

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
September 8, 2020**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Rick Banasiak on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal August 25, 2020: Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve as published the Journal of August 25, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor:**

Mayor Casey was absent. Mayor Pro-tem Banasiak stated Mayor Casey was absent due to a family emergency.

**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 2020 was in the amount of \$14,959.33 the amount collected in the month of April 2019 was in the amount of \$ 26,710.87.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of April 2020 was in the amount of \$ 7,477.42 the amount collected in the month of April 2019 was in the amount of \$ 9,626.32.

SW Conf. Mayors Golf Outing:

Clerk Hacker stated we have received a request from the Southwest Conference of Mayors for the Annual Golf Outing. This year due to Covid19 there will not be an outing but you can buy a foursome and have them golf at their convenience. You also can sponsor a hole. Usually we do a foursome and sponsor a hole but Mayor Casey decided we should not buy a foursome because the course is far away, so if you want to do a hole sponsorship like in the past that would work.

Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to sponsor holes in the amount of \$500.00 for the Southwest Conference of Mayors.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Girl Scouts: Clerk Hacker reported receiving a request from the Girl Scouts to conduct their Fall Product Program from October 1-18, 2020. The door to door portion of the Cookie Drive program from January 1-17, 2021 and Booth Sales from February to May.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve the Girl Scout request.

Voice Vote Indicated: 10 AYES 0 NAYS

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**Office of the Treasurer:**

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office. We have received a good amount of real estate taxes. For the next meeting there will be a breakdown report on our budget versus actual. Things are going smooth.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

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

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported we survived the Pulaski Road closure. Many residents are still depending on social media for their information and we need to direct them to smart911.com for all updates, severe weather, street closures, water breaks etc. Please advertise this anywhere you can think of. If a resident does not have a computer or is having trouble setting up the app they can come to the PD or Library for assistance.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported the ADA sidewalk ramps are all poured and asphalt will go down at the end of this week or early next week and then the horses will be removed. Branch Pick up will be the first two Mondays in October. They are painting and flushing the hydrants.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable Moved by Alderman Fry, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$ 177,128.63 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$68,983.09 for a total expenditure of \$ \$246,111.72

Payroll (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Fry acknowledged receipt of the City Treasurer's report and the Clerk Collector's report for August.

**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 had no report.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building Report.

Notification that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals on September 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Bill Gates of 4032 W. 89<sup>th</sup> Place to be allowed to keep the 6' tall privacy fence that was recently installed. Ordinance No. 6-1987 states no fence or wall shall be permitted to extend nearer to any street than the minimum setback line and in the case of a corner building, setback lines on both streets must be observed, provided, however, that a hedge or mass planting shall be permitted within the lot lines of each building site; provided that said hedge or planting shall not exceed three feet in width or thirty inches in height; and provided further that a fence may be erected from the front of the house or minimum setback line to the front of the garage. Chairman Barnhouse noted the fence was put up without a permit.

**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 gave the report for May:  
Incident Reports 287 P Tickets 534 State Tickets 59 Written Warnings 94 Verbal Warnings 82  
Compliance 8

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Library:** Alderman Grochowski reported the August 2020 circulation was 527 and the August 2019 was 563. The Library has received 17k in tax revenue and \$5,436.25 in per capita funds but nothing yet on the grant funds they were awarded. They have had some landscapers come out regarding the Shirley Sears Memorial Garden. The next meeting will be October 7, 2020.

**Legislation:** Alderman Joel Fry, Chairman had no report.

**Fire Department:** Alderman Rick Banasiak reported they will meet next Monday.

**Personnel Review:** Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman was absent. Mayor Pro-tem Banasiak had no report.

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

Resolution No. 7-2020: Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution 7-2020 – An Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Hometown and Cook County with respect to the City of Hometown’s Coronavirus Relief Funds Allocation.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**Special**

**Events:** Alderman Grochowski reported that the 9-11 Memorial will take on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Mayors Park at 1:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. Sunday, September 13 is the rain date.

**Health, Welfare & Community Awareness:** Alderman Grochowski had no report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CITIZEN’S HEARING:** None

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk