

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
February 9, 2021**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Casey on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, 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 January 26, 2021: Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of January 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTENTION: (1) Alderman Finnegan

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal February 2, 2021: Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Beyer to approve as published the Journal of February 2, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (3) Aldermen Beyer, Banasiak and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey reported everything was status quo.

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 September 2020 was in the amount of \$15,118.76 the amount collected in the month of September 2019 was in the amount of \$12,017.71.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of September 2020 was in the amount of \$13,937.21 the amount collected in the month of September 2019 was in the amount of \$14,413.81.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office and a copy of the tax collections. There have been no big changes. The next Finance Meeting is next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported they are maintaining the monthly average on calls etc. Police Department has begun the promotional process, there are 12 officers in the process. The process should be completed by March, many of these officers have been doing the work of the rank they will be promoted to without the titles. The Hometown Police Department gained ownership of a 18 month old German Shepard, Demi, that will be trained as a narcotics dog.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported they have been snow plowing and truck maintenance after plowing. Director Trlak asked residents to not put snow in the street.

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 Payroll February 9, 2021: Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$52,456.12 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$85,872.70 for a total expenditure of \$138,328.82.

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

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Beyer acknowledged receipt of the City Treasurer's Report and the Clerk Collector's Report for January.

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.

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 had no report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the chair for the renovation came in. They are working on the per capita grant. They are talking about long term plans for the Library. Circulation in January 2020 was 473, January 2021 was 441. The next meeting will be held on February 3, 2021. They are looking at two different grants. The Library Board thanked Mayor Casey and Director Trlak for their assistance with the renovation project. They will meet again in March.

Legislation: Alderman Beyer had no report.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported the meeting scheduled for last night was cancelled.

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

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

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski had no report.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events at the VFW.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Barnhouse thanked Mayor Casey and Commissioner Forbes for getting the raccoon issue on Southwest Highway resolved.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Roti asked some questions about cars being parked on surfaces that were not driveways. There was full discussion on this issue and Mayor Casey stated this will be part of a Code and Ordinance meeting in the future.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk