

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2024
122 Electric Ave.**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Melville, Messmer, and Okura were present. Councilmen Lycans and Wegener were absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Assistant City Attorney Aaren Meehan.

Public hearing for Municipal Road Aid and Street Projects: Councilman Melville discussed the streets that the City will repave this year. The lowest bid was Riegler at \$503,242. The streets are part of Electric Ave. (Rdge way to W. Walnut), Electric/Evergreen (Temple to Retreat), Beech Rd. (top part), and Auxiliary parking lot by Public Works Garage (260 W. Walnut). Finance Director Edgley discussed the anticipated revenue and expenses in Municipal Road Aid is \$85,000 this year. A bond will be taken with KLC to pay for the project.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 4/3/24. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said the tennis courts have seed and straw on it now. There is additional work that needs to be done on the site later. We are waiting on the playground representative to get with us before Public Works starts demo of the old playground equipment. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson said CT Consultants architect came to look at the City building garage for the PD evidence room. The Police Department received a 100% Safety and Liability review and was presented with a plaque.

Police Chief Christmann said one of the Dodge Chargers need repair work done. The DEA will be doing a drug take back program. He encouraged everyone to drop off old or unused medicine to the box in the lobby of the City Building by April 27.

Fire Chief Beatsch had no report.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer asked residents to remove grass clippings from the street because they get into the stormwater drains. He also asked residents to move their trash cans from the street after trash and recycling has been picked up.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the Optimist Club will have the 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 Stagetette on 4/19 at St. Therese. The Park & Tree Board will be doing a volunteer day on 4/20. The City is having a Clean Up Event on 5/6-5/13.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans was absent.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener was absent.

Finance Director Edgley said she and Mayor Hamberg will be meeting with KLC for a bond for the street projects. She said she will meet with the Mayor about budget next week. City Clerk Barton said newsletter articles are needed by April 29. The IT Consultant is working on changing the fees in the Rental Dwelling License program so that they can get mailed by the end of April.

Assistant City Attorney Meehan had no report, but read the following:

Ordinance 24-04 Adopt franchise fee for Gas & Electric (second reading) Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Ordinance 24-05 Amend Rental Dwelling regulatory fee (second reading) Motion/Second: Melville/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.

Old Business: Councilman Melville asked about the status of the assisted living facility at Memorial Pointe. Mayor Hamberg said it should be starting this summer. There was an inquiry about the gold cart ordinance. Mayor Hamberg said the Safety Committee was meeting about that and the City Attorney was checking into local ordinances on it.

New Business: Public Works Foreman Bowman reported that there were 6 dead trees around the lake that need to be taken down. Mr. Bowman said Public Works can remove them. There is also a large oak tree by the exercise equipment in the park that is hollow and needs to be removed. Kremer Tree Service gave Mr. Bowman a bid for \$2,500. Motion to spend the \$2,500 to remove the dead oak tree. **Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

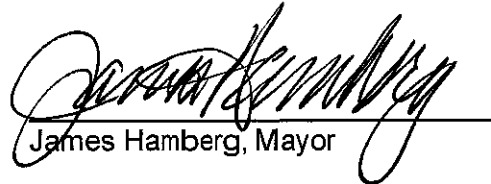
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34378-34399 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 0.**

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor