

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
March 8, 2022**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Casey on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal February 22, 2022: Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of February 22, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Beyer, Walsh, Barnhouse, Kurysz, Reynolds, Zak and Smith.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Grochowski.

ABSTENTION: (1) Alderman Finnegan.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

Mayor Casey stated we have a public hearing.

Motion made by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to adjourn the regular meeting temporarily for the purpose of the public hearing on ordinance No.2-2022.

voice vote was 9-0 to adjourn temporarily at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Casey announced the public hearing is opened according to the published notice of February 18, 2022 on Ordinance No.2-2022.

Mayor asked are there any comments from the audience on ordinance No.2-2022.

Mayor stated there were no questions.

Mayor announced the public hearing is closed on Ordinance No.2-2022.

Attorney Cainkar stated we have been cleaning up the Zoning Ordinance for a while now. Hometown does not have a large tax base and we are passing this to preserve properties for special use to try to capture sales tax and maintain our tax base.

Motion made by Alderman Beyer, Seconded by Alderman Banasiak, that the adjourned regular meeting be re-opened at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Chief Dominguez. The Chief introduced Officer Nick Di Sandro, Officer Di Sandro recently completed the police academy and Chief Dominguez presented him with his certificate of completion. Chief Dominguez stated this course entails 560 hours in the curriculum, Officer Di Sandro did this while raising seven children and the Chief stated Officer Di Sandro recently passed the State exam. Officer Di Sandro was congratulated by all present. Mayor Casey stated that this is not easy, you must go to Triton College every other weekend.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey reported he had an appointment; Bonnie does a good job but could use some help with the workload. Mayor Casey stated he wanted to appoint Ed Blitek as the Director of Code and Ordinance. Ed is one of our retired officers, he knows the town and the people living here. Ed has been asked to concentrate on cleaning up the driveway's excreta, doing basic property clean-up. Ed is a lot like our previous Director, John Gubernat, his personality works well talking to people regarding their issues.

Appointment Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the appointment of Ed Blitek to Dir. of Code the position of Director of Code Enforcement.

Enforcement: Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Grochowski.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Mayor Casey stated he called GoPuff and has not gotten a call back as of today, last he spoke with them, they were a little behind filling the new buildings with product. The Advocate building is moving along, no licenses have been issued. The closing on Pizza Plus ran into some issues, after some discussion, the closing is set for Thursday. Nothing new on the church.

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Hacker notified the City Council the Clerk's office received from the Department of Revenue that the Sales Tax collected in the month of January 2022 was in the amount of \$23,270.96 the amount collected in the month of January 2021 was in the amount of \$14,722.65.

City Clerk Hacker notified the City Council the Clerk's office received from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of January 2022 was in the amount of \$14,793.99 the amount collected in the month of January 2021 was in the amount of \$12,584.24.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have the reports generated from his office. Real Estate Taxes are coming in good; telecommunication Tax is still going down.

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

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, reported a resident used 9-1-1 immediately instead of face book and we were able to catch a burglar and get two felony charges approved, the offender also had two warrants, one from Florida and one from Pennsylvania. These guys are coming in off 87th Street and leaving on 87th Street. Please remind our residents to keep everything locked, cars and homes.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, reported they are working on potholes. Director Trlak stated he called IDOT about the Highway potholes. There were light repairs on Duffy and we had two street lights knocked down.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report. Mayor Casey asked that residents call the Building Department if they have big repairs needed, we can give you a list of contractors that work in town with no complaints so they do not get scammed.

Public Health
and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski was not present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable Payroll
Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$189,881.03 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$61,806.45 for a total expenditure of \$251,687.48.
March 8, 2022: (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)
Roll Call Indicated:

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NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Beyer 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 had no report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the building report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman was absent.

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 gave the activity for January 2022.
State Tickets:70 P Tickets:308 C Tickets: 8 Warnings:137 (36 HT Residents) Incidents:253

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski was absent.

Legislation: Alderman Beyer had no report.

Fire
Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak had no report.

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

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

ORD. No. 2-2022: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve Ordinance No. 2-2022, an Ordinance of the City of Hometown, Cook County, Illinois amending Chapter 22, Zoning, of the Municipal Code of Hometown.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Res. No. 01-2022: Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve Resolution No. 01-2022, a Resolution of City of Hometown requesting that the proposal to become a Home Rule Unit of Local Government be submitted to the Voters of the City of Hometown at the General Primary Election to be held on June 28, 2022

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

SPECIAL

EVENTS: NONE

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY AWARENESS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: The Car Wash owner has pulled his permits and will be starting work soon.

CITIZEN’S HEARING: Jan Forney of 8765 Kilbourn addressed the City Council as a representative of the Home Rule Committee of residents. All officials were invited to attend the meeting the third Saturday of the month at Patterson Park at noon, there are speakers available with knowledge of Home Rule.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker
City Clerk/Collector