

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
June 9, 2020**

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, June 9, 2020 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 Kurysz, Banasiak, Reynolds, Touchie, Smith, Grochowski, Barnhouse, Finnegan, Walsh and Zak.

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, Director of Public Health and Safety, Bonnie Gesiakowski, Public Works Director, Mark Trlak and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal May 26, 2020: Moved by Alderman Zak, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of May 26, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Zak, Smith, Reynolds, Finnegan, Banasiak, Touchie Grochowski and Barnhouse.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Kurysz and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated we had a couple interesting weeks. The Hometown Tap, Pizza Plus, LaPlayita and VFW have all opened for outdoor seating, please support them. Everything is going fine, there is a new Alerts system the Chief will discuss later. Mayor Casey thanked the Hometown Fire Protection District and the Hometown Police Department for getting us through these difficult times.

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 2020 was in the amount of \$15,072.67 the amount collected in the month of February 2019 was in the amount of \$15,578.98.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of February 2020 was in the amount of \$7,725.50 the amount collected in the month of February 2019 was in the amount of \$8,206.67.

Clerk Hacker reminded everyone that Vehicle Stickers are on sale and we are open to the public with one service window and wearing of masks.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office. Everything is going well, as you can see we collected over \$30,000.00 in LDR to date.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported it was a busy Sunday with protests. There was a page, text and email sent and we had extra staff very quickly, we had a minimum of five extra staff. We received a thank you from the Burbank Chief. We did respond to four incidents in other towns, one being shots fired in Oak Lawn. That started a conversation with Oak Lawn to have permission to monitor their police band; the Mayor was able to get movement on that. Chief Dominguez stated he started updating Face Book to dispel rumors. There is a new messaging system we are currently putting in place and we will have something in the Hi-Lites regarding the sign up procedure. We have put in place a rifle policy, we have nine officers qualified and the rifles have been deployed. One of our officers put together a blood drive and it went well, we collected 23 pints and due to Covid and social distancing, we had to turn people away.

Mayor Casey stated as you can imagine, the Chief has been here many hours beyond his usual hours, he was the first on the scene for the Oak Lawn shots fired call, he leads by example and he is currently leading a top notch department.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director not present.

Building James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski reported she has left many notes regarding garbage cans being out past the time stated in our code. Director Gesiakowski stated she felt the dumpsters were a great idea, many people have cleaned up and most people are complying after receiving notes.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll June 9, 2020: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$48,055.35 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$77,605.31 for a total expenditure of \$125,660.66 (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Touchie acknowledged receipt of the City Treasurer's report and the Clerk Collector's report for May.

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 had no report. Mayor Casey stated no splash pad open yet or equipment.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building Report.

Alderman Barnhouse notified the City Council of a Building Board of Appeals Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Nicholas Quiroz of 8847 S. Komensky to appeal the rejection of his siding permit to change the color of his siding.

Alderman Barnhouse notified the City Council of a Zoning Board of Appeals Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the request of Kevin Sweeney of 9007 Corcoran Road to appeal the rejection of his fence permit to erect a new fence down his driveway, the existing fence is on his neighbor's property and does not want to remove it.

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 stated wash your hands and look in on neighbors.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman gave the report for May: Incident Reports 216 P Tickets 173 State Tickets 14 Written Warnings 51 Verbal Warnings 50 Compliance 3

Alderman Finnegan stated he had a large amount of gratitude for the Police Department for everything they do to keep our community safe.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the meeting was cancelled. Mayor Casey reported the Library was awarded a grant for 19k, which they will be used for a new desk and book drop.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported the meeting was postponed.

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

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

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski reported Cook County Animal Control cancelled the rabies program for this year. Alderman Kurysz reported the VFW will have their beer garden open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported the VFW Beer Garden Grand Opening will be June 27, 2020. Alderman Finnegan reported his son Jack was named the Gatorade Player of the Year. Alderman Walsh reported his daughter Jessica made the Dean's List at Governors State.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Banasiak asked if Garage Sales are allowed yet. Mayor Casey stated yes but only 10 people at a time can browse. Alderman Barnhouse asked about the Car Wash. Mayor Casey stated that it is happening again with the Closing set for Labor Day. We do not know when the rental of Hammond Hall will open up again.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: None

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk