

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 7, 2016
City Building, 122 Electric Ave**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Enzweiler, Hayley, Robisch, Payne, and Speier were present. Also present: Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, City Clerk Barton, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch and City Attorney Mary Ann Stewart.

Public Comments: Council Member Payne read the Green Thumb Awards. The winners were: Jeff Strickley 134 W. Walnut and Franz Delemos 314 Linden.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/17/16. Motion/Second: Speier/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Anderson reported that two vehicles were driven on the ball field at the Community Center causing damage. Public Works Foreman Bowman said that he would obtain an estimate to repair the field. The Police Dept. has the license plate information of the vehicles and has contacted the owners of the vehicles. There was discussion of creating an ordinance that impose fines for driving on the field. Placement of additional barriers to prevent vehicles from entering the field was also discussed. City Attorney will review the ordinance. **A motion was made directing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance which would include penalties and restitution to be paid by persons who illegally drive vehicles on the field. Motion/Second: Speier/Robisch. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Public Safety: Council Member Speier had no report. Police Chief Christmann recommended that citizens lock their car doors and call police if they see suspicious activity. Fire Chief Beatsch reported that a house on Snowshoe Dr caught fire (attic) during the recent storm. It was the first significant fire of the year. Chief Beatsch said there is an upcoming meeting about the communication system for the emergency departments. Another fund raiser for Monica Rath will be held on October 1st at the Wilder city building. Proceeds (in her memory) will benefit firefighter/life squad personnel in defraying costs of EMT education.

Code Enforcement: Council Member Enzweiler said that there were 25 active cases and \$300 in fines was collected last month.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Payne reported on Family Movie Night 9/16, City Wide Yard Sale 9/10, VFW Quarter Auction 10/7 and two clean up events in October and November respectively.

Public Buildings: Councilman Robisch reported that the phone system at the City Building was damaged by the storm. The cost is \$930 to repair. Two panels of the electronic sign outside the City Building burned out. The cost to replace/repair will be \$880.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables and recommended their approval. She had no report. **A motion was made to approve the July financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said that some of the city's expenses posted early in the beginning of this fiscal year (July) will level out over the coming months. City Clerk Barton has received several calls regarding trick or treat hours. City Council set the Halloween trick or treat hours at 5:30 pm-7:30 pm (no change from last year). City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following Ordinances:

Ordinance 16-06 Amend territory boundaries between Wilder and Southgate ordinance was read as third reading. **There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 16-06. Motion/Second: Anderson/Payne. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Ordinance 16-07 Establish real & property tax for 2016 was read as second reading. **There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 16-07. Motion/Second: Enzweiler/Speier. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Ordinance 16-08 Establish fire house tax for 2016 was read as second reading. **There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 16-08. Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Ordinance 16-09 Establish motor vehicle & boat tax for 2016 was read as second reading. **There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 16-09. Motion/Second: Speier/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Order 16-04 Re-appointing Fred Espenscheid and Therese Paul to the Parking Citation Appeal Board was read. Mayor Hamberg said that he would sign the order.

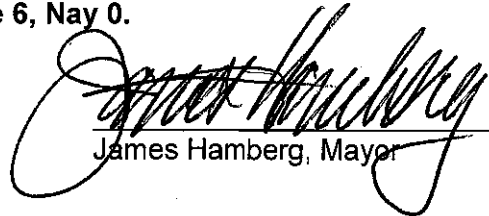
Old Business: Council Member Payne thanked the Country Cruisers for the donation to Park & Tree Board with respect to the Cruise-In event in July.

New Business: Wilder will hold a 9/11 memorial service on 9/11 at 10:30 am. Mayor Hamberg said the Southgate Independent School is looking for volunteers to read to the children one hour per week.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #21619-21678 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Anderson/Hayley to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6, Nay 0.**


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Brandi Barton, City Clerk