

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
July 25, 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, July 25, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Zak

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Zak, Walsh, Reynolds, Touchie, Barnhouse, Banasiak, Grochowski and Kurysz.
Absent: Aldermen Carmody, Finnegan, Michael Cainkar, City Attorney and Treasurer Sal Roti.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 11, 2017 Moved by Alderman Barnhouse seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve as published the Journal of July 11, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen, Walsh, Zak, Banasiak, Grochowski, Reynolds,
Barnhouse and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Carmody

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Touchie

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey thanked everyone for their help at Hometown Days, it was a good event. There is a lot of work for the event, a lot of labor, Mayor Casey stated he is never satisfied with the attendance numbers, but they were good. The next event will be on August 19, 2017, a movie in the Park. Condolences to Alderman Grochowski on losing her mother, the Trlak family on losing their Aunt, resident Nancy Lockhart and the Kriska family on the loss of Mr. Kriska.

Office of the City Clerk:

Clerk Hacker stated her office received a Thank you from the Kolbasuk family for the flowers we sent at the passing of Darlene.

Treasurer Roti entered at 8:10 p.m.

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the Tax Collection sheets, the shaded areas are the pending payments.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney entered at 8:25 p.m.

City Attorney: Michael Cainkar stated we will hold two public hearings tonight, one for the appropriation ordinance and one for the rezoning of Patterson Park for the Billboard permit.

Mayor Casey opened the Public Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance at 8:26 p.m. He asked if there were any questions from the public in attendance, there were none. Mayor Casey closed the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Casey opened the Public Hearing on the re-zoning of Patterson Park at 8:28 p.m. The City Attorney explained that this is necessary because the Bill Board Company requires an IDOT permit prior to placement of the Billboard and IDOT will not issue a permit on property zoned residential.

Changing the zoning to commercial will not change the land usage, it will remain a park. Mayor Casey asked if there were any questions from the public present on this issue. There were no questions. Mayor Casey closed the Public Hearing at 8:31 p.m.

Police: Chief Howard Reinheimer, not present.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, not present. Alderman Reynolds thanked Public Works for cleaning up Unity Park.

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 25, 2017

Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$99,380.66 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$49,766.77 for a total expenditure of \$149,147.43.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen, Walsh, Touchie, Zak, Barnhouse, Banasiak, Kurysz, Grochowski and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Carmody

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak Chairman, no report

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Thomas Carmody Chairman, absent. Mayor Casey stated that he had received a verbal resignation from Alderman Carmody, he is moving out of state. We should have a formal letter soon and someone for the office by next meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman no report. Alderman Grochowski asked for an update on the new park. Mayor Casey stated the fence post will be in by Friday, weather permitting and Team Reil will be out tomorrow to lay the underground for the Splash Pad. The ribbon cutting/opening of the Park will be determined as things are getting done. The Park Board has to decide what type of Gazebo they want and there has already been a discussion with some organizations for donations of time and/or material.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse Chairman moved, seconded by Alderman Touchie to accept the Building Board of Appeals recommendation to allow Barbara Ann Baker of 8782 S. Kostner to put new siding on her house and attached garage with a blue-grey color and her neighbor's house would remain white.

Chairman Barnhouse notified the City Council that the Zoning Board Of Appeals voted 4-0 to allow both Paul Leubscher of 8907 Main Street and Susan Recu of 8748 Kolin to build oversized garages.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski Chairman asked if the Police Department was given the list yet of people that have not bought their stickers. Clerk Hacker responded, yes, as reported at the last meeting two (2) weeks ago the list was given to the Police Department.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman, no report

INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Rick Banasiak Chairman, no report

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Alderman Luci Kurysz Chairman, no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Aldermen Frank Finnegan, Chairman, absent.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, the next Board Meeting is August 2, 2017 at 7:30.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire Department: Alderman Daniel Walsh had no report.

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

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

ORD. No. 5-2017: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve No. 5-2017 Ordinance an Ordinance providing an appropriation for corporate and other purposes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018, in the City of Hometown, Illinois.
Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen, Walsh, Touchie, Zak, Barnhouse, Banasiak, Kurysz, Grochowski and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Carmody

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

ORD. No. 7-2017: Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve Ordinance No. 7-2017, an Ordinance of the City of Hometown, Cook County, Illinois, zoning the property commonly known as "Patterson Park" as a Commercial District.
Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen, Walsh, Touchie, Zak, Barnhouse, Banasiak, Kurysz, Grochowski and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Carmody

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

RES. Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve Resolution No. 7-2017,
NO. 7-2017: a Resolution of the City of Hometown, authorizing additional tax for Street and Bridge purposes.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen, Walsh, Touchie, Zak, Barnhouse, Banasiak,
Kurysz, Grochowski and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Carmody

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Special Alderman Grochowski had reported plans are underway for the 9-11 Memorial.
Events:

Health, Welfare and

Community Events: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Brian Barnhouse notified the City Council that the Building Board of Appeals will meet on July 26, 2017 at the request of Steven Walsh of 4626 West 89th Place regarding the denial of his siding permit which contains a color change.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Kurysz reported that the Hometown VFW won the State Poppy contest and 3rd in the National contest. Debbie Kirby worked very hard on the entry. Mayor Casey reported that Ghosien closed on the Car Wash property. He plans to demo the building and try to lease the property. Mayor Casey stated his displeasure with some public comments regarding transparency. We meet every two weeks; we have 10 Aldermen that people can talk to and of course if any Aldermen are ever asked a question that they are unsure of they can call and ask the Mayor.

CITIZEN’S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk