

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
March 14, 2023**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Acting Mayor Finnegan on Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, Mark Trlak, Public Works Director, Bonnie Gesiakowski, Public Health Director and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Jan Forney, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal February 28, 2023: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of February 28, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:
AYES: (7) Aldermen, Kurysz, Smith, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Walsh, Acting Mayor Finnegan and Zak.
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Aldermen Grochowski..
ABSTENTION: (2) Aldermen Beyer and Reynolds
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Acting Mayor Finnegan reported Chief Dominguez is out on medical. The Chief is still looking into the HIDTA program. The SSERT program which officer Lis is a part of had more seizures which the chief will update us on. They hired two new officers. Facts not Facebook is being postponed until April 15th. Acting Mayor Finnegan will meet Friday with Senator Foster, our newly elected Senator in the 11th District. I will be submitting grant paperwork to Congressman Casten for the sewer work.

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Hacker reported her office received from the Department of Revenue that the Sales Tax collected in the month of January 2023 was in the amount of \$24,113.68 the amount collected in the month of January 2022 was in the amount of \$23,270.96.

City Clerk Hacker reported her office received from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of January 2023 was in the amount of \$13,589.25, the amount collected in the month of January 2022 was in the amount of \$14,793.99.

City Clerk Hacker stated we have received a thank you from Pathlights for the donation we recently sent.

City Clerk Hacker reported the Ethics emails were sent out and she thanked the officials that had already submitted theirs.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have copies of the reports generated by my office, the Treasurers report and Investment Portfolio. We will not have the Committee of the Whole meeting tonight; we have to update spreadsheets for the Police department. We have added new line items to break apart some of their items. We will meet after the meeting on the 28th.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police was not present.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported they were doing routine jobs in town. We have been doing some work in the library, relocating some shelves. There have been new lights installed in the building and we are preparing to install two new water fountains.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health: Bonnie Gesiakowski asked that residents clean up their property with the weather changing.

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 \$60,320.22 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$63,296.57 for a total expenditure of \$123,616.79.

March 14, 2023: (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

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Acting Mayor Finnegan, Barnhouse, Walsh and Beyer.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Aldermen Grochowski.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Beyer moved, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to Authorize Acting Mayor Finnegan to Sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Evergreen Park Pertaining to the Use of the Village Fueling Station by the City of Hometown.

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NAYS: (0)

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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 reported the board will meet next month. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he will be meeting with the teams that will be using the fields next week. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported he has talked with District 123 Superintendent Paul J. Enderle about putting a Pickle Ball Court in an area behind the school.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the building report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman 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 reported she visited Pizza Plus; she found the restroom in poor condition and reported it. The next day when she went back it was all fixed.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman gave the activity for February 2023. Total incidents 189 State Tickets:128 P Tickets:373 C Tickets: 1 Warnings:128 (52 HT Residents) Arrests 20.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski was absent, and she asked Acting Mayor to give her report. Some of the remodeling that they are anticipating is new carpet and shelves, a desk and computer to the new History area.

Legislation: Alderman Beyer reported they are looking at HB 2087, which proposes bringing the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) back to 8% for Municipalities. The legislators passed The Paid Leave for All Workers Act which allows for 1 hour for every 40 hours worked, the act goes into effect January 1, 2024. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated this would effect our Police Department and Library. The SW Conference of Mayor’s is urging officials to reach out their Senators and Congressman regarding the LDGF. Clerk Hacker stated she would email the Aldermen the contact information for our legislators.

Fire Department: Alderman Reynolds reported he attended the meeting, in February they had 104 runs with 38 being transports, they assisted Oak Lawn twice. They will meet again on April 7th.

Personnel Review: Acting Mayor Finnegan, Chairman, had no report. Chief Dominguez was not present.

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

Ord. No. 3-2023: Moved by Alderman Barnhouse, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve Ordinance No.3-2023, An Ordinance of the City of Hometown Adopting the 2021 International Building Code, the 2021 International Residential Code, the 2021 International Mechanical Code, the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code, the 2021 International Fire Code, the Chicago Plumbing Code, and the Chicago Electrical Code.

On the question there was a discussion regarding codes and our Hometown Code superseding other codes.

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SPECIAL

EVENTS: No report.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY AWARENESS: Alderman Kurysz reported the VFW is having a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Friday, the money raised will help support the 75th Anniversary Dinner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Health and Safety Director Gesiakowski asked if we are having dumpsters again this year. Yes, the dates will be in the Summer Packet we mail every year.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker
City Clerk/Collector