

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 13, 2012

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 13, 2012 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Reinheimer

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Reinheimer, Touchie, Grochowski, Banasiak, Carmody, Ditzler, Barnhouse, Walsh and Roti

Absent: Alderman Forney

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, Michael Madden, City Treasurer, Charles Forsyth, Chief of Police, James Forbes, Building Commissioner, William Parks, Director of Code Enforcement and Donald Kadow, Public Works Director.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites

Journal February 28, 2012 Moved by Alderman Reinheimer seconded by Alderman Roti to approve as published the Journal of February 28, 2012.

Upon Roll call, the vote was:
AYES: (9) Aldermen Grochowski, Roti, Reinheimer, Touchie, Walsh, Banasiak, Ditzler, Barnhouse and Carmody
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Alderman Forney
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal February 14, 2012 Moved by Alderman Walsh seconded by Alderman Touchie to approve as published the Journal the closed session of February 14, 2012.

Upon Roll call, the vote was:
AYES: (8) Aldermen Grochowski, Roti, Reinheimer, Touchie, Walsh, Barnhouse and Carmody
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Alderman Forney
ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Banasiak and Ditzler
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Journal February 28, 2012 Moved by Alderman Barnhouse seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal the closed session of February 28, 2012.

Upon Roll call, the vote was:
AYES: (8) Aldermen Grochowski, Roti, Reinheimer, Touchie, Walsh, Ditzler, Barnhouse and Carmody
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Alderman Forney
ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Banasiak
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor: Mayor Casey stated that he had no report at this time.

Office of the City Clerk:

Clerk Hacker thanked Deputy Clerk, Sharon Harland for attending the February 27, 2012 meeting in her absence.

Clerk Hacker's office received notification from the Department of Revenue that the Sales tax collected for the month of December, 2011 was in the amount of \$ 17,536.96 and the Sales Tax collected in the month of December 2010 was in the amount of \$15,279.86.

Clerk Hacker's office received notification from the Illinois Department of Transportation that the MFT Allotment collected for the month of December 2011 was in the amount of \$8,796.10 and the MFT Allotment collected in the month of December 2010 was in the amount of \$10,407.34.

Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker stated we received a thank you from Lieutenant Peter Donovan from the Evergreen Park Police Department for the support our Police Department provided for the Southside Irish Parade. Mayor Casey stated that Mayor Sexton asked for a few officers to help with traffic, this was basically a mutual aid request.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Michael Madden reported we received \$60,480.30 in Real Estate Taxes in February and so far in March we have received \$56,000.00. The State is now behind four checks totaling approximately \$127,000.00. We will meet on March 20, 2012 as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the budget, we have received the Park Board and Library budgets and late today we received the medical renewal. After updating the worksheets they will be distributed this weekend for everyone's review. We are in the process of moving our whole portfolio from First Merit Bank to Marquette Bank. In round numbers to show the reason we are moving, in January our corporate account was charged \$92.00 in monthly fees by First Merit, if our funds had been at Marquette we would have earned \$2.00 interest and had no fees. In our Water Account for January our fees at First Merit were \$308.00 at Marquette our fees would have been \$44.00 and they are offering debit and credit card for the Clerk's Office to receive payments via credit card/debit card. We are very happy with the switch and Library is also on board with the switch.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

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

Police: Charles Forsyth stated Alderman Barnhouse did a fine job on the siding on the Police Department Garage, it looks great.

Public Works: Donald Kadow, Director, reported that we had a couple of water breaks in the Co-ops. The generator board was switched last week. We have started working on the parks; this is the earliest we have ever started.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner no report

Public Health & Safety: Debbie Forsyth, Director, not present

Code Enforcement: Bill Parks, Director, no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll March 13, 2012 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Roti to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$14,296.71 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$41,452.63 for a total expenditure of \$55,749.34. (List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)

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NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Forney

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Touchie accepted the Treasurer's Report and the Clerk Collector's Report for February 2012. Alderman Touchie reminded everyone there is a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Ronald Ditzler Chairman, no report

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Thomas Carmody, Chairman, no report

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman, reported that Family Days was moved to July 14, 2012. Reminder that the Kiddy Kapers graduation will be held March 30, 2012 at Hometown School Gym beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Hometown Pony Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade will take place on April 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Alderman Roti stated everyone is invited to participate.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman, acknowledged the Building Report for February 2012.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman, no report

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Sal Roti, Chairman, no report

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman, no report

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Alderman John Forney, Chairman, absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman Howard Reinheimer, Complaints: 230 State: 96 MSI: 345 Seizures: 17

Mayor Casey stated it was nice to have a Hometown squad riding third in the procession to honor the soldier.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Mayor Casey reported that the board met and passed the budget, they continue to throw out new ideas for the Library. The computer classes were a success and we will re-tool this and offer more classes.

Legislation: Alderman Sal Roti, Chairman reported that Springfield is quite until March 21st. The House passed the cell phone bill and it now goes to the Senate. There is a bill regarding ATV's on the street that also applies to Home Rule Municipalities. There was a bill up for vote stating you would have to go for a referendum to take out a bond. This was not passed. There was a tree trimming bill allowing utility companies to determine twenty feet within power line for trimming, this was vague and it was not called for a vote. Mayor Casey stated the House froze the bill saying a Non Home Rule Municipality could not increase the Levy; this will not be getting to the Senate. There is talk that they will be dumping the teachers pensions onto Real Estate Taxes after the election. Mayor Casey stated regardless of which party you are with, please go vote.

Fire Department Alderman Thomas Carmody no report.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman no report

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

RES. NO. 3-2012: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Roti to approve Resolution No. 3-2012, a resolution appropriating \$30,000.00 MFT Funds to supplement the CDBG reconstruction project on Beck Place.

Upon Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Grochowski, Roti, Reinheimer, Touchie, Ditzler, Barnhouse, Walsh, Banasiak and Carmody

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Forney

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9-1-1 ETSB: Chief Forsyth stated we are waiting on an estimate on converting the base station.

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski reported that the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are needed.

Health: Welfare Comm. on Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported: Boy Scout Troop 682 will hold a Pancake Breakfast on April 1, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the cost is \$5.00. There will be a Kiddy Kapers registration March 16, 2012 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Patterson Park. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Penny Social on March 25, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The VFW will hold a Louisiana Craw Fish Boil on March 31, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30, the cost is \$5.00. There is a St. Pat's Party at the VFW March 17, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Special Events Committee is working with Hometown School and the Ronald McDonald House to offer free physicals in May to Fifth Graders. The Kidney Mobile and Lions will be here in May.

Alderman Touchie reported that the 5th OLL Boys Basketball team took second place and the 8th grade team took 1st place. Alderman Touchie congratulated Coach Laurie Madden. The Community Chest Golf Outing Committee has met and the price per golfer will remain the same as last year, \$85.00. The Outing is expected to be sold out so get your registration money in on time.

Alderman Roti asked if there will be raffles and Alderman Touchie stated yes there will be. Mayor Casey reported that Mr. Phil Orsi passed away; Phil was a good man and the Father In-law of Joan Orsi that works in the City Clerk's Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Casey stated he wanted to set the record straight, he is not the champion of garage sales; he is getting hounded on this issue. He was approached while campaigning years ago, he brought it up and that's where it stayed, so it is a dead issue. Mayor Casey attended a political function where he was asked what was the biggest issue in Hometown and when he said garage sales he was told he was a lucky man.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Mr. Mottl, 9054 Corcoran Road asked about the reverse 9-1-1. Chief Forsyth replied that we are scraping the current program and hoping to be added to Oak Lawn's new system which is similar to OLCBS's program that sends messages to many different devices. Clerk Hacker stated her plan is to update as many as possible phone numbers during the sale of vehicle stickers. Mrs. Sears stated she wanted to go on record as supporting the letter against garage sales. Mrs. Sheil asked about the E-Waste container. Clerk Hacker stated she would contact Land and Lakes tomorrow and let her know when the container will arrive.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk