

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
January 28, 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 28, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Finnegan.

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

Absent: Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse.  
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal January 14, 2020 Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve as published the Journal of January 14, 2020 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

- AYES: (6) Aldermen Walsh, Banasiak, Kurysz, Smith, Zak and Reynolds.
  - NAYS: (0)
  - ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Barnhouse and Grochowski
  - ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Finnegan.
- MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal December 10, 2019 Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve as published the Journal of December 10, 2019 Public Hearing.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Mayor Casey stated that our Auditor John Hoffman of Wagner Sim is here to give his annual report on the audit he conducted. Mr. Hoffman addressed the City Council stating everything looked good, there was a decrease in revenue and spending due to no CDBG Grant. There was also a decrease in spending from the previous year due to no expense with Mayor’s Park. The pension liability was down last year but increased by 250,000.00 due to return on investments by IMRF in the Market. Mr. Hoffman thanked Clerk Hacker and her staff for their assistance during the audit.

Mayor Casey stated he met with a group wanting a dispensary, this was the third meeting. We now have 3 interested parties and we won’t know who will be awarded a license until May 1, 2020. The Off Track ran into some issues so we may see the bank put a furniture store in the rent a center location. There is also a new staffing service going to occupy a spot where there used to be another staffing company.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

City Clerk Hacker had no report.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti reminded everyone next Tuesday kicks off the budget season with a Finance Meeting at 7:00 p.m. which will deal with revenue projections.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief was not present. Aldermen Banasiak stated he sees motorists not stopping at the stop signs, several Aldermen agreed this is an issue. Alderman Banasiak asked if something can be done about it and Mayor Casey stated he will pass it along.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director was not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner was not present.

Public Health & Safety: Director Bonnie Gesiakowski reported she will be getting tougher with dog feces issues and garbage cans left out.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll January 28, 2019 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$274,029.54 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$57,706.48 for a total expenditure of \$331,736.02.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Walsh, Banasiak, Kurysz, Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Touchie and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Barnhouse and Grochowski

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 was absent. Alderman Walsh notified the City Council that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on January 15, 2020 at the request of Joseph & Gina Fornino of 9009 S. Beck Place regarding the denial of their fence permit. The Zoning Board voted 7-0 to allow the 6 ft. fence requested by the Fornino Family.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman was absent.

**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 reported the Oak Lawn Children’s Museum is opening a section in their lower level for children with autism.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Frank Finnegan Chairman had no report.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison was absent.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman was absent.

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

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

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

Res. No. 1-2020: Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve Resolution No.1-2020, A Resolution Adopting an Anti-Harassment Policy for Elected Officials.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Walsh, Banasiak, Kurysz, Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Touchie and Finnegan

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Barnhouse and Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski was absent.

**HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski was absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Alderman Zak stated the Co-op would like to have north 87<sup>th</sup> Place designated as Overnight Parking area. There was discussion and it was decided that a Code and Ordinance committee meeting needs to be called. Chairman Reynolds called for a Code and Ordinance meeting for February 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss overnight parking.

Mayor Casey stated on the next agenda will be the sale of the property that is now being rented to the Trailer Park, the owner will be present for any questions.

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk