

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
September 10, 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, September 10, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Finnegan.
Mayor Casey asked for a moment of silence for Library Board member Shirley Sears, she recently passed away. Mayor Casey pointed out she was one of the ladies that came to our meetings, she was a lifelong resident and she will be missed.

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal August 27, 2019: Moved by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve as published the Journal of August 27, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.
Roll Call Indicated:

- AYES: (6) Aldermen Walsh, Banasiak, Zak, Grochowski, Smith and Reynolds.
 - NAYS: (0)
 - ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Barnhouse.
 - ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Kurysz and Finnegan
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey reported everyone was invited to ride in the OLCBS Homecoming parade on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

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 June 2019 was in the amount of \$18,057.43. The amount collected in the month of June 2018 was in the amount of \$20,423.52.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of June 2019 was in the amount of \$10,052.50. The amount collected in the month of June 2018 was in the amount of \$ 9,858.89.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti was absent. Mayor Casey stated everything is going well. Treasurer Roti will be back for the first meeting in October. Mayor Casey stated he talked to Mike Madden and thanked him for stepping in for us and we expect a smooth transition for Sal’s return just as we had when Mike stepped in to help us out.

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 the Street Sweeper was out last night, the 87th Place reconstruction is complete, IDOT has been out trimming the trees on Southwest Highway, there are a few more catch basins to replace. There will be branch pick up the first two Mondays in October.

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

Public Health & Safety: No Report

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll September 10, 2019: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$52,088.49 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$64,142.67 for a total expenditure of \$116,231.16.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Walsh, Kurysz, Banasiak, Finnegan, Zak, Grochowski, Smith and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Barnhouse.

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 Fall Fest will be on October 26, 2019 at Patterson Park. Mayor Casey thanked Clerk Hacker, his wife Cathy and Andrew Roti for working the Movie in the Park, it was a beautiful night. Thank you to Evergreen Park for their assistance.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman absent. Alderman Walsh 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: 8 State Tickets: 60 P Tickets: 356 Complaints: 229 Written Warnings: 43

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the circulation for August 2019 was 563, 2018 was 620. They are having a Book Sale on September 20 & 21st.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman absent.

Fire Department Alderman Rick Banasiak stated the Trustees voted in Deputy Chief Mc Geever Chief last night. Hometown assisted Oak Lawn on two fires recently and the OL Chief complimented Hometown, one of the fires Hometown was the first on the scene. Mayor Casey and the City Council welcomed Chief McGeever and wished him luck. Trustee Reinheimer reported that Chief McGeever has 30 years in Fire Service, a B.A. in Fire Service Management, and soon a Master’s Degree in Emergency Management. The Board of Trustees designated John Hojek HFPD Fire Chief Emeritus and Jim Russell, Assistant Chief Emeritus. After submitting grant applications for the past nine years to replace aging Air Packs, things are looking good as FEMA told us we are in the final review stages. There was 712 documented training hours in August 2019. Residents are asked to keep portable basketball nets off the sidewalk and street areas.

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

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

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: None

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk