

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
October 12, 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, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, 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 September 28, 2021: Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve as published the Journal of September 28, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Finnegan.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated he met with the Go Puff contractor, they started work today and they anticipate it being a 2-month project. Mayor Casey asked the City Council what hours they wanted to set for Trick or Treating. After discussion, the hours decided upon are 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Hi-Lites will include the Pumpkin paper for those not participating to put in their windows. The closing date is October 15, 2021 on the Ghosien’s. No movement on the Church sale at this point.

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 2021 was in the amount of \$22,671.36 the amount collected in the month of May 2020 was in the amount of \$15,764.13.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of May 2021 was in the amount of \$15,692.05 the amount collected in the month of May 2020 was in the amount of \$ 12,898.57.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have the reports generated from his office, there is nothing major. Real Estate Taxes are coming in. Treasurer Roti apologized for not having an Actual vs Budget report, he will have one soon.

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 the splash pad has been shut down. Branch pick-up went well. The street sweeper will come through tonight.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner was not present. Mayor Casey reported Director Forbes has been busy, he thanked him for his help with the re-location of one of our residents that was in a bad situation and his residence needed major repairs. The property was sold, and the new owner was given a timeline for bringing the property up to code. They plan to sell the property. We had the exterminator take care of baiting the property to try to keep the rodents from spreading to neighboring properties. Mayor Casey thanked Director Gesiakowski and the Cainkar firm for their assistance. Clerk Hacker stated everyone needs to know that Mayor Casey went above and beyond in helping this resident. He did something no other mayor in the State of Illinois would have done. He took the resident for a physical, for a haircut, shopping for clothes and to get a covid test. He also took him to see a couple of facilities before they decided on one for him. The compassion Mayor Casey showed was amazing. Mayor Casey stated the resident is in a much better place now.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

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 \$331,228.57 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$87,138.91 for a total expenditure of \$418,367.48.

October 12, 2021: (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

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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 moved, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize Mayor Casey and City Clerk Hacker to sign the Engineering Agreement with Hancock Engineering for the engineering work on the CDBG project on Beck Place, from Kostner to Duffy Avenue.

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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 gave the activity for July.

State Tickets:98 P Tickets:468 C Tickets:18 Warnings:193 (91 HT Residents) Incidents:230

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the circulation for September 2021 was 359, September 2020 was 532. The Shirley Sears corner is set up with a rocking chair. They hired a new employee, Mary Lyons. The next meeting is November 3, 2021 at 7:30p.m.

Legislation: Alderman Beyer had no report.

Fire

Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported they approved the paperwork and it was signed for AMET a state agency that helps collect on ambulance bills, they project collecting \$75k annually. The 2019 AFR report was submitted and the 2020 will be submitted tomorrow. They will work on the budget/tax levy at the December meeting. The audit is not done, they will work on it in January, they are looking for someone to do the audit.

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 had no report

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on several upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: Alderman Kurysz thanked the Reavis students that helped at the VFW Italian Night.

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 7:40 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker
City Clerk/Collector