

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
April 23, 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 23, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Smith.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Kurysz, Smith, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Touchie, Grochowski, Zak and Walsh.  
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney, Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, Mark Trlak, Director of Public Works.

Absent: Aldermen Reynolds and Finnegan.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal April 9, 2019 Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of April 9, 2019 regular City Council Meeting.  
Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Banasiak, Touchie, Kurysz  
Zak, Walsh, and Grochowski

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Reynolds

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal April 18, 2019 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Barnhouse to approve as published the Journal of April 18, 2019 Special Called Meeting.  
Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Banasiak, Touchie, Kurysz  
Zak and Grochowski

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Reynolds

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Walsh

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Mayor Casey stated we are all here to honor the great Josie Murphy, I will say a few words about Josie, if I turned it over to her she would go on for hours. Josie has been here 29 years, we are sad to see her go; she is the last connection to the old time police department. Josie was trained by a person I loved dearly, my Mother, you’re the last connection to my mother within this building. Josie has never lacked an opinion on things, but in all seriousness, Josie has been the face of the department. Josie has worked under nine Chiefs and has out lasted eight of them. Josie has seen many changes, good and bad and she will be missed. Mayor Casey presented Josie with a gift from the City of Hometown.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

City Clerk Hacker reminded everyone that vehicle stickers go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>, you don’t have to rush in May 1<sup>st</sup> but please do not wait until June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti reported he will be in China for work and then to visit his daughter so he will miss both May meetings but will be available via email.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief, no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, reported he attended the quarterly Public Works meeting in Alsip, they are offering free OSHA training. They are still working on Catch Basins through town. Branch pick up will be every Monday in June and again in October. Alsip invited us to a manhole training session.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, was not present.

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

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll April 23, 2019 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Zak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$67,126.56 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$56,929.55 for a total expenditure of \$124,056.11.

Roll call, the vote was:

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NAYS: (0)

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**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman had no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Smith Chairman had no report.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Building Board of Appeals: Alderman Brian Barnhouse had no report.

Move to approve the Building Board of Appeals recommendation to allow Kevin Craig of 4650 W. 89<sup>th</sup> Place to build a fence on the driveway from the front of the garage to the front of the house, 30'x6' with a 5' gate.

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**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Robert 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**

Dispatch Agreement: Aldermen Frank Finnegan absent. Alderman Banasiak moved, seconded by Alderman Touchie to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff and the City of Hometown regarding 9-1-1 Dispatch Services, contingent upon approval of the agreement by the City Attorney and approval of separate intergovernmental agreements with Cook County and the Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board to provide mobile device terminals and communications radios at no charge to the City of Hometown.

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**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported that they will hold a story hour on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire

Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison had no report.

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

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

Ord. No. 4-2019: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve Ordinance No. 4-2019, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Miscellaneous Offenses, Article 4, Other Offenses, Section 19.56, Disorderly Conduct, of the Municipal Code of Hometown.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski thanked everyone that came and volunteered for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, it was a good event.

**HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Alderman Grochowski reported the VFW will have their first ever Motorcycle blessing on Saturday May 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Alderman Touchie thanked everyone that supported the Hometown Community Chest Queen of Hearts event. The Queen was found Friday. We appreciate all of the support we received. We will be meeting to decide when we will start up again. Please watch the Hi-Lites for details on the Annual Golf Outing to be held on June 8, 2019.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** Cross your fingers, things are starting to happen; Ghosien is still set to close on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk