

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
September 12, 2017**

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 12, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Touchie

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal August 22, 2017: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve as published the Journal of August 22, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor:**

Mayor Casey stated at this time he would like to appoint Gary Scheckel to the open Alderman position in Ward Five. As we all remember Gary moved from Ward three where he was an Alderman and moved to Ward Five. Welcome Back Alderman Scheckel.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski seconded by Alderman Zak to approve the appointment of Gary Scheckel as Alderman Ward Five.

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Mayor Casey congratulated Moraine Valley Community College on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Everyone should have a copy of the Resolution.

**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 2017 was in the amount of \$16,785.08. The amount collected in the month of June 2016 was in the amount of \$16,198.07.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of June 2017 was in the amount of \$10,052.71. The amount collected in the month of June 2016 was in the amount of \$9,949.92.

Clerk Hacker stated that her office had received a request from the Girl Scouts of America to conduct their Fall Sale October 1-22<sup>nd</sup> and their Cookie Sale January 1<sup>st</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski seconded by Alderman Touchie to approve the Girl Scouts of America requests.

Voice Vote indicated: The motion passed with 9 ayes.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have copies of the two reports generated by his office; he reminded everyone that the ETSB fund is gone now. The State remains behind one check.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney had no report

Police: Chief of Police had no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported that Public Works has repaired two catch basins since the last meeting, 2 of them were at Patterson Park, there is one more on Main Street to repair. There will be two major patch jobs on streets in conjunction with the fall sidewalk program on 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Place. The street sweeper came through again last night and the grass in the new park is coming up great. At the suggestion of the Mayor, the poles and chain keeping vehicles out of the Hammond Hall drive was moved to allow pedestrians easier access to the park. Director Trlak stated it is wonderful to see multiple generations using the park and enjoying each other.

Building Dept.: James Forbes, Building Commissioner

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety stated he knows people from Orland Park that are coming to our park, they do not have anything like it.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$97,747.80 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$55,350.86 for a total expenditure of \$153,098.66.

September 12, 2017: (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Finnegan, Touchie, Grochowski, Zak, Scheckel and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

Alderman Touchie acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and the Clerk Collector's report.

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman, no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Grochowski, no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman reported the Fall Fest will be held on October 21, 2017 and will feature a hay ride, inflatables and characters walking around. Mayor Casey said last year this was a heavily attended event so if anyone has any time to help it would be appreciated.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman, absent. Alderman Walsh gave the August Building Report. Mayor Casey stated it is great to see so much construction happening in town; it is like 10-15 years ago. Mayor Casey stated there has been 3 or 4 top additions; it is a nice turn around.

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

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Bob Reynolds Chairman, no report.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Rick Banasiak Chairman, no report.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Alderman Luci Kurysz Chairman, no report.

**POLICE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Finnegan Chairman gave the monthly report.

**163 Calls    365 MSI    145 State    19 Local Ord. Tickets**

Mayor Casey stated we do have an interim Police Chief, we are interviewing candidates. It is amazing the high interest in the position, we did not advertise yet we have multiple interviews and we have some excellent choices.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the Circulation for August 2017 was 728, July 2016 was 753. The Library Board changed the meeting date in November from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. The winners of the Summer Reading Program were announced. There will be a Story Hour on November 12 with Fall being the theme. On September 19<sup>th</sup> there is a scavenger hunt in the Library and they will meet on October 4, 2017.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman, no report.  
Mayor Casey reported he received a nice message from Kelly Burke congratulating us on the nice park.

Fire Department Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the August report and invited everyone to the September 30<sup>th</sup> Open House.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman, no report

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

**Special Events:** Alderman Grochowski thanked everyone that helped or attended the 9/11 Memorial Service which had a nice turnout of approximately 80-85 people. Mayor Casey stated it was a nice event.

**Health, Welfare & Community Awareness:** Upcoming events were reported.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Casey stated everyone has a copy of the proposed Cell Tower lease that Michael Cainkar has been negotiating on our behalf. Our friend Mayor Howley of Hickory Hills found a spot in Hometown for a cell tower which will generate more monthly income than the Patterson one we sold to fund the new park. This lease also has an increase in our revenue as new suppliers are added, unlike the last lease. Please take time to look this over; it will be on the next meeting's agenda for passage.

Mayor Casey stated he was not sure where we were at with the Billboard but he did have a positive voice message from the gentleman.

City Treasurer Roti stated he will be out of the country for work starting Thursday through the end of the month. He will have phone and email access if anyone has any questions.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk