

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
January 10, 2017**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Kevin Casey on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Touchie.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen, Walsh, Reynolds, Touchie, Kurysz, Grochowski, Finnegan and Banasiak.

Absent: Aldermen Barnhouse and Carmody and Byrne.

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police and Chris Dobrowolski, Assistant Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal December 13, 2016: Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of December 13, 2016 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (6) Aldermen Banasiak, Grochowski, Walsh, Reynolds,
Finnegan, Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Carmody, Barnhouse and Byrne

ABSTENTION: (1) Alderman Touchie

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated we have some of the winners of the Christmas decorating contest here we would like to give them their prizes.

The 2016 winners:

Most original Theme: **8956 Corcoran Bonnie Strelow**

Clark Grizwald Award: **4051 90th Street Kathy Johnson**

Anything Goes/Wow: **4107 SW Highway Dawn Paciga**

Norman Rockwell/Nostalgic: **4157 90th Place Terri Jandeska**

Neat as a Pin: **8936 Corcoran Amanda Pigula**

Most festive Co-operative window: **4728-4730 88th Street**

Best Duplex: **Bukowski 8901 Corcoran/Fox 8903 Corcoran**

Office of the City Clerk:

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Revenue that the Sales Tax collected in the month of October 2016 was in the amount of \$ 14,500.82. The amount collected in the month of October 2015 was in the amount of \$ 27,018.27.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of October 2016 was in the amount of \$9,837.77. The amount collected in the month of October 2015 was in the amount of \$10,710.63.

Clerk Hacker stated her office received a request from Park Lawn to conduct their annual Tag and Candy Day Friday April 7 and Saturday April 8, 2017.

Clerk Hacker stated her office received a request from Misericordia to conduct their annual Jelly Belly Days Friday April 28 and Saturday April 29, 2017.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve the request from Park Lawn and Misericordia for their April fundraising dates.

Voice Vote indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Banasiak, Grochowski, Walsh, Reynolds,
Finnegan, Touchie, Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Carmody, Barnhouse and Byrne

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Clerk Hacker stated the Ordinance Amending Chapter one will be discussed at the Finance meeting on February 7, 2017.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti introduced John Hoffman of Wagner Sim, our Audit firm. Treasurer Roti stated that he would like all Alderman, especially the new Aldermen to make sure they read the Management Discussion on pages 6 through 11 and notes on page 29, number 5. As you will go through the Audit you will see we are doing well fiscally. Treasurer Roti turned the meeting over to the Auditor, John Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman thanked Treasurer Roti, Clerk Hacker and her staff for their assistance in gathering the needed documents during the Audit. Mr. Hoffman stated as you will see as you go through the audit you will see the increased revenue which is great with the state of the economy. The biggest change is GASB 68 which brought the IMRF pension into the financial statement instead of just in notes. As you will see, as discussed last year, we have a shortfall in our pension liability due to circumstances we cannot control, such as interest rates etc. Mr. Hoffman suggested we pay extra when we can to decrease the short fall. Clerk Hacker asked Mr. Hoffman what he would suggest and how often. Mr. Hoffman stated one lump sum of monthly would work fine. Treasurer Roti stated we would discuss this issue at budget time.

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have copies of the reports generated by his office, the Treasurer's report, the ETSB Fund balance and the Investment account. All the funds are doing well. Treasurer Roti stated everyone should also have a memo he distributed regarding the beginning of the budget process, attached is a calendar of deadlines and meetings. Treasurer Roti stated the goal is to pass the budget by the end of March.

Mayor Casey stated this year, unlike other years, he would sit down with the three Department Heads and their committees, with heavy hitting budgets to assess their needs prior to the budget discussions, we will discuss short term plans and long term plans. We have some funds in our investment account and we will assess the needs and spending some of the funds.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, no report.

- Police: Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police, reported that they have begun fitting officers for new bullet proof vests, close to 30 have been fitted so far. Most officers have completed the Overdose Prevention Program and they began E-Crash training which is State mandated, this program has us reporting accidents electronically.
- Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, reported that it has been quiet, we have been doing routine maintenance on our vehicles, we salted last night and have been filling pot holes. The tree service was back out yesterday, they have 15 trees left and 60 pre-existing stumps.
- Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner no report.
- Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Accounts Payable and Payroll December 27, 2016: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$52,597.23 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$63,455.85 for a total expenditure of \$52,074.30.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)
Roll call, the vote was:
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AYES: (7) Aldermen Banasiak, Grochowski, Walsh, Reynolds, Finnegan, Touchie and Kurysz.
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Carmody, Barnhouse and Byrne
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

- Accounts Payable and Payroll January 10, 2016: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$205,187.46 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$63,455.85 for a total expenditure of \$55,036.94.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)
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Alderman Touchie acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and the Clerk Collector's report.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Gary Byrne, Chairman, absent.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Thomas Carmody, Chairman, absent.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman, no report. Mayor Casey stated the Park Board did not meet last week so they will meet tomorrow at 7:30, there will be a HT Days meeting following that meeting. Everyone is welcome.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman absent. Alderman Dan Walsh gave the December report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman, no report

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Bob Reynolds, Chairman, no report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman, had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman, no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman, gave the December report: 289 Calls
219 MSI 74 State Tickets and 9 LO Tickets.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Donna Grochowski reported the Board is still working on the new policies. The next meeting they will start working on their budget and salaries. The December circulation was 600 in 2016 and 582 in 2015.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman, no report. Mayor Casey welcomed Alderman Touchie back after having his hip replaced twenty days ago.

Fire Department Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the December report.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman, no report

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN

Ordinance No. 1-2017 requires 9 votes for passage and will be considered at the next meeting.

9-1-1 ETSB: Chief Reinheimer no report.

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski reported Breakfast with Santa was a great event and she thanked all her volunteers and supporters. Father Tom from the OLL Food Pantry sent a thank you note for all of the food donations and over 400.00 in monetary donations from the event. The next event will be breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events. Mayor Casey thanked Hancock Engineering for the generous donation they made to the OLL Food Pantry for the Holiday Season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Clerk Hacker reminded everyone there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals taking place Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. due to the rejected permit for a 2nd story garage.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: Donna Grochowski asked if there was any word on the gaming. Mayor Casey stated it is still in court.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

