

**REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2019
Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (absent), Patrick, Rudzik.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., was present at the Meeting.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked everyone to stand for the Pledge and for the gentlemen to remove their hats. Will everyone please remain standing for a moment of silence for Mayor Elect Catherine Cercone Miller's Mom (Doreen Stewart Cercone) who passed away.

Pledge was recited and moment of Silence was observed for Doreen Stewart Cercone.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Terry P. Stocker, Safety Service Director, Robert (Bob) Norris, Auditor, Christina Bohl/Jackson, and Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr. (Judge Dominic Leone, Tax Commissioner, James Bertrando and Treasurer, Robert D. Carcelli, III—not present.) Also present: Police Chief Tim Roddy and Two Police Officers on Duty this evening.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Anthony C. Fire from the Meeting this evening due to illness.

Bayus motioned seconded by Carcelli that Mr. Anthony C. Fire be excused due to illness this evening.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (absent), Patrick, Rudzik.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Anthony C. Fire excused from the Regular Meeting of Council by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Rudzik to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting dated November 27, 2019 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (a2*bsent), Patrick, Rudzik.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked the clerk to read the 2 pieces of communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) **LETTER TO MR. JAMES A. VITULLO FROM DIRECTOR OF LAW, JOHN N. ZOMOIDA JR. REGARDING CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO v. GERRY R. RAINER CASE NOS. CRB1900329, CRB1900599 & CRB1900763 DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2019.**
- 2) **STRUTHERS CITY COUNCIL 2020 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS SUBMITTED BY MEGAN R. SHORHOUSE, CLERK OF COUNCIL.**

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked for a motion to receive and file the communications.

Rudzik moved seconded by Bigley to receive and file said communications.
Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (absent), Patrick, Rudzik.

Motion carried 6-0.

Communications accepted and received by 6-0 vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)

Mayor was present at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio) December 18, 2019

Robert D. Burnside, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending Legislation. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

Michael S. Patrick, Chairman of Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Landlord Registration Ordinance and IWORQ's Software. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of Police & Fire Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the conditions of the Police Department. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION

There were no remarks or comments under Addressing Council on Pending Legislation.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked the clerk to read the 1 piece of legislation.

LEGISLATION

19-064

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEGAN R. SHORTHOUSE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, DEFINING HER DUTIES, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION WORKING SCHEDULE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Burnside moved seconded by Bigley that the rules of Council be suspended and the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (absent), Patrick, Rudzik.

Remarks:

Mr. Robert Burnside stated that Megan has done a great job for us over the last 12 years and are lucky to have her and no reason not to rehire her.

Megan Shorthouse and Henry Franceschelli Sr., thanked Mr. Burnside.

Burnside moved seconded by Bigley that the ordinance be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (absent), Patrick, Rudzik.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (On Audio)

There were no remarks or comments under Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no remarks or comments under New Business.

REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR (On Audio)

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was present at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

REPORT OF AUDITOR (On Audio)

Auditor Christina Bohl was present at the meeting and had no said reports for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR (On Audio)

Safety Service Director was present at the meeting and had no report for Council this evening.

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Richard Bayus stated that he had been approached by a few people seeing if we can coordinate with the Struthers School System to see what can be done for kids crossing Sexton & 5th Street maybe we can get a Safety Crossing Guard there to help so nothing happens there. Thank you!

Mr. Bob Norris stated that he will pass on his concerns.

**...PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ANNOUNCED AGAIN THAT THOSE WISHING TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL PLEASE STAND, COME FORWARD, STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD. PLEASE ADDRESS COUNCIL-WILL GET 3 MINUTES...
THANK YOU!**

ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio)

(On Audio - These minutes are a summarization of the Regular Meeting and not verbatim.)

Mr. John Pontikos, 403 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Mr. Pontikos stated that he wanted to introduce Mrs. Marie Gonzales to Council. He stated that she is spare heading the fundraisers to help the Sexton Fire Victims. He introduced Ms. Maria Gonzales.

Ms. Maria Gonzalez she stated that she moved to Struthers 2 years ago and became so close to this family and adopted them as family. She gave an update on the baby and the family. She is trying to give back to this family but she said it is at a standstill.

Comments:

Mr. Dallas Bigley stated that he appreciates all that she is doing for the Family and will help in any way.

Ms. Debra S. Peluso, 403 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. She first started off by offering her condolences to Mayor Elect Catherine Cercone Miller and Family. May she rest in peace. She stated that she has never done a fundraiser ever from beginning until the end and would like some help. She wanted to get a letter from the City/Council to have Sam's Club donate food for the fundraiser. She went on about not so nice things being said about her on Facebook, she said that she isn't doing anything bad she is trying to help the family.

Comments:

Mr. Dallas Bigley asked John about a letter the City would have to write for her.

Mr. John Zomoida said he is not aware of such letter but can look into it.

Mr. Bigley stated that he would love to help them out and do whatever he is able to do.

Mr. John Pontikos thanked Council for their time and letting them address his concerns with Council.

Tom Blough, 550 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Spoke about rental properties again. There are some homes on his street that needs addressed. There is a rental property with two pick-up beds in the front yard. He stated that he knows Mr. Norris is busy and Mr. Carcelli is busy but he was told that we were supposed to have an officer patrolling the regions to help with violations. Two pick-up truck beds in a front yard is hard to miss. He said his property value is going down the crapper quicker than shit.

Comments:

Mr. Bob Norris and Mr. Dallas Bigley.

Linda Sheevetz, 65 Perry, Struthers, Ohio 44471. She is going to beat the same drum. She totally agrees with Mr. Blough. She said Parry Street is a hot mess. She said that she knows the Ordinances are coming but geez things need to get done before another crisis hits again in our Community.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019 is as follows:

Finance & Legislation Committee Meeting at 6:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending Legislation.

Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Landlord Registration Ordinance and IWORQ's Software.

Police & Fire Committee Meeting at 6:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the conditions of the Police Department.

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
DECEMBER 23, 2019**

**FAREWELL PARTY AT AMVETS AT 7:15 P.M.
(FOOD, DRINKS & MUSIC)**

Executive Session:

- To Discuss Certain Personnel Matter To Consider Employment Of A Public Employee.

Carcelli motioned seconded by Bayus to go into Executive Session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential under the Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter Three: Executive Session

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Patrick, Rudzik.

Absent During Roll Call: Fire (absent).

Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion passed by 6-0 for Council to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. in Council Caucus Room # 11.

MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNDER THE OHIO
OPEN MEETING ACT CHAPTER 3: EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Executive Session:

- To Discuss Certain Personnel Matter To Consider Employment Of A Public Employee.

Council left Council Chambers and went into Executive Session in Council Caucus Room #11 at 7:18 p.m. and returned to Council Chambers at 7:25 p.m.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr. asked for a motion to reconvene from the Executive Sessions and to go back into the Special Meeting of Council.

Carcelli motioned seconded by Bayus to reconvene from the Executive Session and go back into the Special Meeting of Council.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Patrick, Rudzik.

Absent During Roll Call: Fire (absent).

Motion Carried 6-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Bigley moved seconded by Patrick that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire (Absent), Patrick, Rudzik.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., declared the meeting be adjourned and thanks for coming.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL