

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
May 9, 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, May 9, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Carmody.

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

Absent: Alderman Touchie, Byrne and Barnhouse

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal April 25, 2017: Moved by Alderman Carmody, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve as published the Journal of April 25, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

AYES: (6) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody, Grochowski and Kurysz

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Byrne

ABSTENTION: (1) Alderman Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor:**

Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Chief Reinheimer. Chief Reinheimer congratulated Officer Holt on his retirement. Chief Reinheimer stated Officer Holt was a longtime resident and a valuable member of the department. Chief Reinheimer presented retiring officer Holt with his retirement badge. Officer Holt thanked the City of Hometown.

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected and re-elected officials from the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election.

Clerk Hacker announced she was administered the Oath of Office by Deputy Clerk Harland prior to the meeting.

Kevin Casey: Mayor 4 yr. term

Frank Finnegan: Alderman Ward One 4 yr. term

Robert Reynolds: Alderman Ward Three 4 yr. term

Daniel Walsh: Alderman Ward Four 4 yr. term

Luci Kurysz: Alderman Ward Four 2 yr. unexpired term

Glen Zak: Alderman Ward Five 4 yr. term

Mayor Casey stated he would like to Re-Appoint Larry Nevels to the Board of Trustees of the HFPD. Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Carmody to approve the appointment of Larry Nevels to the Board of Trustees of the HFPD.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody,  
Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski and Kurysz  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Barnhouse

**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 2017 was in the amount of \$15,173.76. The amount collected in the month of February 2016 was in the amount of \$13,333.63.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of February 2017 was in the amount of \$7,972.79. The amount collected in the month of February 2016 was in the amount of \$8,217.25.

Clerk Hacker reported her office received a request from the Hometown Community Chest Golf Outing for a sponsorship.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve the \$300.00 sponsorship for the Hometown Community Chest Golf.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody,  
Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski and Kurysz  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Barnhouse

Clerk Hacker reported her office received a request from the Southwest Conference of Mayor's Golf Outing for a sponsorship and foursome.

*Mayor Casey stated this organization works for our municipality on a daily basis on legislation etc. in Springfield.*

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve the \$800.00 sponsorship/ foursome for the SW Conference of Mayor's Golf Outing.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody,  
Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski and Kurysz  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Barnhouse

**Office of the Treasurer:**

Treasurer Roti, absent.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

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

Police: Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police reported that the switchover happened April 19<sup>th</sup> and went very well.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported the street sweeper will be out tonight. They continue to work on the stumps. Maul will be coming to patch for sewer work.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner, no report.

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, no report.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll May 9, 2017: Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$90,993.77 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$53,659.87 for a total expenditure of \$144,653.64.

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

Roll call, the vote was:

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody, Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski and Kurysz

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Barnhouse

Alderman Banasiak acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and the Clerk Collector's report.

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman, no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Thomas Carmody, Chairman, no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman reported he was unable to attend the meeting but he and Mayor Casey walked in the Baseball parade on Saturday.

Mayor Casey stated the Park renovation Project is moving along quickly. They have scheduled a Movie in the Park date of June 17<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 24<sup>th</sup>. They are attempting to get the movie Lego Batman.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman, absent. Alderman Walsh gave the Building report.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Donna Grochowski Chairman reported Vehicle Stickers and Animal Tags will be on sale May 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017 to June 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.

**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, asked about the traffic light on Duffy. She was advised they worked on the light and it is no longer too quick, it almost seems to long now.

**POLICE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Finnegan Chairman gave the monthly report.

**252 Calls      194MSI      114 State      3 Local Ord. Tickets**

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the Summer Reading program will be starting in June. They hired a new clerk.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman, absent.

Fire Department: Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the April report.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman, no report

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

9-1-1 ETSB: Chief Reinheimer no report.

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski reported Cook County Rabies will be here on June 21, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:45 pm. Service is on a first come first serve basis. The cost for 1 year shot is \$7.00 and a 3 year shot is \$21.00.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on several upcoming events and she wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. Mayor Casey stated it was a tragic day in Hometown; our thoughts are with the Probst, Lynch and Dobrowits families.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Casey stated we had the bid opening for the CBDG project and we will award the bid at the next City Council meeting. Crowley Sheppard was the low bidder. The Bill Board agreement will be coming soon as well as a new company interested in putting up a Cell Tower at 88<sup>th</sup> & Cicero. There is also the potential of things happening at Southwest Highway & 87<sup>th</sup> Street.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk