

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
March 10, 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, March 10, 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, Barnhouse, Finnegan, Walsh and Zak.

Absent: Alderman Touchie

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 February 25, 2020: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve as published the Journal of February 25, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Zak, Smith, Kurysz, Reynolds, Walsh, Finnegan and Barnhouse.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Banasiak and Grochowski.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey proclaimed May as Older Americans Month. Mayor Casey proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Mayor Casey stated that Trustee Ron Bechtel resigned due to work conflicts. Mayor Casey stated he received a letter from Garret Flavin who is currently a HFPD Fire Fighter stating his interest in being a Trustee. Mayor Casey stated this has happened before and the attorney stated it can be done as long as the Trustee understands he cannot vote on any issues regarding raises for Fire Fighters.

Mayor Casey stated he would like to appoint Garret Flavin to the position of Hometown Fire Protection Trustee.

Appointment: Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve the appointment of Garrett Flavin to the position of Hometown Fire Protection Trustee.

Roll call indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Mayor Casey reported there were some problems this week with the Car Wash deal. They had to get soil samples and a main sewer line was discovered running across the parking lot. We had to have EP public Works in to locate the line. So the sewer line has to be re-routed before the deal moves forward. The Car Wash is willing to re-route it at their cost of 10k but they need MWD assistance and have asked us to help with that. Mayor Casey attended a Bill Daley event and actually met a MWD official that is willing to help expedite this project for us. The Car Wash almost walked away several times this week. Mayor Casey reported that Our Lady of Loretto Church is on the market and Representative Lipinski is working with us to try to control this property. Mayor Casey stated he asked Chief Dominguez to look at his records and tell us how many incidents they have had that involved the gaming machines. Chief Dominguez reported no incidents involving gaming machines.

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 December 2019 was in the amount of \$11,313.18 the amount collected in the month of December 2018 was in the amount of \$13,906.88.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of December 2019 was in the amount of \$13,527.78 the amount collected in the month of December 2018 was in the amount of \$9,445.88.

Clerk Hacker stated we received a request from Together We Cope for an ad in their Ad Book. This is an agency that helps many communities and offers all different kinds of assistance.

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve a full page Ad in the Together We Cope Ad Book.

Roll call indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

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Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office. Everything is going smooth. We are tracking LDR, Real Estate tax money is coming in good and everything else is standard.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported two projects were just completed. The IT room has been reorganized and unused equipment removed and the holding room was remodeled. The new squad should be coming in the next couple weeks.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported they have been doing routine jobs, pot holes and repairing the Ryan Road sink hole. The flame has been out on the memorial and should be fixed this week.

Building Department: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll March 10, 2020: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$30,450.48 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$58,151.52 for a total expenditure of \$88,602.00.
 (List of vouchers marked “EXHIBIT A” attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Banasiak acknowledged receipt of the City Treasurer’s report and the Clerk Collector’s report.

Treasurer Roti stated we will be moving the Committee of the Whole to March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

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 and notified the City Council that at the request of Nicholas Quiroz of 8847 S. Komensky there will be a Building Board of Appeals regarding the denial of their siding permit due to a color change.

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 stated this virus is serious and everyone needs to be careful. Mayor Casey stated he and 110 other Illinois Mayors had a conference call giving us updates.

Alderman Kurysz stated the VFW is having a St. Pat’s dinner Friday, John Devlin will be entertaining. There is a Penny Social on Sunday.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Alderman Finnegan, Chairman reported

Parking Tickets 283 State tickets 20 Compliance 6 Written Warnings 78 Verbal Warnings 53

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reported the Circulation for February 2019 was 449, February 2020 was 477. They hope to hear something by March 19 regarding the \$20,000.00 grant to be used for a new book drop, and new front reception desk. They are looking for a new recording secretary. They have received some of their RE taxes.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman absent. Mayor Casey stated he and the Chief would be going downtown Thursday to a Senate Hearing on Red Light Cameras.

Fire

Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak had no report. The Chief reported that EMT/Paramedics are keeping updated on the virus.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

Ord. No. Moved by Alderman Reynolds, Seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve Ordinance No. 03-2020,
3-2020: an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Taxes, Article 7, Motor Fuel Tax, Section 3.70, Definitions, and Section 3.72, Tax Collections and Reimbursement, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hometown.
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Finnegan, Barnhouse and Zak.

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Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski they are still working on the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny which will be held on April 11, 2020.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: None

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk