

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
April 24, 2018**

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 24, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Zak, Kurysz, Banasiak, Grochowski, Touchie and Scheckel.

Absent: Alderman Barnhouse, Walsh, Reynolds and Finnegan.  
Also present: Elizabeth M. Attard, City Attorney

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal April 10, 2018 Moved by Alderman Finnegan seconded by Alderman Scheckel to approve as published the Journal of April 10, 2018 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (6) Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Kurysz, and Scheckel  
Grochowski and Touchie

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Alderman Barnhouse, Reynolds, Finnegan and Walsh

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

J. Burke: Mayor Casey stated, we decided to invite Joe Burke to our meeting to honor him. Joe is a big part of TOYS FOR TOTS, which helps our Christmas with Santa and Alderman Walsh's Toy Drive. Joe has been helping us for 4 or 5 years and has helped us make sure over 1200 kids have received toys. Mayor Casey presented Joe with a Certificate of Appreciation and a key to the City.

J. Plante Mayor Casey asked Mrs. Jane Plante to step forward, Mrs. Plante started the Kiddy Kapers program in 1968 and many, many Hometown children have gone through this program. Many Hometown families have had several generations of children attend the Kiddy Kapers program. Mayor Casey stated this was most likely started in someone's kitchen. Mrs. Plante said that was exactly how it was started. Mayor Casey recognized Dave Walsh in the audience. Mr. Walsh was a former Alderman and Park Board member and was a very big supporter of the program as it started. Mayor Casey stated we received a letter nominating Jane Plante for the Mae Randle Honor Board and with a unanimous vote of the committee Mrs. Jane Plante is now on the Mae Randle Honor Board. Mrs. Plante thanked her family and friends for all of their support and all of the teachers that have been a part of the Kiddy Kapers Program.

Police Chief: Mayor Casey stated, after many interviews of candidates by Alderman Touchie, Finnegan and Banasiak and himself, they reached a decision on Police Chief. There were several meetings with this candidate; he met all of our criteria and then some. He comes to us from the Crestwood Police Department which is also a part-time department. He is a trainer, he will be able to train our officers, he has a strong IT background and as we move into more of an electronic department that will be an added plus, he will also do IT for the whole building.

Mayor Casey introduced Garry Winer.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Touchie to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract between the City of Hometown and Garry Winer.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (6) Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Kurysz, and Scheckel  
Grochowski and Touchie

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Alderman Barnhouse, Reynolds, Finnegan and Walsh

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

City Clerk Hacker administered the Oath Of Office to Garry Winer.

**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: Elizabeth M. Attard, no report.

Police: Garry Winer, Police Chief had no report.

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 April 24, 2018 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$64,704.63 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$48,235.19 for a total expenditure of \$112,939.82

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (6) Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Kurysz, and Scheckel  
Grochowski and Touchie

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Alderman Barnhouse, Reynolds, Finnegan and Walsh

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak Chairman had no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Scheckel Chairman had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman was absent.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman was absent.

Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Zak to accept the recommendation of the Building Board to allow the siding color change at 4662 W. 89<sup>th</sup> Place. The Building Board met on April 11, 2018 at the request of Bryant Bocinski of 4662 W. 89<sup>th</sup> Place to appeal his permit denial. His permit to change the color of his siding was denied by Building Commissioner Forbes, the Building Board of Appeals voted to allow the color change 5-0.

- AYES: (6) Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Kurysz, Scheckel, Touchie and Mayor Casey
  - NAYS: (1) Alderman Grochowski
  - ABSENT: (4) Alderman Barnhouse, Reynolds, Finnegan and Walsh
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Kurysz notified everyone that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 3-2 to deny the appeal request from Leoncio Estrada of 9010 Pulaski Road in Hometown, Mr. Estrada was seeking permission to widen his driveway 2 1/2' using paver bricks.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to waive the \$25.00 permit fee for the parking lot resurfacing at OLL.

Roll call, the vote was:

- AYES: (6) Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Kurysz, Scheckel, Grochowski and Touchie
  - NAYS: (0)
  - ABSENT: (4) Alderman Barnhouse, Reynolds, Finnegan and Walsh
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman reminded everyone that vehicle stickers and animal tags go on sale May 1 to June 29, 2018.

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman was absent.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman reported that we received a notice from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association stating they will not increase our rates for the upcoming 2019 coverage year, this means members should expect a bill mid-October for 2019 that is at most what you paid in 2018, but could also be less.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman had no report.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Aldermen Frank Finnegan, Chairman was absent.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski stated the next meeting will be held May 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman reported on a bill that passed allowing for collection of online sales tax.

Fire  
Department: Alderman Daniel Walsh, Liaison was absent.

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

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

Ord. No.  
7-2018: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Scheckel to approve Ordinance 7-2018, an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Licenses, Article 42, Raffles, Section 11.509, conduct of raffles, and Section 11.510, manager; bond, of the Municipal Code of Hometown.  
Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (6) Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Kurysz, and Scheckel  
Grochowski and Touchie

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (4) Alderman Barnhouse, Reynolds, Finnegan and Walsh  
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Special  
Events: Alderman Grochowski reminded everyone that Cook County Public Health will be bringing the Rabies program to OLL parking lot on June 27.

Health, Welfare and  
Community Events: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CITIZEN’S HEARING:** One of our residents relayed to the City Council issues with her neighbors dogs, Mayor Casey asked to talk to her after the meeting to get the issue resolved.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk