoy the party.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there were 29 new cases since the last report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported on several upcoming events. Super Seniors meeting for July and Aug. is cancelled. Park & Tree Board meets Aug. 14. Campbell County is holding their Senior picnic on September 27.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans said there was a minor lock issue at the Fire Dept. that Public Works took care of.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables earlier in the week. Approval of May financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the May financials are tracking at 91% of budget. The auditors will be scheduling a date for field work at the City. City Clerk Barton said the PVA tax assessments have been received. She sent them to NKADD to do the tax calculations.

Assistant City Attorney Hill had no report, but read the following:

Resolution 23-10 Authorize the Mayor to sign the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for payroll deduction (pre-tax for dental and vision). Motion/Second: Melville/Lycans Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0

Old Business: none.

New Business: Councilman Wegener said the VFW want to honor the branches of the military and add monuments to the current Memorial Park. They had a meeting to discuss it. Mayor Hamberg said that Blossom Ln. construction is moving along and should be complete around the first week of August.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33665-33746 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