

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
September 24, 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 24, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

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

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (6) Aldermen Walsh, Banasiak, Reynolds, Kurysz,
Smith and Grochowski

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Zak and Finnegan

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Appointment Library Board: Mayor Casey stated he would like to appoint Thomas Kopeck to the Library Board to replace Shirley Sears who recently passed away. Tom was on the board for years and had to leave due to work hours, he can now serve on the board again. Welcome back to Tom.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve the appointment Appointment Thomas Kopeck to the Library Board of Directors.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Walsh, Banasiak, Reynolds, Barnhouse,
Kurysz, Smith and Grochowski

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Zak and Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Appointment Code Enforcement: Mayor Casey stated he would like to appoint Phillip Dankowski as the Director of Code Enforcement. Phil works a FT job overnight so he will be available during the day to go on calls. Phil is a resident that lives on Beck Place.

Alderman Finnegan entered at 8:05

Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve the appointment Phillip Dankowski as Director of Code Enforcement.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Zak.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Hacker had no report

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti absent. Clerk Hacker reported the auditor is in and has started the annual audit. Mayor Casey stated Sal will return at the next meeting.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief reported they had a lockdown drill at Hometown School, there were 9 officers and it went well. They have had a few meetings with the county and we will get new squad computers at no cost to us in addition to the radios at no cost because the computers we had were not compatible with the county system.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, was not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, was not present.

Public Health & Safety: Director

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll August 27, 2019 Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Smith to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$72,725.92 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$60,079.62 for a total expenditure of \$132,805.54.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Zak and Touchie.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman absent.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report.

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 had no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Aldermen Frank Finnegan had no report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported the next meeting will be held on October 2, 2019.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman absent.

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

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

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

Ord. No. 11-2019: Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve Ordinance No. 11-2019, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Taxes, by adding Article 7, Motor Fuel Tax, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hometown.

On the question, Mayor Casey stated Springfield is finally giving Non-Home Rule Municipalities some relief; we are able to put a 3 cent per gallon Gas Tax on each gallon sold. Oak Lawn puts a 6 cent tax on each gallon Burbank a 7cent and EP 8 cent. So we are still the lowest.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Zak.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Ord. No. 12-2019: Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve Ordinance No. 12-2019 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Taxes, by Adding Article 8, Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hometown.

On the question, Mayor Casey stated this was the hot topic at the IML Conference. We talked with many companies involved in the process of distributing etc. they are projecting 12-15 million in sales per year. Our 3% cut would help us out immensely.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Zak.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski thanked everyone that participated in the 9-11 Memorial Service, there was a very nice turn out.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Banasiak reported that the contractor working on 87th Place left lumber and pipes, Mayor Casey responded he would let PW know. Alderman Banasiak also brought it to the Mayor's attention that there is a parking issue in the area on Beck Place where PW replaced a sewer. Mayor Casey will alert PW.

Mayor Casey reported the Car Wash is still moving forward with buying the corner parcel that is now Ghosien's, the closing is set for the end of October.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey stated he had met with ten people at the Shopping Center, they have plans to improve the property. The City of Hometown will be doing inspections soon to make sure they bring the whole property up to code.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk