

REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 2020
Struthers, Ohio 44471

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent), 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 and for the gentlemen to remove their hats.

Pledge was recited.

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

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik., asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli from the Meeting this evening due to prior commitment.

Bayus motioned seconded by Greenwood that Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli be excused due to prior commitment.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli excused from the Regular Meeting of Council by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Auditor, Christina Bohl and Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr. (Safety Service Director, Tim Daley, 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 nominate a pro-tem for Clerk of Council, Megan R. Shorthouse in the event that she is unable to make Regular Meeting and that I was unable to as well. Mr. Burnside will do it this evening but moving forward we need a nomination.

Bigley motioned seconded by Baluck to nominate Miss. Megan L. Pingley as pro-tem for Clerk of Council in the event that Megan is unable to attend said Council Meetings.

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

Abstained: Pingley

Motion carried 5-0.

Miss. Megan L. Pingley is the Pro-Tem for Clerk of Council, Megan R. Shorthouse.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik, asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, February 12, 2020 and to accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Greenwood to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting dated February 12, 2020 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik, asked the clerk to read the 4 pieces of communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S CASH TRANSACTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020 SUBMITTED BY ROBERT D. CARCELLI, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
- 2) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020 SUBMITTED BY LORRAINE SCIORTINO, CLERK OF COURT.**
- 3) **MAYOR'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**
- 4) **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**

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

Bayus moved seconded by Bigley to receive and file said communications.
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent), Greenwood, Pingley.
Motion carried 6-0.

Communications accepted and received by 6-0 vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present at the meeting and had a report dated February 10, 2020 for Council this evening. Mayor Miller's report as follows: 1) Community Development, 2) Struthers High School Career Day, and 3) Dominion Gas on Maplewood. Report on file.

Mayor's Report (Attached):

MAYOR'S REPORT

February 24, 2020

Community Development

On Saturday April 4, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. the city of Struthers will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will be hosting this event at our Laddie J. Fedor Field at the Steve Belichick Complex. Together, city officials and employees donate their time to ensure that the event is an enjoyable time for the children. The Easter Bunny and the Wildcat Mascots will be present to greet the children and hand out candy. The Easter Bunny will also assist the city officials in passing out prizes to the children.

Struthers High School Career Day

Chief Roddy and I represented the Police Department and the Mayor's Office in the Struthers High School Career Day on February 13th and spoke to many students grades 9-12 regarding what our jobs entail in order to give students more information on the duties and responsibilities of different job paths.

Dominion Gas on Maplewood

Dominion Energy Ohio is in the process of a Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement project on Maplewood Avenue. We met with Dominion and they will be issuing apology letters to address the issue that residents did not receive prior notification of the project taking place. Work began on February 17, 2020 and is expected to be completed the week of February 24, 2020 with grading and seeding, weather permitting. For any information about the Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement project is available on their web site at www.dominionenergy.com, and by phone at 1-800-544-5768.

Sincerely,
Mayor Cat Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)
Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

Lori A. Greenwood, Chairman of Public Utilities scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the city building utility rates with Mr. Thomas M. Belish, President of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending Legislation. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

****Executive Session called for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Caucus for Police & Fire. (Called by Mr. James E. Baluck) Meeting was canceled the next day due to not being called for the right way by not stating a purpose of the executive meeting per John N. Zomoida, Law Director.****

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION

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

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

LEGISLATION

20-009

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE AN ELGIN PELICAN P SINGLE STEER & GUTTER BROOM STREET SWEEPER. SAID PURCHASE SHALL BE PAID FROM STORM WATER FUND 510 AND SHALL NOT EXCEED \$230,000.00 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 (absent), 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 (absent), Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

20-010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT, WATERWAYS SAFETY FUND PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS FOR DEVELOPING PUBLIC HAND-POWERED WATERCRAFT ACCESS TO THE MAHONING RIVER AND AGREE TO OBLIGATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Bayus that the resolution be passed as read.
Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent),
Greenwood, 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 (On Audio)

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was present at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening. He apologized and stated that he was sorry for not being around because he has been extremely busy, but said that he is back at it again.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

REPORT OF AUDITOR (On Audio & On File)

Auditor Christina Bohl was present at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening. 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 January 2020, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor." (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 the Safety Service Director.

ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio)

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 is as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION-POLICE & FIRE- 5:30 P.M.

6:15 P.M. Public Utilities Committee Chairman Lori A. Greenwood & Members: Ronald A. Carcelli, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the city building utility rates with Mr. Thomas M. Bellish, President of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

6:30 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 – SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT STRUTHERS SOFTBALL TEAMS AT STRUTHERS PARKSIDE CHURCH FROM 12:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

STRUTHERS UNIFIED MEETING (MONTHLY MEETING) EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT STRUTHERS CHRIST LUTHERN CHURCH AT 6:30 UNTIL 7:30 P.M. AT 250 SEXTON STREET....

STRUTHERS FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ST. NICK'S GREAT HAL.

EASTER EGG HUNT- SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

CIVIC DAY- FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

**STRUTHERS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF GAME –
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 - STRUTHERS HIGH SCHOOL FEILDHOUSE
AT 7:00 P.M.**

ADJOURNMENT

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent),
Greenwood, Pingley.
Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for coming.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL