**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 14, 2024**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

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**Caucus  6:15 pm**

**General Session   7:00 pm**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley(absent), Burnside, Carcelli, 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.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Safety Service Director, Robert F. Benson.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 4th Ward Councilman, Mr. Richard S. Bayus and Councilman-At-Large, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley from the meeting due to prior work commitment.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley to excuse Mr. Richard S. Bayus and Mr. Dallas A. Bigley form the 1st Regular Meeting Dated February 14 due to prior work commitment.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Richard S. Bayus and Mr. Dallas A. Bigley excused by 5-0 vote.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Pingley moved seconded by Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, January 24, 2024 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 5-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the two (2) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
2. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

Burnside moved seconded by Pingley to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley (absent), Burnside, Carcelli, 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, January 29, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) FINAL MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Frank Marr and 2) Nancy Johngrass. (REPORT ON FILE - Read By Safety Service Director, Bob Benson.)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**Jan. 29th, 2024**

**Final Mayor’s Report**

**Frank Marr**

Frank, I think I can speak for the entire City when I say “Thank you!” Thank you for always being there to capture ALL of the events in the City and surrounding areas. Thank you for being a constant and someone to rely on. While we all know you will continue to take pictures, we will all miss seeing them in the Hometown Journal! “This one’s for the ones in Cell Block 13”

**Nancy Johngrass**

I would like to take the opportunity that Nancy Johngrass has always given me and the Mayor’s of Lowellville and Campbell to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for her and The Hometown Journal. We always were given space in any issue we wanted and Lord knows I always took advantage of that! After personally working for Nancy for a short time, I learned how much time, effort and care goes into every publication and every single detail. She always went out of her way to identify the people in the pictures so that they would have their names in print. I know my grandma appreciated it because she cut out every single article I was ever in and saved them all in a scrapbook for me. These scrapbooks are now some of my most prized possessions. It gave her (and I’m sure many other grandmas) a lot of pride to see their children’s names in the paper! Nancy, though short-lived, working for you will always be one of my most favorite jobs. You gave our underdog community the spotlight we deserve. You were always able to post the positivity and the good. The Hometown Journal was a breathe of fresh air for our citizens. It kept everyone “in the know” and connected. This has been such a staple of the Struthers community. Losing you and the Hometown Journal will go down as one of the most painful blows that has happened since I’ve been in the Mayor’s Office. We love you and appreciate all that you have brought to The City of Struthers. Enjoy Retirement because you deserve it!

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (ON AUDIO)**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 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: Robert D. Burnside, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following: 1) K.O. Consulting’s Contract with Kristen Olmi, K. O. Consulting, LLC., 2) Bryan Higgins, Team Office Technologies regarding Live Streaming Equipment and 3) Pending Legislation.

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**NO YOLOBOX-BROKEN**

**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 seven (7) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**24-007**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2023, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-031 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Burnsie 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 (absent), Bigley (absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 vote.

**24-008**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $1,000.00 TO YOUNGSTOWN CLASS B BASEBALL INC. FOR AN OUTFIELD ADVERTISEMENT SIGN FOR THE CITY OF STRUTHERS FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli 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 (absent), Bigley (absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 vote.

**SECOND**

**READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 505.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO REGARDING ANIMALS AT LARGE AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

Pingley moved seconded by Carcelli that the ordinance be passed to a third reading.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed to third reading by 5-0 vote.

**SECOND**

**READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 933.28 (b) & (c) OF THE STRUTHERS CODIFIED ORDINANCE TO INCRESE SANITARY SEWER RATES.**

Gomon moved seconded by Burnside that the ordinance be passed to a third reading.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed to third reading by 5-0 vote.

**24-009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY O F STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 vote.

**24-010**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 vote.

**24-011**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEWLY FORMED 9-1-1 STEERING COMMITTEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

**Comments/Remarks:**

President of Council made remarks stating that this is a newly formed 9-1-1 Councty Wide Committee and that Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and himself placed our names in for the ballot with Miss. Maggie McGee. He also stated that there are usually 3 to 4 meetings a year that must be gone to.

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**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was not present and had no said report for Struthers City Council this evening for Council.

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Safety Service Director was 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 under Addressing of Council.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Gomon that the meeting be adjourned.

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