**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 20, 2023**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

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**Caucus 6:15 pm**

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**General Session   7:00 pm**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick was present at the Meeting.

President of Council, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 4th Ward Councilman, Mr. Richard S. Bayus from the meeting due to being out of town.

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley to excuse Mr. Richard S. Bayus form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated November 20, 2023 due to being out-of-town.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richard S. Bayus excused by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, November 08, 2023 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, November 08, 2023 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the two (2) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR’S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
2. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to receive and file the communication.

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 6-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor was present and had said report entitled Mayor’s Report Monday, Monday, November 13, 2023 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Struthers Christmas Parade, 2) Holiday Lights Contest, 3) Phipps Family Memorial Coat Drive, and 4) Struthers Football Team. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**Nov 13th, 2023**

**Struthers Christmas Parade**

This year on Dec. 8th, we will host our very first Christmas parade followed by a City Tree Lighting at the Fire Station. If you wish to participate, please contact my office to get a form. These need to be turned in by Dec. 1st. More information will follow.

**Holiday Lights Contest**

It’s that time of year again for the Lights Contest! It is open to any residence or business within the Struthers City School District. It is free to participate. Please visit our City FB page or contact my office to get all the information for this year’s Holiday Lights contest.

**Phipps Family Memorial Coat Drive**

Donation boxes have been set up throughout the community, my office and AMVETS. Last year they were able to provide nearly 100 coats to students K-12 and plan on exceeding that this year.

**Struthers Football Team**

We would like to congratulate the Struthers High School Football Team for making it to the Regional Championship! Coach Bayuk and his staff have done an amazing job with the boys this year and we are all very proud! The team is also collecting donations for their annual “Christmas with the Wildcats” All donations will be used to help needy families in the Struthers community during the holidays. The football team and the coaching staff will buy, wrap and deliver presents to wildcat families. Checks can be made out to Struthers Athletics for \*Trust the Climb\* and mailed to Struthers Football, 111 Eucild.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS-SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023 STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM 11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Public Utilities Committee Chairman Lori A. Gomon & Members: Ronald A. Carcelli, Robert D. Burnside. The purpose of the meeting is to speak with Jennifer L. Johnson Area Manager Aqua Ohio regarding updates.**

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**TO FOLLOW**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Richard S. Bayus, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.**

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**ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

There were no remarks or comments under Anyone Wishing To Address Council On Pending Legislation.

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

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick stated that there were three (3) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**THIRD**

**READING**

**23-037**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO AMY PETRUNAK, THE OWNER OF PROPERTY IS LOT # 6642, 112 ROCKY LEDGE DRIVE, STRUTHERS, OHIO. THE VARIANCE INVOLVES THE REAR YARD, THE ENCROACHMENT IS 6’ INTO THE 24’ EASEMENT OUTLINED IN CITY ORDINANCE 1131.02b FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ADDITION.**

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-038**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $5,000.00 FROM THE 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY 100 9100 59003, TRANSFER TO ELDERLY VAN, TO THE REVENUE CATEGORY 265 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley that the ordinance be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-039**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CATHERINE CERCONE-MILLER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EASTGATE ARC FY2024 GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments under Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments under New Business.

**REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was not present and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for Law Director.

**REPORT OF AUDITOR (REPORT ON FILE)**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was not present and had said report dated September 2023 for Struthers City Council this evening.

Auditor’s Report: Struthers City Auditor’s Monthly Statement of Cash Position, Revenue Report with Transfer In & Out, And Expense Transaction Ledger Reports for The Month of September 2023, Submitted by Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor. (Report on File)

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Safety Service Director was not present at the meeting and had no report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for Safety Service Director.

**ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio)**

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

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced if anyone in the audience would like to address council, please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record. You will have three (3) minutes to speak. Thank you!

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked again that the audience come forward if they wish to speak. The following spoke:

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick** **announced the following:**

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**PROCLAMATION FOR FOOTBALL TEAM & COACHES AT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

\_*Megan R. Shorthouse*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_*Michael S. Patrick*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL