

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 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 Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Assistant City Attorney Olivia Amlung.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 3/6/24. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said City Engineer Shumate was present to discuss the Street Project Bids. Mr. Shumate said there were five bidders of which Riegler Blacktop was the lowest bid at \$503,242.25. Mr. Shumate recommended Riegler Blacktop be awarded the contract. **Motion to approve \$503,242.25 plus 15% contingency for the Street Projects 2024 for the contract with Riegler Blacktop. Motion/Second: Melville/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Council Member Melville reported that the blacktop on the tennis courts has been removed and topsoil was being laid. Public Works Foreman Bowman said SD1 has replaced some of the man hole covers in the streets.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson said there is a meeting with CT Consultants architect on Friday to discuss the PD evidence room. Police Chief Christmann said he is working on budget. Mayor Hamberg discussed the area behind the Public Works Garage where someone setup a tent and a fire pit. They were told to take it down as it is on City property. Fire Chief Beatsch said that Southgate Volunteer Fire Dept. was part of a federal grant that Campbell County receive that helps pay for firefighters training and gear for the year. Southgate has 6 firefighters on this grant. The apartments at Memorial Point "Vicinity" passed inspection.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there is a Code Enforcement Board meeting on Mar. 27.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the Park & Tree Board planted bulbs at the H. Wagner garden. 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. He said he can't make it to the meeting on Friday about the PD evidence room so he asked that a summary be sent to him.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables.

Finance Director Edgley said the KLC investment fund for ARPA has had a good performance with interest. City Clerk Barton said the gas and electric franchise will need to be put out for bid. The current franchise fee is 3%. There was discussion to amend the ordinance at the next meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Amlung reported that one of the drug companies filed bankruptcy in the Opioid Settlement. The amount of the settlement is unknown at this time.

Old Business: City Clerk Barton reported on the Rental Dwelling licenses in other cities. After discussion, **there was a motion to change the amount of the Rental Dwelling license from \$40 to \$60 per unit. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 1.** An ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting.

New Business: City Clerk Barton discussed the City's ordinance on golf carts. Council has previously discussed changing the ordinance which currently does not allow golf carts on the streets. After discussion, Mayor Hamberg asked that the Safety Committee meet and come back to Council with some ideas. Council Member Messmer asked about not having a Clean up Day in Southgate because the cost of dumpsters and the County having a voucher program. City Clerk Barton said there is no cost because it is part of the City's contract with Rumpke.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34324-34349 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: Mayor Hamberg said the Governor's discretionary road funds were cut by the State. The Memorial Pointe traffic light may not happen in this budget year.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor