

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
February 28, 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, February 28, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman: Alderman Finnegan

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Touchie, Byrne, Walsh, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Carmody, Grochowski, Finnegan and Kurysz.
Absent: Alderman Reynolds
Also present: Gary Perlman, City Attorney.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal February 14, 2017 Moved by Alderman Walsh seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve as published the Journal of February 14, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen, Banasiak, Walsh, Touchie, Carmody, Byrne, Kurysz and Barnhouse

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Reynolds.

ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Bryan Windberg of the HFPD to present to the City Council the HFPD plan to have a referendum on the April 4, 2017 ballot. Mr. Windberg gave his presentation which included the amount they are requesting. 0.30 per property on the Equalized Assessed Value which equates to \$80.06 annually per property with the value of \$100,00.00. The last referendum was in 2008 when they asked for a larger increase.

The increase would allow them to:

- Increase the fire fighter pay to be more competitive and keep good personnel
- Purchase a new cardiac monitor
- Purchase a new CPR Machine
- Re-Chassis the ambulance
- Continue to staff the Fire House 24/7 with 3-4 Paramedic/EMTS

Mr. Windberg stated they are planning on some "Town Hall" type meetings. Any questions can be directed to the HFPD Trustees, Chief Hojek or himself.

Office of the City Clerk:

Clerk Hacker had no report

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti had no report.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Gary Perlman, City Attorney, no report. Mayor Casey asked that the firm of Cainkar LTD. work up a resolution for us to opt out of the Cook County minimum wage ordinance. Attorney Perlman asked if we also wanted to opt out of the sick leave portion, Mayor Casey responded yes.

Police: Chief Howard Reinheimer, not present.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, not present.

Public Health & Safety: Michael Ringbauer, Director, not present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll February 28, 2017

Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$67,778.21 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$48,999.60 for a total expenditure of \$116,777.81.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (9) Aldermen, Banasiak, Walsh, Touchie, Carmody, Byrne, Kurysz, Grochowski, Finnegan and Barnhouse

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Reynolds.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Treasurer Roti cancelled the March 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Gary Byrne Chairman, no report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Thomas Carmody Chairman, no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman, absent.

Mayor Casey stated they will meet tomorrow and things are going well.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse Chairman, no report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski Chairman, no report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman, no report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Rick Banasiak Chairman, no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Alderman Luci Kurysz Chairman, no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Aldermen Frank Finnegan Chairman, no report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, reported the Board will meet tomorrow.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman gave a brief report on the action in Springfield.

Fire

Department: Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the HFPD report.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

9-1-1 ETSB: Chief Reinheimer, not present. Mayor Casey stated the consolidation will begin soon.

Special Alderman Grochowski reported the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny would be on April 15, 2017

Events: 9am to 11 am.

Health, Welfare and

Community Events: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Touchie moved, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to enter into closed session to review the closed session meeting minutes of August 9, 2016 to determine if the minutes should be made available for public inspection at 8:50 p.m.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (9) Aldermen, Banasiak, Walsh, Touchie, Carmody, Byrne,
Kurysz, Grochowski, Finnegan and Barnhouse

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Reynolds.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

The City Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:55 pm

Alderman Touchie moved, seconded by Aldermen Grochowski to keep the closed session meeting minutes of August 9, 2016 exempt from public inspection because the need for confidentiality still exists.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (9) Aldermen, Banasiak, Walsh, Touchie, Carmody, Byrne,
Kurysz, Grochowski, Finnegan and Barnhouse

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Reynolds.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey discussed the HFPD referendum and also announced that Jeff Reinheimer is now the President of the HFPD Trustees.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: None

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk