

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
July 24, 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, July 24, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Reynolds

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

Absent: Alderman Scheckel
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney

Press: Gregory Smith, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 10, 2018 Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of July 10, 2018 regular City Council Meeting.
Roll call, the vote was:

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

Brian Weaver stated he is finishing up his book on the history of Hometown and he would like to chat with any officials that were around during those years.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey reported that Gary Scheckel submitted his letter of resignation, Clerk Hacker will explain the reasons. Clerk Hacker explained that one of her workers retired and Gary Scheckel had applied for PT work in her office 2 years ago when he retired. Gary was the most qualified so he was hired to work in my office and is doing a wonderful job. Mayor Casey stated at this time he would like to appoint Bob Smith to the office of Alderman Ward Five. Bob was born and raised in Hometown and married a girl that was also born and raised in Hometown. They have two little girls they are raising here and they care about the town. Bob and his wife are very involved citizen’s and he will be a great addition to the City Council.

Appointment Robert Smith: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve the appointment of Robert D. Smith III to the office of Alderman Ward Five.

- AYES: (9) Aldermen Kurysz, Banasiak, Reynolds, Finnegan, Walsh and Kurysz Barnhouse, Touchie and Grochowski.
- NAYS: (0)

City Clerk Hacker administered the Oath of Office to Robert D. Smith III.
Mayor Casey thanked everyone that came to Hometown Days and helped at Hometown Days. We had the largest turn out ever, Tommy Scheckel brought a big crowd as did Sean and Charlie. We had a few glitches but we worked through them. Mayor Casey thanked Clerk Hacker, Courtney Jandeska and Cathy Casey for the months of work they did to make Hometown Days a success.

Office of the City Clerk:

Clerk Hacker thanked Mayor Casey for all of his work on Hometown Days.

Clerk Hacker stated we will have the Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing:

Motion made by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to adjourn the regular meeting temporarily at 8:15 p.m. Voice vote indicated Ayes 10 Nays 0

Mayor Casey announced the Public Hearing opened according to the published notice of July 12, 2018.

City Clerk Hacker announced that the proposed Appropriation Ordinance has been on file for inspection for over ten (10) days, which includes the proposed levy.

Mayor Casey asked are there any comments from the audience on the proposed Appropriation Ordinance.

Mayor stated there were no questions.

Mayor Casey announced the public hearing is closed on the Appropriation Ordinance.

Motion made by Alderman Touchie, Seconded by Alderman Finnegan that the adjourned regular meeting be re-opened at 8:16 p.m. Voice vote indicated Ayes 10 Nays 0

Clerk Hacker welcomed Gary Scheckel to her office stating he is doing a wonderful job.

Clerk Hacker stated her office received a thank you card addressed to the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Aldermen from the family of Debbie Forsyth for the flowers sent at the time of her passing.

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti was absent.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Beth Attard, no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Police Chief, not present.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, not present.

Public Health & Safety: Michael Ringbauer, Director, not present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll July 24, 2018 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$87,349.72 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$58,977.56 for a total expenditure of \$146,327.28

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman had no report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Smith, Chairman had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman reported August 18, 2018 is the Movie in the Park, Despicable Me 3 at dusk.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman had no report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Robert 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

Aldermen Frank Finnegan, Chairman reported he spoke with Chief Dominguez and it has been a smooth transition. Mayor Casey stated things are going well, it seems the officers respect Lou's service.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski Liaison reported the circulation for June was 612 and in 2017 the June circulation was 716. Saturday July 28, 2018 is Family Day Game Day contest putting puzzles together. They are planning a Book Sale September 21 and 22nd. The Reading Program has 15 participants, 6 adults and 9 children.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire
Department: Alderman Daniel Walsh, Liaison gave the monthly report.

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

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

ORD. No. Moved By Alderman Touchie, Seconded By Alderman Zak to Approve Ordinance No. 10-2018
10-2018: An Ordinance Providing an Appropriation for Corporate and Other Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019, in the City of Hometown, Illinois.
Roll call indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Smith

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

ORD. No. Moved by Alderman Reynolds, Seconded by Alderman Kurysz to Approve An Ordinance Amending 12-2018: Chapter 5, Streets And Sidewalks, Article 6, Standards for Construction of Facilities in The Rights-Of-Way, of the Municipal Code of Hometown.

Roll call indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Smith

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

RES NO. Moved by Alderman Finnegan, Seconded by Alderman Banasiak to Approve Resolution No. 4-2018, 4-2018: A Resolution of the City of Hometown Authorizing Additional Tax for Street and Bridge Purposes.

Roll call indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Smith

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SPECIAL

EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski reported they are in the talking stages for the 9-11 Memorial Event with Father Tom.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski reported the VFW will be hosting a Luau on July 12. Mayor Casey congratulated Jack Finnegan on his team winning the National Championship in Soccer. Alderman Kurysz congratulated Debbie Kirby for winning 1st in the State and 3rd Nationally for the VFW Poppy Display. Alderman Touchie reminded everyone the Hometown Community Chest Queen of Hearts rolled over, the pot is over 5,000.00 and the next drawing is Friday at the Hometown Tap at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Tap every day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey reported that Dianna's Furniture store has moved out. There are some possible changes in the works for the Shopping Center, we will know more by mid-August. Clerk Hacker reminded the Aldermen to return their Conference forms.

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 8:45 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk