

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
August 13, 2019**

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, August 13, 2019 at 8:00 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 Kurysz, Walsh, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Reynolds, Grochowski, Touchie, Smith, Zak and Finnegan.

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, Mark Trlak, Director of Public Works and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 23, 2019: Moved by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve as published the Journal of July 23, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey reminded everyone that the kids will be Back to School soon, be careful driving as always.

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 April 2019 was in the amount of \$17,348.37. The amount collected in the month of April 2018 was in the amount of \$22,058.27.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of April 2019 was in the amount of \$8,042.36. The amount collected in the month of April 2018 was in the amount of \$ 9,956.02.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti was absent. Mayor Casey stated everything is going well.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police had no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director stated there has been a slow down on the 87th Place reconstruction due to a sanitary sewer needing replacement, we are awaiting approval from Cook County. IDOT will be out to trim and remove some trees on Southwest Highway. Metra will be out next week to tend to the weeds. We are currently stripping and re-painting the Fire Hydrants.

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

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety reported he has issued several tickets.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll August 13, 2019: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$66,447.85 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$80,044.79 for a total expenditure of \$146,492.64.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)
Roll Call Indicated:
AYES: (10) Aldermen Walsh, Kurysz, Banasiak, Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski, Touchie Smith, Barnhouse and Reynolds.
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (0)
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Banasiak acknowledged receipt of the City 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 Walsh, Chairman had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Smith, Chairman reported the Movie in The Park is Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Patterson Park at dusk. The movie is The Missing Link.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

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 had no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman reported
LO Tickets: 13 State Tickets: 53 P Tickets: 297 Complaints: 269 Written Warnings: 46

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the circulation for July 2019 was 767, 2018 was 694. The reading program had 6 kids. September 4 is the next meeting.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire

Department Alderman Rick Banasiak stated the HFPD received the five year dispatching agreement with a 2% annual increase from Hickory Hills and the Trustees voted to accept it. There have been 850 calls to date and 740 hours of training. Two guys are returning to HFPD after completing their probation with Chicago. Chief Hojeck will be retiring after 10 years of service. DC Mc Geever is being trained to take the Chief's position once vacated and Daniel Duffy will step into the DC position. Alderman Kurysz asked how long DC Mc Geever has been with Hometown. Trustee Reinheimer stated approximately 5 years with Hometown and he has been a firefighter for 30 years and holds a BA in Fire Science. Dan Duffy has been with Hometown for many years and he has worked his way up through the ranks.

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

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

RES. No. 6-2019: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve Resolution No. 6-2019 A Resolution of the City of Hometown Authorizing Additional Tax for Street and Bridge Purposes
Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

ORD. No. 8-2019: Moved By Alderman Touchie, Seconded By Alderman Reynolds To Approve Ordinance No. 8-2019, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Miscellaneous Offenses, Article 4, Other Offenses, Section 19.121, Paraphernalia Associated with Controlled Substances or Cannabis, and Section 19.122, Possession of Cannabis, and Amending Chapter 19, Miscellaneous Offenses, Article 8, Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles, Section 19.171, Violations, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hometown
Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski reported they are working on the September 11 memorial service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at OLL.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on many upcoming activities and she congratulated resident Dave Smolka on being inducted in the Beep Baseball Hall of Fame.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Banasiak stated he received a complaint from a resident that when they were at the park there were people smoking. Mayor Casey stated he will let the PD know to watch the camera's more and patrol more. There was full discussion on the park and the need for more seating and shade and Mayor Casey stated the Park Board will address these things for next year.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey stated the Hometown Shopping Center now is officially owned by the Bank. Mayor Casey will be meeting with the bank and others to formulate a plan for the shopping center.

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