

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Sept. 6, 2023  
122 Electric Ave.  
City building**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hamberg was out of town. City Clerk Barton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She asked for a chairperson to run the meeting. There was a Motion to nominate Councilman Anderson. **Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**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, Fire Chief Beatsch and City Attorney Stewart.

**Public Hearing for tax rates:** City Clerk Barton read the City tax rates for real property, personal property, firehouse, motor vehicle and boat. There were no comments.

**Public Comments:** Council Member Okura read the Green Thumb Awards for Aug. (246 Bluegrass and 256 Beech). She presented the certificate to Ms. Nessler.

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 8/16/23. Motion/Second: Melville/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville reported that the dump truck has cracks in the cradle that need to be repaired before it can be put on the new truck chassis. Public Works Foreman Bowman will get an estimate for the repair. There is a delay with transferring the bed due to parts on backorder. The salt bin is under construction. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann reported that the camera in the community center parking lot has been installed. Fire Chief Beatsch said the Fire Dept. Auxiliary Stagette is Oct. 20 with bourbon raffle tickets currently on sale

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer reported there were 52 new cases and total fines issued were \$12,800.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura reported on a grant for playground equipment. \$95,000 was budgeted in special projects for playground equipment. Ms. Okura reported 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, Fire Dept. Auxiliary Stagette Oct. 20, and a Pumpkin Walk on Oct. 13.

**Public Buildings:** Councilman Lycans said the ice machine needs a regulator installed on it at the firehouse.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. He made a motion to approve the July financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley had no report. City Clerk Barton had no report. City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

**Ordinance 23-05 Amend Solid Waste collection fee for 2023 (second reading)**  
**Motion/Second: Melville/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Ordinance 23-06 Establish real & personal property tax rate 2023 (second reading)**  
**Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Ordinance 23-07 Establish firehouse tax rate 2023 (second reading)**  
**Motion/Second: Wegener/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Ordinance 23-08 Establish motor vehicle and boat tax rate 2023 (second reading)**  
**Motion/Second: Okura/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Old Business:** Council Member Okura asked if the City has heard about the status of the LWCF Grant for the tennis courts. City Clerk Barton said she has not heard from DLG on an update. She will check on it.

**New Business:** City Clerk Barton said Mayor Hamberg and Council Member Okura will be attending the KLC Conference in Lexington on Sept. 20. Police Chief, Public Works Foreman, and City Clerk are also attending. There was a motion to cancel the next council meeting on Sept. 20. **Motion/Second: Messmer/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #33818-33859 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  
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

James Hamberg  
James Hamberg, Mayor