

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2023
301 W. Walnut St.
Community Center**

Call to Order: Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The location changed because the air conditioner in Council Chambers was not working.

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

Public Comments: Mayor Hamberg recognized the July Green Thumb Award winners: 390 Linden and 72-01 View Terrace.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 7/19/23. Motion/Second: Melville/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that City Engineer Shumate had a change order for the curb work at Joyce and US 27. This will complete the project. Valley View needs some work done. NKY Water will be contacted about the repair. There was discussion about bidding the street project for Electric Ave. this winter for a spring start date. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann reported that the new cruiser Durango has been ordered. A new camera in the community center parking lot is being installed. Three of the cruisers had cameras installed in them. The drone is in, but the operators are waiting to attend a training class. One of the License Plate Readers has arrived, but we are waiting on the others to come.

Fire Chief Beatsch said the washer and dryer were installed at the Fire Dept. He recently attended the Fire Fighters convention. Southgate was well represented.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there were 34 new cases since the last report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura was absent, but City Clerk Barton reported on several upcoming events. Park & Tree Board Garden Club will meet on Aug. 3 at 9:00 am at the Wagner Garden. Park & Tree Board meets Aug. 14. Campbell County Senior picnic is Sept. 27. There is a waste tire collection event on Aug. 10-12.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans said the air conditioner at the City building is repaired and the air conditioner in the small hall at the community center is being repaired on Thursday.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. Approval of June preliminary financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the June preliminary financials are on target at 97% of budget.

The City is showing \$248,000 in reserves at the end of the fiscal year. City Clerk Barton said she is reviewing the PVA tax file. The tax calculations have not come back from the NKADD yet. She expected to have them ready for first reading of the tax rate ordinance by Aug. 16. There was discussion of the Southgate Independent School Nickel tax and their tax rate. This has not been determined yet.

Assistant City Attorney Hill said there is a property that has liens on it currently and is being sold soon.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg is talking to KYTC about traffic control and turning on US 27 from Memorial Point. A meeting was scheduled to discuss, but it was decided to wait until Blossom Lane is opened back up and the development on Memorial Point has more construction completed to re-evaluate it.

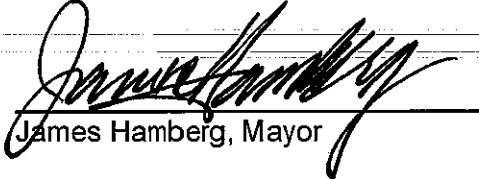
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33747-33784 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor