

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 25, 2019**  
**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, 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.

Pledge was recited.

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, and Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr. (Auditor, Christina Bohl/Jackson, Judge Dominic Leone, Treasurer, Robert D. Carcelli, III and Tax Commissioner, James Bertrando –not present.) Also present: Mayor Elect: Cat Miller & Family, Tim Daley, Street Supervisor, Mr. Robert (Bob) Carcelli, former Councilman and Council President, Mrs. Carol Crytzer, former 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilwoman and Officer: DJ Aldish .

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 Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting dated September 11, 2019 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik.  
Motion carried 7-0.  
Meeting minutes accepted by 7-0 vote.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked the clerk to read the 4 pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S CASH TRANSACTION REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019 SUBMITTED BY ROBERT D. CARCELLI, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
- 2) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019 SUBMITTED BY LORRAINE SCIORTINO, CLERK OF COURTS.**
- 3) **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**

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

Rudzik moved seconded by Bayus to receive and file said communications.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik.  
Motion carried 7-0.  
Meeting minutes accepted by 7-0 vote.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)**

Mayor was present at the meeting and gave a verbal report to Council this evening. Mayor's Verbal Report: 1) Road Resurfacing Project (Awarded to Lindy Paving and includes 8 streets), 2) Struthers Patrolman Agility Test (Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ the Stadium), 3) Wetmore & State Street Pipeline and 4) Mauthe Park Parking Project.

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio) October 2, 2019**

Robert D. Burnside, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, October 2, 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.)

### **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 4 pieces of legislation.

## **LEGISLATION**

### **SECOND READING**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MAHONING COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.**

Burnside moved seconded by Carcelli that the ordinance be sent back for a Third Reading.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation sent back for a Third Reading by 7-0 vote.

### **19-052**

#### **AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ERECT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON RUNGE AVENUE AND A PORTION OF OVERLOOK BLVD. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Rudzik moved seconded by Patrick that the ordinance be passed as read.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

### **19-053**

#### **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli asked to get a report from the Safety Service Director to see where we are at with 228 Maplewood and he also wanted to know when it would be inspected this week. He wanted to hear from the Safety Director.

Safety Service Director, Mr. Robert Norris stated that it will be inspected this week as he stated in Council Caucus. He said that is the first step.

Mr. Carcelli stated ok.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments under New Business.

## **REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR (On Audio)**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was not 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 (Report On File)**

Auditor Christina Bohl was not present at the meeting but had said reports received September 23, 2019 for 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 August 2019, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor. Thank you! (On File)

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:**

Mr. Robert D. Burnside asked Mr. Robert Norris if we still put seed down on the vacant properties that we demolish? Do we still seed those lots. I know in the past we have just not sure if that is still the practice.

Mr. Norris made comments saying that they should be. Did they seed 90 Center Street?

Mr. Robert D. Burnside stated no they have not yet.

Mr. Norris stated that he will take care of it. Thank you!

**...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. Thomas Blough, 560 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Stated that he had a question for the Auditor, but was told that she was not well or not sure of her situation. He asked the Mayor if her position is an elected position? So, is there anyone that overlooks her or no? Terry are you like her boss?

### **Remarks/Comments:**

Mayor Stocker stated that she is her own entity and that she has two people that work under her.

Mr. Thomas Blough asked if he was correct by stating that our tax dollars pay her salary.

Mayor Stocker said yes they do.

Mr. Blough stated that he wanted to address her but he can't. He stated that he has a complaint that he has I guess I complain to no one. I guess I address the concern at the ballot box.

Mayor Stocker stated that if you have a concern regarding her because I can't speak for her because she is her own entity, sets her own hours and only has to be present one day a month. There are a lot of things built into her position.

Mr. Blough stated I bet you want her job.

Mayor Stocker stated that she does a great job for us. She has been great on the City's spending.

Mr. Blough stated that he can't address her because he was told and given a letter stating that he was an irate person. Stated that he went in to the office and don't think I am a bad person for saying this because I heard that she is sick and sometimes when we are sick we have bad days but if she isn't feeling well then stay home and take a few days off. When he went in to speak with her, her assistant (Linda), said that she didn't know if she was in her office. How do you not know if she is in the office, because Mrs. Bohl would have to walk in front of her to leave the office? Don't act like you are someone special or like you are the president when a resident is coming to ask questions. He spoke at length stating that if his tax paying dollars pay her salary then they should have an open door policy.

Mayor Stocker made comments.

Mrs. Carol A. Crytzer, 579 Creed Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. She spoke at length about a school bus that sits at the bottom of Creed Street on the left with graffiti on it. She wanted to know how long it is going to be there. She stated that a call was made over a month ago. She asked the Safety Service Director how long is that going to sit there because it is still there today.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Safety Service Director stated that there is a letter that went out on that.

Carol Crytzer asked when did a letter go out? How long is it going to take? It has been over a month, if not longer.

Mr. Robert Norris, Safety Service Director, stated that he doesn't know when it went out. He would have to look at his file.

Carol Crytzer said you are the Safety Service Director and you don't know how long you give them to get it out of there out of the driveway!

Mr. Norris stated that he would have to pull they file to see when the letter went out. You can't expect me to know of every letter that was sent out.

Carol Crytzer said no, but I expect something to be done when people call.

Mr. Norris stated we expect it to be done to.

Carol stated that if it is not done that she will be back down again.

Mr. Norris said Thank you very much!

Ms. Linda Shevetz, 65 Perry Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. She stated that when she was at the last Council Meeting she heard that there was going to be Police Officers that were going to Police areas to help Mr. Norris with rental properties. Did I hear that right or no?

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Dallas Bigley explained how the City was divided up into 11 different precincts that are assigned to a specific officer to help with property code violations. This is a work in progress.

Linda Shevetz said I need someone to visit 70 Perry Street, but the landlord is not fixing the property. There is mold in the basement. I do not want my neighbors to move for fear of what might move in. They are good people. She stated that she understands that people get cited for property code violations and they would rather pay the fines than fix the property.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Robert Norris, Mr. Dallas Bigley and Mr. Joseph Rudzik.

Mr. Thomas Blough, 560 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He stated that he lives in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and wanted to know when they would know who is in charge of his precinct because there are a few hot messes in his ward that need addressed.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Robert Norris stated to give him a call and he will let him know who his officer is in his precinct.

Mayor Stocker stated that the guys are in place and on a map in the Safety Service Director's office.

Mr. Michael S. Patrick explained how the city is divided up and given to officers to help with property code violations which the Safety Service Director has assigned in his office on a board.

Mr. Norris stated that his personal preference, at this time, is that if you have a complaint and know the address, he would like you to fill out a complaint form so that it can be shipped downstairs to the Police Chief and have the Chief hand to the officer of that precinct. He stated that way he has a paper trail to follow up on and make sure that either it is taken care of or that he gets a response. He stated that the Police Department is working with a software program where it can be placed in the computer so that it can be read by everyone simultaneously.

Mr. Thomas Blough stated so it is a work in progress! Thank you for answering the question.

Mr. Dallas Bigley stated that this is going to be able to hold the officers with accountability to make sure concerns are being taken care of.

Mr. Bill Pingley, 224 Maplewood Avenue, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He thanked Mr. Carcelli for bringing up 228 Maplewood Avenue. Mr. Pingley spoke at length on what he has been going through for the last couple of months with the cockroaches, fleas and bedbugs. He stated that he has spoken with Mr. Norris at length on this matter and said that this has become a neighborhood situation, now. He was very emotional, while he was telling Council and the audience what he has been dealing with and stated that he has lived there for 32 years. He has to get up every morning and go through his cupboard, spray his property to keep the pest out and has been lucky and only found a few at the back door. He stated that he has spent a lot of money and he is not a rich man. He went on to say that other neighbors are now having problems and infested. He said that he is living a nightmare. He said for 32 years he has never had problem and that this is very sad. He said, "How Do I Fight This I Am Not A Millionaire???"

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik, Mr. Robert Norris, Safety Service Director, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley, Mr. John Zomoida, Law Director, and Mr. Anthony C. Fire.

Mr. Robert Carcelli, 409 Edison, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Mr. Carcelli stated that what this guy is talking about is going on all over Struthers. Mr. Carcelli spoke at length stated that months ago, if you recall that I told Council that the ordinances of the City need to be revisited and looked at because they are 25 years old and need revised and/or updated. He said that you have a Law Director that should be searching for new laws and searching to help aid the City with the clean up with some of the properties that we are faced with here in the City. He stated again that he asked Council to review the property maintenance ordinance, as well as, the landlord tenant ordinances. He said that it is time to put a Full-Time Enforcement Officer patrolling the city streets and working in conjunction with the Police Department. He said that he is getting calls and he is not in office and getting phone calls. Council needs to sit down with the Law Director and craft

legislation to help with these problems of the city by looking at State Laws and Federal Laws that are enforceable. He went on to speak at length telling Council how this all works, so that the Safety Service Director has something he can enforce. He stated that the Safety Service Director can only go so far. He said it is time to start looking at this old legislation because we have more and more problems going on in this city. You don't want this town to become a Youngstown. That is where we are heading and everybody better wake up. He stated that he has a plan and that is why I decided to run for Office!

**President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 is as follows:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bayus moved seconded by Bigley that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

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

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL