

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2023
122 Electric Ave.
City building**

Call to Order: Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order.

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

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 10/18/23. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that Public Works will be picking up leaves next week. The brine system is setup and ready to use for the snow season. Mayor Hamberg said he will set a meeting to discuss the street repairs and get cost estimates for Spring. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report. Councilman Anderson said the basketball rims were damaged from someone hanging on them and asked if they can be raised. Public Works Foreman Bowman said he would take care of it.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Sergeant Johns had no report. Assistant Fire Chief Scott Reusing said it was ok to burn. He will send more information to the City Clerk about burning. The Fire Dept. is hosting an Adult Night on Nov. 11 at the Community Center.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there were 30 new cases and \$6,500 in fines issued. Mayor Hamberg said the code enforcement violation liens are now allowed to be placed on tax bills with the new state legislation that was passed.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura read the Green Thumb Awards for Oct. (128 Bonnie Terrace and 52 Fairway). Hazardous Waste Event is 11/4 at Thomas More Stadium, Park & Tree Board meeting is 11/13, City Fall Clean up event 11/13-11/20, and Christmas Tree Lighting 11/25. The VFW will be making a donation to Park & Tree Board for several trees in the City.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans was absent.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. **He made a motion to approve the Sept. financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the budget was on target at 25%. City Clerk Barton said tax collection is at 5% currently. The boy scouts will deliver the newsletter on Sat. Nov. 11. Ms. Barton discussed the bids for the playground equipment. After discussion, **there was a motion**

to approve the bid from Game Time (option 1). Motion/Second: Messmer/Okura.
Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 1.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

Order 23-12 Appoint Charles Boeschenstein as Police Officer Specialist.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33977-24007 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor