

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
August 10, 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, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Alderman Smith.

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

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, Bonnie Gesiakowski, Director of Public Health and Safety, Mark Trlak, Director of Public Works and James Forbes, Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 27, 2021: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of July 27, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.  
Roll Call Indicated:

- AYES: (7) Aldermen Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak, Walsh, Beyer and Kurysz
  - NAYS: (0)
  - ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Barnhouse
  - ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Smith
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor:**

Mayor Casey stated he would have things to add throughout the meeting.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

Clerk Hacker stated her office received a thank you card addressed to the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Council from the family of former Alderman Ron Masino for the flowers we sent at the time of his passing.

Clerk Hacker directed everyone to the Clerk Collectors report to notice we sold over eight thousand dollars on vehicle stickers this past month.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Revenue that the Sales Tax collected in the month of March 2021 was in the amount of \$18,205.46 the amount collected in the month of March 2020 was in the amount of \$15,072.67.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of March 2021 was in the amount of \$14,598.17 the amount collected in the month of March 2020 was in the amount of \$ 10,507.56.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have the reports generated from his office, everything is going well, Video Gaming is coming in good. Clerk Hacker directed everyone to the Clerk report which showed the Video Gaming revenue much more than the Sales Tax Revenue.

**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 they are doing routine work.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had reported we received the Blueprints for Go Puff.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable Payroll August 10, 2021: Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$32,220.15 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$87,725.78 for a total expenditure of \$119,945.93.

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

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Finnegan and Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Banasiak 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 was absent, Alderman Walsh 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 was absent. Alderman Banasiak gave the activity for July.

State tickets:49 P Tickets:519 C Tickets:9 Warnings:347 (228 HT Residents) Incidents:347

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Library:** Alderman Grochowski had no report.

**Legislation:** Alderman Beyer had no report.

Fire

**Department:** Alderman Rick Banasiak reported they met last night where an additional attorney was introduced to cover when Attorney Miller is not available. The Trustees need to approve funds for an overdue Audit. The July call report showed EMS Calls:462 Fire Calls:407 Assists:74 HT Calls:316.

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

**Review:**

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

**Special**

**Events:** Alderman Grochowski reported Mayors Office of Special Events will be having a 9-11 memorial ceremony again this year for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Mayors Park beginning at 1:00 p.m. on September 11, September 12<sup>th</sup> will be the rain date.

**Health, Welfare & Community Awareness:** Alderman Grochowski reported Jewel Osco will be giving Flu/Pneumonia shots on September 25, 2021 at Patterson Park; they will notify us if they have the covid shot available. The free shredding event at City Hall August 27, 2021 and the Police Department will be holding a Blood Drive August 28, 2021 from 8:00 am to Noon in the City Hall Parking Lot.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** Go Puff has been pulling permits. Mayor Casey, Commissioner Forbes and the Car Wash owners met with Com Ed regarding the electrical feed, things are moving fast on the Car Wash, his plans include all new decorative sidewalks from the last house around the corner to the railroad tracks.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** Treasurer Roti reported the aluminum Can trailer is gone.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker  
City Clerk/Collector