

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
July 25, 2023**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Acting Mayor Frank Finnegan on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 11, 2023 Moved by Alderman Walsh seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of July 11, 2023 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Brookman, Acting Mayor Finnegan, Walsh, Grochowski, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Forney, Zak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

Greg Vietoris, 4201 W. 90<sup>th</sup> Street asked Acting Mayor Finnegan if he is in the process of looking to give up his Alderman position. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated yes, he is, with the re-districting passed at the last meeting, he lost one of his candidates. Dianne Fiedler, 9003 Beck Place addressed the City Council regarding noise from her neighbor from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. There was discussion regarding her issue. Gary Dolan, 4609 88th Street, asked about an update on the speed bumps. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported he and the Chief are in a discussion on where to place them regarding the island for safety reasons. Brian Ramel, 4509 W. 90<sup>th</sup> Place addressed the City Council regarding 90<sup>th</sup> Place improvements, he stated since the last meeting there were cones placed on his street. Director Trlak stated the cones were for a specific issue unrelated to his issue. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated there is discussion regarding a stop sign facing south being added. There was discussion regarding the reconstruction of 89<sup>th</sup> Place.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Alderman Forney, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to adjourn the regular meeting temporarily for the purpose of the Public Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance at 7:15 p.m.

Voice vote indicated all in favor.

Acting Mayor Finnegan announced the Public Hearing opened according to the published notice of July 11, 2023 on the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Acting Mayor Finnegan asked if there were any comments from the audience on the proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Acting Mayor Finnegan stated, there were no comments.

Acting Mayor Finnegan announced the public hearing is closed on the Appropriation Ordinance. Moved by Alderman Forney, seconded by Alderman Banasiak, that the adjourned regular meeting be re-opened at 7:17 p.m.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Brookman, Acting Mayor Finnegan, Walsh, Grochowski, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Forney, Zak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Acting Mayor Finnegan stated we are having an abbreviated meeting tonight so we can have a Mae Randle Board ceremony.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker stated we received a request for a \$500.00 donation to the 5-0 Race the Hometown Police Department are participating in to benefit the Special Olympics.

Moved by Alderman Forney, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve a \$500.00 donation to the 5-0 Race.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Brookman, Acting Mayor Finnegan, Walsh, Grochowski, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Forney, Zak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

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**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti stated later in the meeting you will be voting on the Appropriation Ordinance; everyone should have received a copy of the anticipated revenue.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Attorney Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported they raised over \$7,000.00 for the Special Olympics, Which put us at the 7<sup>th</sup> starting spot and we ended up finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 25 cars. Chief Dominguez thanked the businesses and residents for their donations. The Chief announced he will have raffle tickets for a Harley Motorcycle, which will be on display at the Toys for Tots event in August. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he liked the paint job on the car showing all the local sponsors. Alderman Forney thanked Bonnie Gesiakowski for streaming the race live for those that could not attend.

Public Works Department: Mark Trlak, Director reported the meter installs are going well, there have been over 700 meters installed. We have been digging up B boxes where needed. Alderman Forney thanked Director Trlak for his work on issues discussed at a previous meeting.

Building Department: James Forbes, Commissioner had no report.

Health & Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski, Director, reported she was given a report on animal tags not purchased and had given over 100 warnings and now will issue immediate tickets to those not purchasing animal tags.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts  
Payable  
and  
Payroll  
July  
25 2023:

Moved by Alderman Forney, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$117,228.38 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$65,503.89 for a total expenditure of \$182,732.27.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Brookman, Acting Mayor Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Walsh, Forney and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

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**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman had no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tom Brookman, 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.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman had no report.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Acting Mayor Frank Finnegan, Chairman had no report.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison had no report.

Legislation: Alderman Forney had no report.

Fire  
Department: Alderman Reynolds, Liaison had no report.

Personnel

Review: Acting Mayor Finnegan, Chairman no report.

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

ORD. No. 7-2023: Moved by Alderman Forney, Seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve Ordinance No. 7-2023, An Ordinance Providing an Appropriation for Corporate and other Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024 in the City of Hometown, Illinois. Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Brookman, Acting Mayor Finnegan, Walsh, Grochowski, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Forney, Zak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

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RES. NO. 5-2023: Moved by Alderman Barnhouse, seconded by Alderman Zak Resolution No. 5-2023 A Resolution of the City of Hometown Authorizing Additional Tax for Street and Bridge Purposes.

SPECIAL

EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski had no report.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Acting Mayor Finnegan read a beautiful statement about former Mayor Kevin Casey's history of service to the City of Hometown and his love for his family, friends and the City of Hometown. Acting Mayor Finnegan asked Clerk Hacker to unveil Former Mayor Kevin Casey's name on the Mae Randle Board. Everyone was invited to join the City Council for refreshments at Hammond Hall.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Reynolds Seconded by Alderman Kurysz to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Mary Jo C. Hacker  
City Clerk/Collector