

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2024
122 Electric Ave.**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Melville, Messmer, Okura, Lycans, and Wegener were present. 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: Terry Hatton introduced himself to Council and said he is running for State Representative in Campbell County.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 2/21/24. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said that Public Works was demolishing the tennis courts as part of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. There was a deep hole that needed to be filled with concrete that was not filled when the courts were built. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Sergeant Johns had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch had no report.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there is a Code Enforcement Board meeting on Mar. 27. Fines issued since last month were \$3,100.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the next Park & Tree Board meeting will be Mar. 11. The Optimist Club will have the Easter Egg Hunt on 3/31, Night at the Races 4/13, and Fishing Derby on 5/18. Arbor Day Celebration is 4/26. Campbell Co. Spring Cleanup is 4/26-4/27. The Southgate Fire Dept. and Knights of Columbus is hosting a Stagette on 4/19 at St. Therese.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans had no report.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables. Motion to approve Jan. financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the budget is at 58% through the year and on target for expenses. Ms. Edgley said she will send the Dept. Heads a 3 year comparison to help with the budget preparation. City Clerk Barton said she submitted a Duke Energy grant for park benches and an AARP grant for park benches and 2 sunshades for the benches. Both are 100% paid, not a matching grant.

City Attorney Stewart said she prepared a letter for Code Enforcement violations to a resident that Code Enforcement Lauber requested. Mrs. Stewart introduced a new attorney in her office, Shelby Shultz.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Council Member Messmer asked about an increase to the Rental Dwelling license fee. The current rate is \$40 annually. After discussion, City Clerk Barton will look at what other neighboring Cities charge and see if a rate increase can be justified with time spend on rental licensing. Mayor Hamberg said he will be attending a meeting with Southbank regarding the US 27 Corridor Road Diet. Newport received funding to do this project.

Duke Energy informed the City that it is time to do a renewal of the franchise agreement. Mayor Hamberg mentioned the request for funds and discretionary road funds.

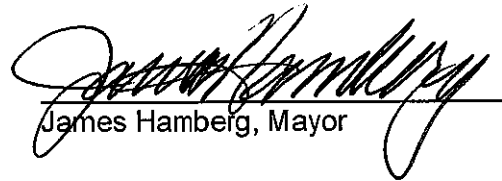
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34298-34323 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor