

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 27, 2021**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at roughly 6:50 p.m. (Zoom Meeting) with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

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

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick 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 recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Thomas Daley, Auditor, Christina Bohl and Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. Zoom Guest: Michelle Ray, Mayor Secretary and Code Enforcement Officer, Joseph N. Rudzik.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Dated January 13, 2021 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the three (3) 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 DECEMBER 2020, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
- 2) STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S CASH TRANSACTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020 SUBMITTED BY ROBERT D. CARCELLI, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
- 3) MAYOR'S REPORT DATED MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

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

Communications accepted and received by 6-0 vote.

Mr. Robert D. Burnside asked the President of Council if Council should excuse Mr. Richard S. Bayus from the Regular Meeting.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick stated yes! Council should make a motion to excuse Mr. Richard S. Bayus from the Regular Meeting.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman, Richard S, Bayus from the Regular Meeting due to COVID.

Burnside moved seconded by Carcelli to excuse Mr. Richard S. Bayus from the Regular Meeting due to Covid.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion carried 6-0.

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

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

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present and had said report entitled Mayor's Report January 18, 2021 for Council this evening. MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Junk Car Ordinance, 2) Vaccine Roll-Out, 3) Alzheimer's Association, 4) Public Library and 5) COVID-19. (ON FILE)

*Catherine Cercone Miller*  
*Mayor*

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### **MAYOR'S REPORT** **January 18, 2021**

#### **Junk Car Ordinance**

We now have legislation dealing with junk cars parked on properties throughout the city. By unanimous vote of council members, it is now unlawful to park, store or keep any vehicle that is unlicensed, abandoned, disabled or unusable in the city. We have been receiving a lot of phone calls regarding this so please be patient as the vehicles are addressed.

#### **Vaccine Roll-Out**

The Mahoning County Health Department is in Phase 1B of the vaccination process, which is first prioritized for those ages 80 and older.

The vaccination process is dependent on the availability of vaccine provided to Mahoning County and approval of any additional vaccine providers.

The Mahoning County Health Department is asking for your patience as they work their way through the process. It is their goal to be able to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to all those who choose to receive it.

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

There is a support group zoom meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. please contact Melissa Chambers at 1-800-272-3900 for more information.

#### **Public Library**

The Library joins Children's Hunger Alliance to provide free meals to children. The ready-to-eat meals will be available for pick up at the Newport and Michael Kusalaba branch libraries on Monday-Thursday from 2 to 6:30 PM and Friday-Saturday from 2 to 5 PM. Please note, in keeping with Covid precautions meals cannot be eaten inside the libraries.

#### **COVID-19**

If you have any questions regarding COVID19, please call 1-833-427-5634 or refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
Mayor Cat Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 03, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation. (Via Zoom Meeting App)

**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, Michael S. Patrick stated that there was two (2) pieces of legislation this evening.

**LEGISLATION**

**21-006**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE STRUTHERS CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**21-007**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE THE ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS FROM THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 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 (absent), 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 (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, 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 on the Zoom meeting and had no Report for Council this evening. He stated that he would be available for any questions that any one may have. Thank you.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

**REPORT OF AUDITOR (On Audio and On File)**

Auditor Christina Bohl was present on the Zoom meeting and had a report dated December 2020 for Council this evening. She said that she is available to Council should they have any questions. (On Audio and On File)

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR (On Audio)**

Safety Service Director was present on the Zoom 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.)**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the Mayor how it was going with opening up City Hall Part-Time? How is that working out?

Mayor Catherine Cercone Milller answered Mr. Patrick by saying that everybody is back and we are still encouraging those to still make appointments to come into the building. She said that it is going well and we installed hand sanitizers throughout the City Building. She realized that she forgot to put in the Mayor’s Report that Frank Vaio retired and she hired Frank Palumbo to replace Frank and he is working out so far and has made a bunch of changes to the building already for the better.

Mayor’s Secretary, Michelle Hokanson Ray asked if she could make a few comments. Mayor and Council said yes. She said that the Civil Service for Street Department with was taken by 12 candidates on Monday, January 25, 2021 and awaiting test scores. This was for the one position that they need in the Street Department.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Miss. Megan Pingley, Mr. Robert D. Burnside, Mr. Dallas Bigley, Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Mr. Ronald Carcelli and Mr. Tim Daley, SSD.

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced the Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 03, 2021 is as follows: “Zoom Meeting App”**

**6:00 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. (Via Zoom Meeting App)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for joining “Zoom Meeting” App.

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL