**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 13, 2023**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

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**Caucus 6:15 pm**

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**General Session   7:00 pm**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (absent), Burnside, Carcelli (absent), 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 To:**

THE STRUTHERS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM & COACHES BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Monday, November 20, 2023 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Pingley moved seconded by Burnside to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Monday, November 20, 2023 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 5-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Councilman-At-Large, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and 2nd Ward Councilman, Ronald A. Carcelli from the meeting due to being sick.

Bayus moved seconded by Baluck to excuse Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli form the 1st Regular Meeting Dated December 13, 2023 due to being sick.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli excused by 5-0 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, and Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr.

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 MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
2. **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
3. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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 Gomon to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (absent), Burnside, Carcelli (absent), Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 5-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor was present and had said report entitled Mayor’s Report Monday, Monday, December 11, 2023 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Wetmore Bridge Replacement, 2 Struthers Christmas Parade, 3) Holiday Lights Contest, 4) City Hall Paintings, 5) Phipps Family Memorial Coat Drive, 6) Football Team- Trust The Climb, And 7) Appalachian Grant-Eastgate. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**Dec. 11th, 2023**

**Wetmore Bridge Replacement**

We will begin the project to replace the existing bridge carrying Wetmore Drive over Yellow Creek within Yellow Creek Park. Additional improvements proposed by this project include the partial replacement of an existing stone culvert, approach roadway pavement resurfacing, new concrete walk/new curb installations, storm sewer drainage system improvements, and installation of a new decorative bridge railing.

The project is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2024. During construction, Wetmore Drive at the bridge site will be closed to traffic for a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) consecutive calendar days. The official detour for this project will utilize Center Street, Lowellville Road, S. Bridge Street and Poland Avenue. Construction updates will be posted within the project limits and on the city of Struthers webpage, www.cityofStruthers.com, prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties for the duration of the project. To facilitate construction activities, approximately 769square feet (0.018 acre) of Yellow Creek Park will be utilized by the city of Struthers to facilitate the project construction. All other access to the Yellow Creek Park will be maintained throughout construction activities including the adjacent Yellow Creek Trail and Hopewell Furnace Trail-and parking area. Yellow Creek Park is a recognized recreational property and is afforded protection from adverse impacts associated with federal-aid transportation projects. While the proposed project will not result in any adverse impacts to Yellow Creek Park or substantial impacts to environmental resources, the city of Struthers, is seeking any comments the public may have regarding the proposed project. Project-related issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the effect of the project on residents, the local economy, Yellow Creek Park, historic or cultural resources, etc. To ensure your comments are considered during project development, please submit them no later than January 10, 2024, via the contact information below. Comments may be submitted via email, phone, or mailed to my office.

**Struthers Christmas Parade**

Thank you to the entire City that came together to make the 1st Christmas Parade such a huge success! This amazing celebration occurred because of an army of remarkable individuals. We would like to thank Jacqueline's Bridal, Aqua Ohio, AMVETS, Lally Pipe and Tube, Rudzik Excavating, Astro Shapes, Buckeye Energy Group, Jack’s Auto Body, M & N One Stop Fuel Mart, Clemens Nelson & Associates, VFW 3538, Castlo, Davidson - Becker Funeral Home, Let’s Pop About It, Struthers Stormwater, Diversified Drone, Nemenz IGA, Giannios Candy, Modern Office, The Carpetsmith Carpet & Upholstery, JP Woodworks, Struthers Fire Department, Brian Stellato, Thomas Noble, Bob Benson and the Struthers Street Department. We would especially like to thank Amber Bonilla for organizing and setting up all of the events held in the bay of the station, the SMS Student Council, SHS Student Council, SMS Show Choir, Struthers Entrepreneurship Course. This also wouldn’t have been a success without all of the many parade participants who spent time organizing their groups and decorating their vehicles. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

**Holiday Lights Contest**

VOTING BEGINS! Please stop by the Mayor’s Office to get a list of addresses and voting ballot, print if you can or use the online Google doc to submit your vote. The link is located on our City Facebook page. Voting is open to anyone in the Struthers School District and ends December 18th! Please drop off your ballot in the drop box at the back of City Hall by December 18th for it to be counted! Winners will be announced Dec. 21st on Facebook Live.

**Light City Church**

This Saturday, December 16th, Light City Church will be having a cookies and cocoa get together for any ladies, women and girls This will be from 2-4 at 2 Ohio Street.

**City Hall Paintings**

We would like to thank Gianna DeSalvo from the High school for painting our windows for the Holiday seasons again for the 3rd year in a row.

**Phipps Family Memorial Coat Drive**

Donation boxes have been set up throughout the community, my office and AMVETS. Last year they were able to provide nearly 100 coats to students K-12 and plan on exceeding that this year.

**Football Team- TrUSt the Climb**

Please consider donating to TRUST THE CLIMB. All donations will be used to help needy families in the Struthers community during this holiday. The football team and their coaching staff will be buying, wrapping, and delivering presents to Wildcat families. Any donation is greatly appreciated and will go right back into the community. Mail to: Struthers Athletics For: Trust the Climb 111 Euclid Avenue Struthers, Ohio 44471.

**Appalachian Grant-Eastgate**

We are happy to have two projects that qualified to be included in the Ohio Appalachian Community Grant program totaling $156 Million. Our two projects are the Community River Launch and Downtown Streetscape and Revitalization. The decision for this will come in February of 2024.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS-SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 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.**

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**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 one (1) piece of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**23-040**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, DEFINING HER DUTIES, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION WORKING SCHEDULE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-020 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 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**

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 (REPORT ON FILE)**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was not present and had said report dated October and November 2023 for Struthers City 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 Months of October and November 2023, Submitted by Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor. (Report 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 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:

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bayus moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

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