

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
January 25, 2022**

**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 25, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney

**Press:** Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

**Journal January 11, 2022** Moved by Alderman Finnegan seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of January 11, 2022 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Finnegan.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Mayor Casey stated he spoke with the owner of the empty lot by the bank to see what his plans are for the lot and to let him know the driveway in front of the lot is down to almost nothing. He said he will be in for a visit in March, and he plans to pave the driveway. The blueprint and permits for the Car Wash have been turned in and they plan to start demo March 1, 2022. Mayor Casey reported he has gone past Go Puff and they look ready to go but no one has been around. There is nothing new on the recreational cannabis licenses. The Church deal took a big step forward then came to a screeching halt. One of the parties feels he should get more money even though he did not live there thirty years like the other party. There is a gaming hearing Thursday, we sent a letter asking them to deny the license if they did not have plans to consider them. There was an incident at one of the stores in the shopping center and the tenant was extremely rude to our police officer that responded. The Chief will meet with the tenant to get things straightened out. The second Facts not Facebook meeting was well attended, and everyone left happy. Pizza Plus new owners should be opening February 1, 2022. We will have Kristine do free testing on Mondays from 3-5 p.m. at Patterson Park. Kristine is a Hometown resident and has been so helpful testing residents at their home.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker had no report.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti had no report.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City

Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief was not present.

Public

Works: Mark Trlak, Director was not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner was not present.

Public Health

& Safety: Director Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll January 25, 2022 Moved by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$33,825.53 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$67,917.47 for a total expenditure of \$101,743.00.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Finnegan, Grochowski Walsh, Barnhouse, Smith, Kurysz, Beyer and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman, had no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman, had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman had no report.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert 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 Frank Finnegan had no report.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Library:** Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported circulation was down from last year. They sent in the Per Capita Grant.

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

Fire

**Department:** Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison had no report.

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

**Review:**

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

**SPECIAL**

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

**HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski reminded everyone the VFW is having a Valentine Dinner, February 12, 2022. The next Facts not Facebook meeting will be Saturday, February 12, 2022. There will be a blood drive at Our Lady of Saint Germaine on March 15, 2022 from 3-7 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Casey has met with Representative Mary Flowers and Representative Sean Casten recently and Marie Newman will be coming for a visit.

**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 7:25 p.m.

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Mary Jo C. Hacker  
City Clerk/Collector