

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
February 11, 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, February 11, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

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 January 28, 2020: Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve as published the Journal of January 28, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Barnhouse and Grochowski.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal February 4, 2020: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Touchie to approve as published the Journal of February 4, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting.
Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (3) Aldermen Banasiak, Reynolds and Touchie.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal February 4, 2020: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve as published the Journal of February 4, 2020 Code and Ordinance Committee Meeting.
Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (3) Aldermen Banasiak, Reynolds and Touchie.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

Gary Byrne of 8747 Cicero Avenue, Gary is the Manager of the Hometown Co-ops. Gary reported they have run out of parking spaces for their residents. Each co-op gets assigned one spot and then they can rent a spot. There was full discussion regarding overnight parking on 87th Place or cutting into the courtyards for parking. It was decided the Police Chief, Fire Chief, PW Director and Mayor would meet at the 87th Place location and discuss the pros and cons.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey had no report.

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 November 2019 was in the amount of \$21,252.78 the amount collected in the month of November 2018 was in the amount of \$17,279.54.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of November 2019 was in the amount of \$19,090.72 the amount collected in the month of November 2018 was in the amount of \$110,419.25.

Clerk Hacker reported her office will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday and she congratulated Mayor Casey on retiring from his full-time job.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office. Everything is going smooth.

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 had no report.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll February 11, 2020: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$30,955.62 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$81994.22 for a total expenditure of \$112,949.84. (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

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 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 reported

Parking Tickets 326 State tickets 54 Compliance 1 Written Warnings 59 Verbal Warnings 81

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library:

Alderman Grochowski reported the Circulation for January 2019 was 526, January 2020 was 473. They have completed their budget and awarded 3 % raises to their employees. There has been a new clerk hired for the clerk that left last month. The computer up front is running slow so they have a technician coming to look at it. They are anticipating replacement tax from the Treasurer as well as the \$7,500.00. Residents will now receive some free copies.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman absent.

Fire

Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported the HFPD Trustees approved an increase in the EMS billing to \$2,500.00 for an ambulance call with our residents receiving a soft bill. January training hours were 700. The PC and Hard Drive went down and will cost \$15,000.00 to replace.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski they are still working on the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny which will be held on April 11, 2020. The application was sent in for the rabies shots and we were approved to use the OLL parking lot.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey reported we have a new Staffing business in the Shopping Center and a new Furniture Store coming to where the other furniture store was along 87th Street in the Shopping Center.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Touchie 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