

## **...MEETING CONDUCTED BY THE “GOTOMEETING” APP...**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 13, 2020**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik was present at the Meeting.

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

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Tim Daley, and Auditor, Christina Bohl. (Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr., Tax Commissioner, Ryan Rogalski, Judge Dominic Leone and Treasurer, Robert D. Carcelli, III—not present.).

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik, asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, April 22, 2020 and to accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Burnside to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting dated April 22, 2020 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk. Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 7-0 vote.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik, asked the clerk to read the (3) three pieces of communications.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) LAW DIRECTOR, JOHN N. ZOMOIDA JR. SENT LETTER ON APRIL 28, 2020 TO CHIEF RODDY REGARDING: 596 SEXTON STREET.**
- 2) SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR, THOMAS DALEY SENT OUT A COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDATIONS FROM APRIL 27, 2020 TO CITY EMPLOYEES.**
- 3) MAYOR’S REPORT FROM MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik., asked for a motion to receive and file the communications.

Bayus moved seconded by Carcelli to receive and file said communications. Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

Motion carried 7-0.

Communications accepted and received by 7-0 vote.

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

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present at the meeting and read her May 11, 2020 Report for Council this evening. Mayor's Report: 1) City Hall, 2) PPE, 3) Memorial Day, 4) Chick-Fil-A, and 5) Rotary. (On File)

### **Mayor's Report (Filed & Attached):**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT MAY 11, 2020**

### **City Hall**

City Hall will remain closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for building employees only as well as for anyone necessary to court proceedings.

### **PPE**

Thank you to Dinesol Plastics Inc. in Niles and RC Compounding for their donations to the city of Face Shields and hand sanitizer.

### **Memorial Day**

The normal annual Memorial Day Program at Struthers High School has been canceled for this year. We are currently working on a different kind of tribute.

### **Chick-Fil-A**

Thank you to Chick-Fil-A who helped the city adopt every single graduating senior from Struthers High School by donating a FREE meal to each student.

### **Rotary**

#### **FEED THE HUNGRY STRUTHERS STRONG**

If you know someone that has lost their job, or is struggling during this difficult time, submit their name and phone number and address to the

Struthers Rotary  
Feed The Hungry  
PO Box 127  
Struthers Ohio  
44471

Individuals must have proof of Struthers residency. Struthers Rotary and Struthers Rotary Community Corps, First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 682 and CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation have made generous donations to this fund .

Monetary Donations or Gift cards from private individuals are welcomed.

Send to:

Struthers Rotary  
(Feed the Hungry Fund)  
In memo  
P.O. Box 127  
Struthers ohio 44471

Stay Safe and Healthy,

*Cat Cercone Miller*

Mayor

### **Additions: (On Audio)**

Mayor Miller also added that the Zoning Board met and were all in favor that they approved the plans and specs for the zoning and replat of property owned by Michael S. Patrick and that the recommendation will come before Council for your approval for this variance. Thank you.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

Richard S. Bayus, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The Purpose of the Meeting is to discuss a virtual Struthers Clean Up Day Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Robert D. Burnside, Chairman of Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recommendations from the Zoning Board concerning a plat change of parcel numbers 38-0070256000 and 38-0070502000 for a variance.

Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.

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

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

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik asked the clerk to read the (2) two pieces of legislation.

**LEGISLATION**

**20-017**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING § 351.17 OF PART THREE, TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 351 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO TO PROHIBIT THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**20-018**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND / OR SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO AWARD AND SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 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 (On File- Communication #1)**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was absent from the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening. Mr. Zomoida submitted a communication for Council with regards to 596 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471, which was communication #1.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

## **REPORT OF AUDITOR**

Auditor Christina Bohl was not present at the meeting and had no report 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:**

Mr. Richard S. Bayus asked when they are going to be giving the test for putting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Fireman?

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller said that we are going to be giving a test for the next Police Captain and just finalized that and that will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> for Police Captain and Patrolman. We are just trying to pin down a location and all the others details right now. We are still trying to get a date with Clancy to get that test in the works for Street Department Street Supervisor, Street Superintendent and Street laborer. The 9<sup>th</sup> Fireman for right now is just on hold right now until we figure out we are financially with what is going on and where we will be at in July.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley stated that you do remember at the beginning of COVID-19 we stated that there was not going to be any new hires, right? Is that correct?

Mr. Richard S. Bayus stated that that was two months ago so, I wanted to see where we were with all that and if we were moving along with that.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley stated that if he is being honest. He doesn't think Budgetary moving along and see it going in the reverse.

Mayor Miller stated that I agree with Chrissy when she said that this is going to be a budget this year that we will have to keep revisiting constantly. That is something we will all have to address down the road but until we have a better understanding of what is happening with income tax. We may not have a clear picture until the end of the year based on what is going on.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley stated especially since they pushed the income tax deadline back to July 15, 2020 which pushes us back further as well.

Mr. Richard S. Bayus stated that he was asked by a fellow Fireman that is all.

Mr. Ronald A Carcelli asked if there was anyone looking to retire up there.

Mayor Miller stated that we don't have any names right now, but we will.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley the reason for the Police Department test is to get the staffing levels back up because we are down. Is that correct?

Mayor Miller said yes. We are short three and Captain Bundy retired, so we are trying to replace that too. We had a little hiccup with the Civil Service but have since

been resolved. (June 10<sup>th</sup> is the day for testing) Police Department is an immediate need right now.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik stated that he did ask Mr. Daley about Recycling being back up but we haven't heard anything. Until then, use the location down by Cene Field to drop off recycling and they have been picking that up daily. To the residents listening please use that facility down here to get rid of your recyclables. Thank you!

## **ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL**

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

Ms. Aarica E. Byrne, 572 Maplewood Avenue, Struthers, Ohio 44471. She stated that she is the woman that owns the Maplewood front garden. She apologized that her garden is not appealing and stated that no one has ever come to me to complained about her garden in her front yard. She stated that this is news to her that her garden is offensive to her neighbors. She went on at length to give her reasons as to why she put her garden where she did. She also state that she is a tax pay and owns her property and should be allowed to do whatever she wants at her property. Her garden sustains her and her family with nourishment, as well as, her neighbors.

### **Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)**

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and Joseph N. Rudzik defended the reason for the sponsored piece of legislation. They both stated that they have received complaints with regard to the front yard garden made by surrounding neighbors.

**President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 is as follows: "GoToMeeting"**

**6:15 P.M.** Park & Recreation Committee Chairman Richard S. Bayus & Members: Lori A. Greenwood, Dallas A. Bigley. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a Struthers Clean Up Day at the end of the month.

**6:30 P.M.** Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee Chairman Robert D. Burnside & Members: Megan L. Pingley, Richard S. Bayus. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recommendations from the zoning board held on May 8, 2020 concerning a plat change of parcel numbers 38-0070256000 and 38-0070502000 for a variance.

**6:45 P.M.** Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Robert D. Burnside, Ronald A. Carcelli. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Baluck that the meeting be adjourned.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for joining "GoToMeeting" App.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL