

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2024
122 Electric Ave.**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Lycans, Melville, Messmer, Okura, 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 Shelbi Shultz.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of meeting minutes 6/5/24. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported on the salt bids from the KLC auction. **He made a motion to approve the bid from Morton Salt for \$93 per ton. Motion/Second: Melville/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Melville said the contractor is working on the curbs on Beech Rd. currently. Then they will do milling and paving next. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report. Councilman Anderson asked about the track hoe that is sitting in the Public Works lot. Mr. Bowman said he is going to use it for the sewer work behind the Public Works garage.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson reported on the Community Center Inc. meeting on 6/5. The revenue for 2023 was \$41,000 and for 2024 was \$45,000. The expenses were \$114,000 for 2024. Mr. Anderson discussed some of the changes that were approved at the meeting for the rental agreement. Councilman Anderson and Police Chief Christmann looked at the basement at the City building, but said this was not feasible to put the Police evidence room in this location. The City garage was still the better option.

Police Chief Christmann had no report. Fire Chief John Beatsch said that Wilder Fire Department air conditioner went out and the staff on duty will come over to Southgate Fire Department tonight.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the Campbell Co. Library had their book bus at the community center today. First Church will have Community Block parties on Thursdays in June and July. The Fire Department will have their Block Party on 7/20. The City wide yard sale will be 9/14 and the Pumpkin Walk will be 10/11.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans said that Fire Chief Beatsch will be meeting with Alta Fiber regarding the phone system at the firehouse tomorrow.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables. Finance Director Edgley said the KLC loan for the street projects will be for \$530,000 plus fees for total of \$545,000. This is a 20 year loan with a rate of 4.25%.

City Clerk Barton had no report

Assistant City Attorney Shelbi Shultz had no report, but read the following ordinances:

Ordinance 24-07 Amend 2023-24 fiscal year budget (second reading). Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Ordinance 24-08 Adopt 2024-25 fiscal year budget (second reading). Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 1.

Councilman Anderson said he reviewed the budget with Finance Director Edgley and received clarification on a couple of items. Mr. Anderson asked that the Fire Department pay the police officers on security detail for the Block Party. There was discussion that only one officer was needed. Both Police and Fire Chiefs will work on this together. Councilman Messmer said that he disagreed that Public Works needs a fourth staff member. Council Member Anderson questioned taking funds out of Public Works budget and giving more funds to the Fire department budget.

Resolution 24-04 City Council directing the question of allowing or prohibiting medical cannabis businesses in the City be submitted to voters in the next regular election as permitted by KRS 218B.130. Motion/Second: Anderson/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0. Councilman Melville suggested that Council go ahead and make a decision so that the City can move forward on zoning for the possible business.

Resolution 24-05 Authorize Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement with North Kentucky Public Entity Joint Health Insurance Board. City Clerk Barton explained that the City is joining this group to get better health insurance coverage with better pricing than our current health insurance carrier. **Motion/Second: Lycans/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Old Business: Council Member Okura said that she spoke with the playground equipment representative. He said that he will be at the City by 6/25 after he finishes a job that he is doing currently. Mayor Hamberg said that if he does not install the playground equipment by end of next week that the City Attorney will send a notice to the company.

New Business: There was a Motion to cancel the July 3rd meeting. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

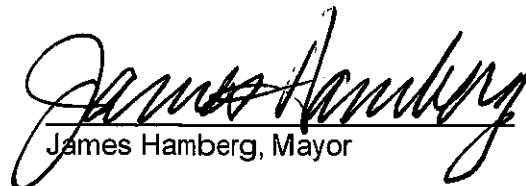
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34527-34560 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor