

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
April 9, 2019**

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, April 9, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney, Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, Mark Trlak, Director of Public Works and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal March 26, 2019: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve as published the Journal of March 26, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Kurysz, Smith, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Walsh, Zak, Grochowski, Finnegan, Banasiak and Touchie

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

Charles Demanuele of 8850 Keating stated he had an issue with Ordinance 3-2019 regarding the Carry & Conceal laws. He was advised there would be a motion regarding amending the ordinance later in the meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated he had things he would add later in the meeting.

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 January 2019 was in the amount of \$15,383.66. The amount collected in the month of January 2018 was in the amount of \$23,709.03.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of January 2019 was in the amount of \$9,435.47. The amount collected in the month of January 2018 was in the amount of \$9,838.60.

Clerk Hacker stated her office had received a request from the Salvation Army to conduct the Red Kettle Campaign Monday through Thursday November 1st to December 24th, 2019 and request from the VFW Murray Post 9773 to sell Poppy's on May 22, 23 and 24th.

Voice Vote indicated: AYES 10 NAYS 0

Clerk Hacker stated her office received a request from the Hometown Community Chest to sponsor a hole at the annual Golf Outing in the amount of \$300.00.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Kurysz, Smith, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Walsh, Zak, Grochowski, Finnegan, Banasiak and Touchie

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have copies of the reports generated from his office, the Investment Portfolio and the Treasurer’s report. Treasurer Roti stated we have collected the bulk of the Real Estate Taxes.

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney explained that the Ordinance that was passed last meeting was an existing ordinance and it was amended to delete parts dealing with panhandling, the section on carrying a weapon can be amended at the next meeting.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported the Police Department is addressing the speeding in town, the speed trailer is being readied. Chief Dominguez stated he will work with director Trlak to free up some spots by the park for disabled drivers by opening up the reserved spots. There was discussion regarding the parking by Hammond Hall and the Park.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director stated they have restored 90% of the winter water break spots. There is additional sewer and basin work to be completed. They were laying cold patch today and they have a few trees to come down. Alderman Grochowski asked about the branch pick up. Director Trlak stated this will be every Monday in June and again in October.

Building Dept.: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety reported he wrote tickets and also started the hepatitis program for our employees.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll April 9, 2019: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$172,664.87 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$70,346.08 for a total expenditure of \$243,010.95.

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

Roll Call Indicated:

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AYES: (10) Aldermen Kurysz, Zak, Smith, Walsh, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Banasiak, Touchie

NAYS: (0) Grochowski and Finnegan.

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Touchie acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Report and the Clerk Collector’s report.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman had no report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Walsh, Chairman had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Smith, Chairman reported the graduation and reception last Friday turned out well. There were 22 graduates and the gym was full.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building report. Chairman Barnhouse notified the City Council that The Zoning Board of Appeals acting as the Building Board of Appeals will meet on April 17, 2019 sat 7:00 p.m. at the request of Kevin Craig of 4650 West 89th Place. He is appealing the denial of his fence permit for a 6 ft. fence to the front of his house and a 5 foot gate.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Bob Reynolds, Chairman had no report.

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

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

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman reported
LO Tickets: 9 State Tickets: 69 P Tickets: 365 Complaints: 185

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the circulation for 2018 was 642 and 2019 was 576. They received notification that the per capita grant will be \$5,436.55, they have received \$30,861.27 in Real Estate Taxes and they are talking about a new book drop.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report

Fire Department Alderman Rick Banasiak reported that there has been no decision on dispatching, they are waiting on the City Council, they have no money to act on their own; they may have a problem meeting payroll. There was a full discussion on dispatching. Mayor Casey stated there is a good possibility there will be a special called meeting on this issue after we try to talk with the HFPD.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

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

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski reported the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is on April 20, 9-11 a.m. with the egg hunt to follow, volunteers are always welcome.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events. Mayor Casey congratulated the candidates on the election results. The annual co-op meeting is tomorrow evening. We will honor Josie Murphy at the next meeting as she is retiring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Walsh reminded everyone to complete their Ethics Statement. Alderman Barnhouse stated he will be meeting with Mr. Windberg Saturday at 8:00 a.m. regarding Hammond Hall and the Patterson Building. Mayor Casey stated the Mayor's Park is already being used heavily. Mayor Casey stated he would like to see a big effort this year in cleaning up.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey stated HPBB/SB has 40 kids signed up, and Gage Park will be using our facility for their home games. Director Trlak thanked Alderman Walsh for notifying him the lights in the plaza were out. Alderman Kurysz thanked Director Trlak for getting the lights around her home repaired. There was discussion regarding Mayor's Park, the Port-a Johns will be coming soon, the water on the Splash Pad will be turned on once we have a good stretch of nice weather and the Zip Line swing hopefully will be back soon. We need to encourage the adults to stay off of the swing.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk