

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
June 13, 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, June 13, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Alderman Touchie and Grochowski.

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 May 23, 2017: Moved by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Barnhouse to approve as published the Journal of May 23, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Grochowski.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Mayor Casey asked for a moment of silence for former City Clerk Joan Dobrowits who passed away.

CITIZEN’S HEARING

Shirley Sears asked who determined what streets are resurfaced. Mrs. Sears was advised only a small portion of streets qualify for CBDG Funds which are used to resurface the streets and the Public Works Director determines which of the qualifying streets needs to be resurfaced the most. Mrs. Sears also stated she read that Oak Lawn was raising their water rates and she asked if that meant our water rates would increase. Mayor Casey advised her that we receive our water directly from Chicago so the OL rate increase does not affect us.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated he would like to appoint Kim Casper to the Park Board position that was left vacant when Jessica Walsh resigned. Mayor Casey thanked Jessica Walsh for all of her time an effort on the Park Board especially on the Park project. Mayor Casey stated he felt Kim Casper would be a nice addition to the Park Board.

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve the appointment of Kim Casper. Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Grochowski

Motion declared passed.

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 2017 was in the amount of \$19,419.85. The amount collected in the month of March 2016 was in the amount of \$13,452.89.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of March 2017 was in the amount of \$9,522.01. The amount collected in the month of March 2016 was in the amount of \$9,897.51.

Clerk Hacker thanked all the officials that have purchased their stickers already and she encouraged the remainder to do so before the last day of regular pricing.

Clerk Hacker, on behalf of the Community Chest Golf Committee thanked everyone that participated and everyone that sold raffle tickets this year, Clerk Hacker stated many went above and beyond what was asked of them. Clerk Hacker thanked the volunteers and sponsors. It was a great event again this year.

Clerk Hacker stated everyone should have received the details for the services for Joan Dobrowits, if not please see me after the meeting.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti, absent.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police reported that there was an incident on Southwest Highway where Officer Giorgakis brought back to life an over dose victim. We also had Officer Tregoning assist Oak Lawn on the Airway Trailer incident.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported the street sweeper will be out tonight. Please remind all residents they will be picking up branches every Monday in June. The weed sprayer was recently out to spray the curbs. They are actively repairing catch basins and we are waiting for the proposal for the street patching.

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 June 13, 2017: Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Carmody to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$74,946.91 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$72,366.97 for a total expenditure of \$147,313.88. (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal) Roll Call Indicated:

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

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 at the last meeting Hometown Days was discussed. There was discussion on the delay of the Splash Pad installation and getting quotes for fencing. Mayor Casey stated Mark Trlak is getting prices on fencing and landscaping.

Alderman Grochowski entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building report.

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

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Bob Reynolds Chairman called for a committee meeting on June 20, 2017 at 7:30 to discuss fire pits.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Rick Banasiak Chairman, no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Alderman Luci Kurysz Chairman gave Clerk Hacker a pamphlet with Splash Pad rules for the Park Board to consider.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan Chairman gave the monthly report.
260 Calls 284 MSI 89 State 6 Local Ord. Tickets

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the Summer Reading program will be started on June 5, 2017. They did not receive the per capita grant yet. They will meet again on July 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman, absent.

Fire Department Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the April report. Alderman Walsh asked that everyone keep Lt. Spoon and his family in their prayers.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman, no report

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

Ord. No. 4-2017: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve Ordinance 4-2017, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Visible Media, LLC, for the Erection and Operation of Billboard on Real Property located at 87th Street and Pulaski Avenue.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody, Zak,
Grochowski, Finnegan, Barnhouse and Kurysz.
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

Motion indicated passed.

Appointment: Mayor Casey stated at this time he would like to appoint Jim Berkery to the position of Assistant Building Commissioner.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the appointment of Jim Berkery to the position of Assistant Building Commissioner.

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AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Carmody, Zak,
Grochowski, Finnegan, Barnhouse and Kurysz.
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

Motion indicated passed.

Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski reported she had sent paperwork to the Army for the 9-11 Event. Mayor Casey suggested she talk to Father Tom regarding the event. Alderman Grochowski reminded the residents that Cook County will be out June 21, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at OLL giving Rabies Shots.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey stated Mr. Ghosien purchased the Car Wash at the corner of Southwest Highway and Pulaski. He has a Leasing Agent and is hoping to tear down the car wash and lease the corner to a fast food business or a Starbucks.

Public Works Director Mark Trlak stated that they recently treated the catch basins and he would like to remind residents about minimizing standing water in light of the West Nile Virus.

Alderman Walsh reminded residents that any front yard kiddie pools must be emptied every night.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk