

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
May 26, 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, May 26, 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, Zak, Barnhouse, Grochowski, Banasiak, Touchie, Finnegan and Reynolds.
Absent: Aldermen Walsh and Kurysz.
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney.

Press: Greg Smith, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal May 26, 2020 Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve as published the Journal of May 26, 2020 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak
Barnhouse, Touchie and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Walsh and Kurysz.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey stated the awarding the bid for 89th Street will be voted on later in the meeting and last week a bill was passed in Springfield that awarded the City of Hometown funds for additional streets. So we will have 1.1 million to do streets and if we add another grant we are receiving our total over 4 months is 1.4 million. We continue to follow the Governors orders, like it or not. When the time comes to open that Splash Park we will most likely have to hire a guard to make sure restrictions are followed. Both Pizza Plus and LaPlayita are opening for carry out. The VFW is opening Friday outside seating only and they are having a band Saturday. The Co-op is installing cameras at their own cost. Burbank had a shooting on 79th Street and the bullet went into a property and hit a 79 year old man. Hometown and Burbank are now working together with the Chicago 8th District to clean things up.

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Hacker reminded everyone vehicle stickers are on sale.

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 was not present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll May 26, 2020 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$70,524.47 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$56,543.03 for a total expenditure of \$127,067.50.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Touchie and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Walsh and Kurysz.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

CDBG Bid Award: Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman moved, seconded by Alderman Touchie to accept the recommendation of Hancock Engineering to award the 89th Street Reconstruction project to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. as they were the low bidders.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Touchie and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Walsh and Kurysz.

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WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman absent.

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 absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman Frank Finnegan, Chairman had no report. Mayor Casey stated the Police Department is taking some hits on social media lately. Our officers showed up daily, with the Covid we never had a shortage where they were calling off. I commend them for this as majority of them have full-time jobs also. This speaks volumes about the officers we now have on our department.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison had no report. Mayor Casey reported they will also open June 1st.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

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

ORD. NO. 04-2020: MOVED BY ALDERMAN TOUCHIE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GROCHOWSKI TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING RESTAURANTS, BARS, AND OTHER FOOD/BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN OUTDOOR SEATING AREAS DURING PHASE 3 OF THE “RESTORE ILLINOIS” PLAN

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Zak, Reynolds,
Banasiak, Grochowski , Touchie and Finnegan

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Walsh and Kurysz,

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SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski had no report. Once she has a date from Cook County for the Rabies she will let us know.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk