

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
June 12, 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, June 12, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, 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 May 22 2018: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of May 22, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
Roll Call Indicated:

- AYES: (7) Aldermen Kurysz, Scheckel, Zak, Finnegan, Reynolds, Banasiak and Walsh.
 - NAYS: (0)
 - ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse.
 - ABSTENTION: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Touchie.
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING
NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated that he would be appointing Jeff Reinheimer as a Trustee of the Hometown Fire Protection District.

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve the appointment of Jeff Reinheimer as a Trustee for the Hometown Fire protection District.

Roll Call Indicated:

- AYES: (9) Aldermen Kurysz, Scheckel, Zak, Finnegan, Reynolds, Banasiak, Grochowski, Touchie and Walsh.
 - NAYS: (0)
 - ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse.
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

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 March 2018 was in the amount of \$16,392.10. The amount collected in the month of March 2017 was in the amount of \$19,419.85.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of March 2018 was in the amount of \$9,956.02. The amount collected in the month of March 2017 was in the amount of \$9,522.01.

Clerk Hacker reported that we had received request from the Knights of Columbus to conduct their annual Tootsie Roll Drive on September 21st and September 22nd at 87th/Pulaski/Southwest Highway

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve the requests from the Knights of Columbus to conduct their annual Tootsie Roll Drive on September 21st and September 22nd at 87th/Pulaski/Southwest Highway.

Voice Vote 9-0 to approve

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Clerk Hacker reported that we had received a request from the SW Conference of Mayors' for a Foursome and Sponsorship for their Annual Golf Outing.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve the requests from the SW Conference of Mayors' for a Foursome and Sponsorship for their Annual Golf Outing.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

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. We have received over 81k in Local Debt Recovery funds and the Video Gaming receipts have increased, both of these revenue streams are deposited into the Investment Fund. Treasurer Roti stated he will not be at the next meeting but he will generate the documents for the passage of Appropriation so everyone can review them before we pass it at the July 24, 2018 meeting.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: No report

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director stated the branch program is going well, all the catch basins were treated with tabs that last 6 months for mosquitos. The water break repairs with asphalt patches has been completed. There has been an ongoing issue with Pulaski and Main Street with the street lights but that seems to have been straightened out. IDOT took over the traffic signal maintenance at Duffy and Southwest Highway, we will have a small fee going forward.

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

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety reported he is going after grass and we have no rodent problem.

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 \$62,850.70 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$75,679.24 for a total expenditure of \$138,529.94.
 (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 there is a new A/C Unit at Hammond Hall, the summer hours for the new park is dawn to 10:30p.m. The Patterson Park landscaping is completed.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman reminded everyone that the vehicles stickers and animal tags are on sale until June 29 at regular price.

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 reported Cook County was out inspecting.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman reported there were 249 calls 14 MSI Tickets 103 State Tickets and 419 P Tickets.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported that the Library will have a summer reading program for adults and children June 11 to August 11. They received their per capita notice and circulation for 2018 May was 654 and 2017 May was 684. There will be a scavenger Hunt July 11th.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire Department Alderman Daniel Walsh stated everything is good at the HFPD.

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

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

ORD. NO 9-2018: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve Ordinance 9-2018, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, City Government, Article 1, Title; Interpretation; Penalties; Amendments, Section 1.03, Penalties, of the Municipal Code of Hometown

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

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 thanked everyone that golfed, sponsored, sold tickets and volunteered for the Golf Outing, it was a great event. The Hometown Community Chest has started a Queen of Hearts Raffle with drawings Friday Nights at the Hometown tap. Tickets can be purchased at the tap during regular business hours. Alderman Touchie reminded everyone he will be walking in the Walk to End Lupas on Saturday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Kurysz 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