

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
March 14, 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, March 14, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Alderman Barnhouse

Also present: Joseph Cainkar, City Attorney, Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal February 28, 2017: Moved by Alderman Carmody, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of February 28, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Casey welcomed 5th Ward candidate Glen Zak to our meeting. Glen was born and raised in Hometown.

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 December 2016 was in the amount of \$ 25,530.34. The amount collected in the month of December 2015 was in the amount of \$ 21,471.56.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of December 2016 was in the amount of \$10,317.02. The amount collected in the month of December 2015 was in the amount of \$9,815.23.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti reported everyone should have copies of the reports from his office, the Investment Portfolio, ETSB Fund Balance report and the Treasurer's report. We have received more RE Tax revenue and everything else has remained consistent.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police, no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, absent. Mayor Casey stated he talked to Mark and excused him from the meeting as he was out plowing all night.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner stated when we adopted the International Building Code we did not include the International Maintenance Code or Existing Buildings Code. Attorney Cainkar will prepare an ordinance for these two portions of the International Code.

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, reported he has sent letters to the employees regarding the Hepatitis B vaccine we will provide.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll February 14, 2016: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$49,869.63 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$47,394.74 for a total expenditure of \$97,264.37.

(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll call, the vote was:

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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, no report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Thomas Carmody, Chairman, no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman, reported the groundbreaking was held Saturday. Mayor Casey stated it was a nice event, they planned on starting Monday but we will have to see how the weather is. Kelly from the Hi-Lites was there and will have an article in the paper. Mayor Casey applauded the Park Board for all of their hard work on this project. Alderman Walsh stated the Mayor gave accolades to the Park Board and others when he should receive credit for all of his hard work on this project. Without him this would not be happening.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman, absent. Alderman Walsh gave the Building 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, no report.

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

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan Chairman gave the monthly report.
279 Calls 231 MSI 157 State 12 Local Ord. Tickets

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported things are going well. The budget is done, they are hiring another clerk. They will continue to offer coffee and cookies one Saturday each month.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman, no report.

Fire Department Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the February report. Alderman Grochowski asked when they will start the campaign. Alderman Walsh stated they have started a list for signs. Alderman Grochowski discussed a resident having issues with an ambulance bill and she was asked to advise the resident should contact Chief Hojek.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman, no report

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

RES. No. 1-2017: **RESOLUTION NO.1-2017:** Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve Resolution No.1-2017 A Resolution approving the request for \$240,000.00 in CDBG funds for Capitol approve Improvements and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all forms and applications necessary to complete this request.

Roll call, the vote was:

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NAYS: (0)

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RES. No. 2-2017: **Resolution No. 2-2017:** Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve Resolution No. 2-2017, A Resolution relating to participation by elected officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

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9-1-1 ETSB: Chief Reinheimer reported we are moving forward, the State approved the consolidation and the switch is in progress. Alderman Grochowski asked when the switch will be complete. Chief Reinheimer stated by the end of April or May. Mayor Casey stated that as it gets closer we will go door to door with an explanation.

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski reported the plans are set for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 15, 2017. We received notification that we will have the Cook County Rabies again this year in June.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on several upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Roti reminded everyone that we cancelled next week's Committee of the Whole meeting.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk