

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 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 Anderson, Okura, Melville, Messmer, Lycans, and Wegener were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and Assistant City Attorney Dominic Millard. Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

Public Comments: Jason Hatter spoke to Mayor and Council about his plan for filming a scene for a movie at the community center park. Mayor Hamberg asked him for several items to be brought to the City before a permit could be issued. **There was a Motion/Second by Wegener/Messmer to allow this with the contingency that the check list items were completed. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Approval of regular meeting minutes 8/2/23. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville had no report. Public Works Foreman Bowman said Public Works is working on building the salt bin next to the garage. Mayor Hamberg said there was a meeting with the NKY Water District to discuss repair on Heather Hill and Valley View with a possible cost share program.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson said there was a coyote in his back yard and warned residents to be cautious. Police Chief Christmann reported that the developer installed "no left turn" signs at US 27 and Memorial Pointe.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report. Mayor Hamberg said that the KY statue now allows code enforcement liens to be added to the tax bills. City Clerk Barton and Code Enforcement Lauber are working on this.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported on several upcoming events: City Wide Yard Sale Sept. 9, Park & Tree Board meeting Sept. 11, VFW craft fair Sept. 23. Campbell County Senior picnic Sept. 27, and Fire Dept. Auxiliary Stagette Oct. 20. A Pumpkin Walk will be held on Oct. 13.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans said the air conditioner went out in the sleeping quarters and the phone system went out at the firehouse. Both have been repaired.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables.

Finance Director Edgley explained the tax rate computation and how we determined comp + 2 would be the best option to meet budget. City Clerk Barton discussed the waste collection rate and how the price had raised significantly with Rumpke. This will be the last extension with Rumpke and then the City will need to bid for waste collection in 2025.

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

Ordinance 23-05 Amend Solid Waste collection fee for 2023 (First reading)
Ordinance 23-06 Establish real & personal property tax rate 2023 (First reading)
Ordinance 23-07 Establish firehouse tax rate 2023 (First reading)
Ordinance 23-08 Establish motor vehicle and boat tax rate 202 (First reading)

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg told Council that his term with KLC will be ending on Sept. 21. KLC has their conference in Lexington with a banquet that evening.

Council Member Okura said she is looking into a possible grant for the playground equipment in the community center park. She will report more on that later.

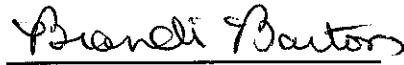
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33786-33817 were presented for Council's review.

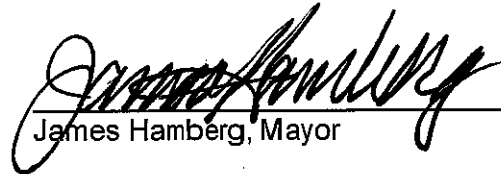
Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Messmer/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

ATTEST:


Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor