

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
May 8, 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, May 8, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Reynolds, Touchie, Kurysz, Scheckel, Grochowski, Walsh, Finnegan, Zak and Banasiak.
Absent: Alderman Barnhouse,
Also present: Vincent Cainkar, City Attorney, Garry Winer, Police Chief, Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, Mark Trlak, Director of Public Works and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Gregory Smith, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal April 27, 2018: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of April 24, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
AYES: (6) Aldermen Touchie, Kurysz, Scheckel, Grochowski, Zak and Banasiak.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse.

ABSTENTION: (3) Aldermen Finnegan, Reynolds and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey had nothing at this time.

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 February 2018 was in the amount of \$11,409.03. The amount collected in the month of February 2017 was in the amount of \$15,173.76.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of February 2018 was in the amount of \$8,449.61. The amount collected in the month of February 2017 was in the amount of \$7,972.79.

Clerk Hacker reported that we had received request from the Hometown Community Chest Golf Outing for a sponsorship for the 16th Annual Golf Outing.

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve the requests from the Hometown Community Chest Golf Outing for \$300.00 Sponsorship.

Upon Roll Call:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Touchie, Kurysz, Scheckel, Grochowski, Finnegan, Reynolds, Walsh, Zak and Banasiak.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have copies of the two reports generated by his office, everything is going pretty well and we received the bulk of Real Estate Tax and during this tax season we are receiving increased Local Debt Recovery funds.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Vincent Cainkar, City Attorney had no report. Mayor Casey welcomed Attorney Cainkar to our meeting.

Police: Garry Winer, Chief of Police reported he is getting to know the department, he also stated he spoke with Mayor Casey about making all Local Ordinance fines uniform 100.00 for the 1st offense, and increasing with each offense. Chief Winer stated he was able to obtain an entire case of N95 masks to help protect the offices from most airborne communicable diseases and certain drugs from ILEAS at no charge saving the City somewhere around \$400-\$500 in costs. Mayor Casey stated with the kids out in the nice weather, he really wants the interior streets patrolled for speeding. Chief Winer stated that is already happening and it was reported back to him that majority of those stopped are residents. Mayor Casey stated that's fine.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director stated the Splash Pad is up and running, they have been working at the park working on the gazebo and working on putting the fencing up. There are some basin's they need to catch up on and pot hole work soon.

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

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety had no report. Mayor Casey stated with Spring upon us we need to get these properties cleaned up.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll May 8, 2018: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$39,642.79 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$56,848.33 for a total expenditure of \$96,491.12. (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal) Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Finnegan, Reynolds, Walsh, Zak, Scheckel, Grochowski, Touchie and Kurysz

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

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 Scheckel, Chairman stated The City of Hometown Ordinance No. 3-1989 provides for passing the Chicago water and sewer increase onto the residents of Hometown. The City of Chicago increased the water rate as of June 1, 2018; this is the first increase since February 2015. The current water charge per 665 cubic feet is \$34.26; with the City of Chicago increase of 1.54% it will bring the new charge for 665 cubic feet to \$34.79. So the minimum bill for water and sewer will now be \$59.17 per month. You will see this increase on the July bill, due in August which is for June usage.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman stated they are meeting tomorrow night.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman was absent. Alderman Walsh gave the April Building Report.

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 had no report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported that the Library will have a summer reading program. They moved the July meeting to July 11th due to the 4th being a holiday.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire Department Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the report. They will meet next Monday.

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

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

ORD. NO 8-2018: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve Ordinance No. 8-2018, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Traffic, Article 26, Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System, by Changing Section 14.304, Violation Notice and Section 14.312 Penalty, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hometown.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski stated the Cook County Rabies will be held on June 27, 2018 at OLL.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on several upcoming events. Alderman Touchie reported the 16th Annual Hometown Community Golf Outing will be held on June 9, 2018. Alderman Touchie also stated May is Lupus Awareness month and he put together an information package for everyone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Alderman Walsh stated May is Motorcycle Awareness month so please watch for bikes when driving.

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