

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
August 27, 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 27, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Walsh.

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

Absent: Aldermen Finnegan and Kurysz
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal August 13, 2019 Moved by Alderman Walsh seconded by Alderman Touchie to approve as published the Journal of August 13, 2019 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Kurysz and Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal August 20, 2019 Moved by Alderman Zak seconded by Alderman Smith to approve as published the Journal of August 20, 2019 Special Called City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Kurysz and Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey reported he received a letter from Fire Chief Hojek stating he will be retiring as of September 1, 2019. He is having knee surgery and after ten years it was time to say good-bye. Mayor Casey stated at the next meeting they will put DC Mc Geever in as Chief and Daniel Duffy as Deputy Chief. Mayor Casey stated he is looking for a replacement for Mike Ringbauer as he resigned as the Director of Public Health and Safety.

Office of the City Clerk:

Girl Scouts: City Clerk Hacker stated her office had received a request from the Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Girl Scouts to go door to door and take cookie orders October 1-20, 2019 with delivery from November 7-10, 2019.

Moved by Alderman Zak seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the request of the Girl Scouts.

Voice Vote indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Kurysz and Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti absent. Mayor Casey stated he anticipated Sal returning for the first meeting in October.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief thanked the City Council and Mayor for the Special Called meeting to pass the Ordinances needed to move forward with the switch to County for dispatching. The date for the switch has been moved to October 15th, 2019 to make sure everything is in place.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, was not present.

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll August 27, 2019 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$84,325.02 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$59,877.74 for a total expenditure of \$144,202.76.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Kurysz and Finnegan.

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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 Robert Smith, Chairman reported the Movie in the Park has been moved to September 7 due to the holiday weekend.

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 absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Aldermen Frank Finnegan absent.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported the next meeting will be held on September 4, 2019.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison reported they will meet in September.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski report they were working on the 9-11 memorial service at OLL at 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming/ongoing events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk