**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 27, 2023**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS: NO LINKS PROVIDED -YOLOBOX NOT WORKING**

**Caucus 6:15 pm**

**General Session   7:00 pm**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck (absent), Bayus, 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.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER:

* **PHIPPS FAMILY MEMORIAL/AMVETS POST 44**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Councilman-At-Large, Mr. James E. Baluck from the meeting due to being sick.

Pingley moved seconded by Bigley to excuse Mr. James E. Baluck form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated December 27, 2023 due to being sick.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. James E. Baluck excused by 6-0 vote.

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, December 13, 2023 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, December 13, 2023 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck (absent), Bayus, 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 recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Robert N. Benson, Auditor, Christina S. Bohl, and Tax Commissioner, Ryan Rogalski.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the three (3) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER 2023, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
2. **2024 REGULAR SCHEDULED STRUTHERS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS SUBMITTED BY MEGAN R. SHORTHOUSE, CLERK OF COUNCIL.**
3. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

Pingley moved seconded by Bigley to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck (absent), Bayus, 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, December 25, 2023 for Council this evening. Read in: **(Caucus** / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Christmas Tree Recycling, 2) Holiday Lights Contest, 3) Overlook Boulevard Residents, 4) Visit Downtown Struthers, and 5) Top Hat Productions/Fairview Arts and Outreach Center. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**Dec. 25th, 2023**

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

Don’t forget that our City provides curbside pickup for any Christmas Trees. Please place them near the curb. Our Street Department will collect them in the mornings until January 31st.

**Holiday Lights Contest**

City of Struthers Holiday Lights Contest 2023

OVERALL WINNER - 186 Iroquois- Anthony Mileto & Family

1st Place - 174 Marion- The Donnaurnmo Family

2nd Place - 128 Hopewell- The Goist Family

3rd Place - 448 Creed- Steve Varga

Griswold Award - 489 Sexton- The Gigax Family

Santa’s 1st Stop - 604 Maplewood- Megan Pingley & Jim Varga

Struthers' Choice - 147 Morrison- Frank Pennel

True Meaning of Christmas - 232 Creed- Valerie Sosnoski & Family

Most Spirited Street - Lower Creed

We would like to thank these people for making the Struthers Holiday Lights Contest so special year after year. Amber Bonilla who organizes the entire event, Edward Bonilla, Ellianna Bonilla, Antonio Bonilla, Jackie Stout, Kevin Stout, Louie Rossi, The Struthers Police Department, Struthers Fire Department, Brian Stellato, Debra Stellato, The Noble Family, Cora Hudzik, Bobby Taylor, EJ Skoloda, The Goist Family, Frank Marr, Thomas Noble, Bob Benson, Josh Nicholas, , Let’s Pop About It, Diversified Drone, The Carpetsmith Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, and JP Woodworks, City Council and especially all 49 house entries. This was our biggest year yet!

**Overlook Boulevard Residents**

We would like to thank the residents on Overlook Boulevard for continuing the City tradition of lighting the luminaries on Christmas Eve. We would also like to thank Ryan Goist for capturing the magic!

**Visit Downtown Struthers**

Please visit the “Visit Downtown Struthers” Facebook page for updates on the State Street buildings and 118 S. Bridge. The owners, Kevin Walsh and Eric Rauschenbach, have been explaining their process for our City to follow in the progression of their downtown buildings.

**Top Hat Productions/ Fairview Arts and Outreach Center**

We would like to thank and congratulate Brian Palumbo and his newest endeavor. He has launched a Tri-City Drama Club for students of 3 different high schools at no cost. It will include Struthers, Campbell and Lowellville.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS-SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2024 STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM 11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**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.**

**LIVESTREAM: FACEBOOK/YOUTUBE**

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**F&L Committee Meeting**

**NO LINK-YOLOBOX BROKEN**

**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 six (6) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**23-041**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $41,000.00 FROM THE 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO POLICE PENSION # 100 9100 59004 TO THE POLICE PENSION FUND # 805 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-042**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $15,000.00 FROM THE 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO FIRE PENSION # 100 9100 59005 TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND # 810 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-043**

**AN ORDIANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $445,486.74 FROM THE ARPA FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MAIN FIRE STATION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 21-030 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-044**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, STATE OF OHIO, COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2023 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-011 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-045**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, STATE OF OHIO, COVERING A TEMPORARY PERIOD DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2024, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF NINETY (90) DAYS AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-046**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORING THE SALE OF 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK, VIN # 1HTLCZWK4KH668988 TO POLAND TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMEGENCY.**

Bayus moved seconded by Gomon that the rules of Council be suspended and the resolution be placed upon its passage.

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

No Remarks.

Bayus moved seconded by Gomon that the resolution be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck (absent), Bayus, 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**

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick called for a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 for Committee Appointments for 2024/2025 Term at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and to nominate a President of Council Pro tem and Clerk of Council Pro tem for 2024/2025 term years.**

**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**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was present and had no said report for Struthers City Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Safety Service Director was 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:

Mr. Eric Rauschenbach, 266 Broad Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He spoke to Council about what his plans were for downtown and invited Council to come down and visit the locations to see the updates. He stated that he and his partner Mr. Kevin Walsh (1992 SHS Grad) would love to give tours of their progression of the Downtown Buildings. (On Audio)

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

**5:30 P.M.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bayus moved seconded by Bigley that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck (absent), Bayus, 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