

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
October 13, 2020**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Casey on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Michael Cainkar, 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 September 22, 2020: Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of September 22, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal September 24, 2020: Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Smith to approve as published the Journal of September 24, 2020 Special called City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Zak, Smith, Reynolds, Finnegan, Walsh
Banasiak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTENSION: (2) Alderman Grochowski and Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated everyone has a copy of the resignation letter. Thank you to everyone for handing out the Halloween Flyers, hopefully you met and talked to some residents. I believe the 12-4 trick or treating hours will be enough for the kids to go door to door. If people are not comfortable or they run out of candy they can put the sign up. The Police will be out and about letting the people know to not go to the houses with the signs in the door or window, Alderman Finnegan suggested the flyer handout should happen every year. The Shopping Center is moving along, ¾ full now. There is still talk about Taco Bell is coming to the current Ghosien property but we have seen nothing concrete. There are many rumors regarding what’s coming to the OLL Property and none of them are true. They have had interested parties but no contracts have been signed.

Someone from the PD, Building department and the Mayor sat down with one prospective buyer and when they realized that whole property would have to be brought up to code, they did not seem that interested anymore. The deed of the property spells out what can and cannot go on that parcel of land, which leaves very little possibilities. Mayor Casey stated if you see Officer Axel Shultz around give him your condolences on the loss of his father.

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 May 2020 was in the amount of \$15,683.80 the amount collected in the month of May 2019 was in the amount of \$ 17,348.37

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of May 2020 was in the amount of \$ 8,891.84 the amount collected in the month of May 2019 was in the amount of \$ 8,821.92.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office. You will see the Investment Account has gone down some because of the construction money we had to pay out and our reimbursement should be coming soon. Treasurer Roti went over the actual versus budget report. Mayor Casey stated the Gelly Wine Bar opened Friday which is a wine bar with gaming. Mayor Casey stated some revenues are down but others are coming back.

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 reported the Street Sweeper was through last night. They completed the final branch pick-up of the year today. The Duffy reconstruction will start Monday. They continue to paint and flush the hydrants. They have been doing routine water meter repairs.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski reminded the residents of all the fall clean-up they should be doing to prevent rodents from making a home on their property and absolutely no feeding wildlife or birds.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$ 382,901.20 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$77,702.39 for a total expenditure of \$ \$460,603.59.

Payroll October 13, 2020: (List of vouchers marked “EXHIBIT A” attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Banasiak acknowledged receipt of the City Treasurer’s report and the Clerk Collector’s report for September.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman had no report. Mayor Casey stated with us doing 89th Street, Duffy and the ADA curbs we have done over 1 Million dollars in infrastructure work. Alderman Banasiak asked if the HFPD was informed and Mayor Casey stated they were.

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.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman asked if the report of who had not purchased stickers had been given to the Police Department and she was informed they have the report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Bob Reynolds, Chairman had no report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman reported for the third year in a row the liability insurance through the Illinois Municipal League Public Risk Fund has not increased.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman moved, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services for the period of December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

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Grochowski, Walsh, Banasiak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman gave the report for September: Incident Reports 213 P Tickets 335 State Tickets 35 Written Warnings 60 Verbal Warnings 85 Compliance 9

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the September 2020 circulation was 532 and the September 2019 was 554. There were 28 E Books borrowed, 94 patrons used the computer. The Library has received the grant funds they applied for in the amount of \$19,796.00 for a new front desk. One of the clerks retired and a new clerk has been hired. Work will begin on the Shirley Sears Memorial Garden. The next meeting will be November 4, 2020.

Legislation: No report.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported they are still having problems with Metra regarding the rent for the Metra land part of the HFPD parking lot is on. There was extensive damage to the Fire House when a water pipe broke upstairs. Jeff Reinheimer is resigning at the end of the year. They have a budget short fall of over 80k on tax revenue.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski reported the flu shots went well over 20 people received shots and they would like to offer the program again next year.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported the VFW Trunk or Treat will be from 1-3:30. Early voting begins in Oak Lawn on October 19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Banasiak asked if the State released the Duffy Avenue Grant funds yet, Mayor Casey responded about half was released. Mayor Casey commended the shot program which he participated in.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITIZEN'S HEARING: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Barnhouse to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.
MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk