

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
January 14, 2020**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Kevin Casey on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 8:00 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 Kurysz, Banasiak, Reynolds, Smith, Grochowski, Walsh and Zak.

Absent: Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Finnegan.

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal December 10, 2019: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of December 10, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Smith, Kurysz, Reynolds, Walsh and Grochowski.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Barnhouse, Finnegan and Touchie.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

Vic and Julie Martinkus of 4501 West 88th Place brought to the City Council’s attention that the shut off for their water supply is under their garage floor. They are asking Director Trlak to come back one more time and attempt to shut the water off as they would like to so some remodeling. Director Trlak stated he would go to their house and attempt to shut the water off at the B- Box.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated he received a letter of resignation from Zoning Board member Roy Toppel due to family obligations. We thank Roy for his years of service on the Zoning Board. To fill that empty seat I would like to appoint Ron Probst, Ron is a lifelong resident of Hometown and he is familiar with our codes. Ron is retired and available to attend the future meetings.

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the appointment of Ron Probst to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Smith, Reynolds, Kurysz, Grochowski and Walsh.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Alderman Finnegan, Barnhouse and Touchie.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Mayor Casey stated we are getting closer to selling the lot behind the homes adjacent to the Trailer Park. Alderman Kurysz voiced her displeasure with this as she has had issues with them spraying and doing harm to her trees. Mayor Casey stated that he spoke with the Car Wash and the closing is February 28th with thirty (30) days to vacate the property. As you may have heard there were some break in's at the Shopping Center, after watching the tapes they were definitely working around the cameras to not be seen. We are installing nine (9) more cameras up there to try to eliminate these break in's. Chief Dominguez and myself met with another group interested in opening a dispensary in Hometown. This group is people very familiar with Hometown, one worked at Park Lawn and the other used to go to the batting cages. They love the area and will not know until May 1 if they are approved for a license. So we now have two (2) groups very interested in Hometown locations. BP Amoco has started construction for his video gaming area. Gino's, the only one left of the original applicants for video gaming prior to the law suit should be opening soon. The gentleman that has been very interested in the Rent a Center for an Off Track Betting is getting closer to approval. All of these proposals will bring much needed revenue into the City of Hometown.

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 October 2019 was in the amount of \$11,423.58 the amount collected in the month of October 2018 was in the amount of \$11,003.78.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of October 2019 was in the amount of \$16,230.47 the amount collected in the month of October 2018 was in the amount of \$10,419.25.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office. We should be getting our reimbursement from the County soon.

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 have been doing routine jobs.

Building Department: James Forbes, Building Commissioner reported as the Mayor had said, the BP Gas Station has started construction for the Video Gaming.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll December 24, 2019: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$82,753.93 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$58,190.44 for a total expenditure of \$140,944.37.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Smith, Reynolds, Kurysz, Grochowski and Walsh.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Alderman Finnegan, Barnhouse and Touchie.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Accounts Payable and Payroll January 14, 2020

Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$43,814.90 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$65,224.76 for a total expenditure of \$109,039.66.
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Smith, Reynolds, Kurysz, Grochowski and Walsh.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Alderman Finnegan, Barnhouse and Touchie.

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. Alderman Walsh notified the City Council that at the request of Joseph & Gina Fornino of 9009 S. Beck Place there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing on January 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the denial of their fence permit.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Bob Reynolds, Chairman had no report. Mayor Casey stated he received a call from the Co-Op manager, Gary Byrne stating they are running out of parking spaces. There was discussion regarding this issue.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman reported on Little Co. of Mary programs available.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman reported
Parking Tickets 413 State tickets 24 Compliance 9 Written Warnings 66 Verbal Warnings 12

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the Per Capita paperwork was sent in. They are working on the mini grant for the front desk and new drop box. Katie is leaving so they are advertising for a new Clerk and a Recording Secretary. The next meeting will be February 5, 2020.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman absent.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported the HFPD Ordinance Tax Levy has been filed. They are looking to have a stricter marijuana policy. They are looking to raise ambulance fees and sending an invoice to insurance companies for auto accidents without transport. They are losing their training officer as he took a job in Denver.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski reported we received a thank you from the food pantry for the 480.00 in cash that was donated during the Breakfast with Santa event. The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on April 11, 2020.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Roti stated budget packets will be ready Friday.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: None

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk