

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Dec. 6, 2023  
City Building 122 Electric Ave.  
Youth Appreciation Night**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**The following answered roll call:** Council Members Anderson, Melville, Okura, Lycans, and Wegener were present. Councilman Messmer was absent, but Code Enforcement Officer Lauber attended in his place. 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:** Southgate Optimist Club President Tom Fischer welcomed the students. Mayor Hamberg said that students from St. Therese and Southgate Schools will sit in the place of Mayor, Council, and staff for the night.

Students from Southgate School: Niouma Diagana (City Attorney), Diego Hernandez Mendez (Police Chief), Kyiah Jackson (Fire Chief), Berkley Clos (City Clerk), Jamaurion Lowe (Public Works Councilman), Nae'Ja Adams (Community Events Council Member), and Desiray Eversole (Code Enforcement Council Member).

Students from St. Therese School: Miriam Van Ausdall (Mayor), Logan Thompson (Public Works Foreman), Julia Babst (Finance Director), Haylie Schuler (Public Safety Councilman), Jackson Sackenheim ( Finance & Administration Councilman), and Kendyl Sandfoss ( Public Buildings Councilman).

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/15/23. Motion/Second: Anderson/Lycans. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville said the City is getting a road bond to do road repairs to the top of Beech Rd., Electric Ave. and the parking lot by the maintenance bldg. Public Works Foreman said Christmas tree recycling will be done Dec. 26-Jan. 8.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson said to be mindful of holiday shopping and to lock your vehicle and place items in the truck. Police Chief Christmann said the City has a new Police Officer Nate Snyder. The City has a new police cruiser that Officer Lawson is driving now. Fire Chief Beatsch said that Southgate Wilder EMS will respond to close to 1,000 calls this year.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer said there were 20 active cases, 31 resolved cases and 24 new cases.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura said the Community Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 17. The Park & Tree Board Christmas decorating contest judging will be held on Dec. 15. The Christmas Tree Lighting event was a huge success.

**Public Buildings:** Councilman Lycans reported on his responsibilities for city buildings.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener said that he reviewed the payables. There was a motion to approve the October financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley reported that the expenses for general fund are around 33% which are where they should be. The auditors should have a draft of the audit ready in January. City Clerk Barton said that taxes were due Nov. 30. Collections are around 92%. City Attorney Stewart reported on her responsibilities with the City. She read a proclamation for the VFW.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** none.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #24036-34101 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** Mayor Hamberg and Optimist Club President Tom Fischer presented certificates to the students who participated. Mayor Hamberg answered any questions that the students had.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Messmer (Lauber) /Lycans to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0.**

  
James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Brandi Barton, City Clerk