**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 13, 2024**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytMEXshy7Js**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoBv2YrcZkE

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, 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: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Bob Benson and Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, October 23, 2024 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, October 23, 2024 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 7-0 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 OCTOBER 2024, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
2. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 7-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor was present and had said report entitled Mayor’s Report Wednesday, November 13, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) Struthers Christmas Parade, 2) Struthers Christmas Shirt, 3) Struthers 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest, 4) Toys For Tots, and 5) Light City Church. (Report On File)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**November 13, 2024**

**Struthers Christmas Parade**

Struthers Christmas Parade is Friday, December 13th, starting at 6pm! Please register by clicking the link below or stop in the Mayor’s Office and grab a form. Remember this is only for Struthers businesses, organizations or resident ONLY. First 50 are guaranteed a spot! Parade Registration due by December 11th.

**Struthers Christmas Shirt**

Congratulations to Addyson Dubos on her 2024 City of Struthers Christmas Shirt design being selected by Struthers City Council and Struthers City Administration. The forms along with payment will be due by Friday, November 22nd! Please stop in my office if you need a form. There will be a small quantity available for purchase as well as order forms for both current and past designs during the Struthers Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 13th at the Struthers Fire Department! Please contact Mr. Nick Shuluga at 330-750-1062, EXT. 41330 (or) nicholas.shuluga@strutherscityschools.org with any questions or concerns regarding the holiday shirt orders, payment, pickup, distribution, reorder, etc.

**Struthers 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest**

2024 Registration is open. The sole purpose of the Struthers Holiday Lights Contest is to encourage families and friends to get together and enjoy all the beauty within our community, especially during the holiday season. Contest requirements: (1) Open to any Struthers City Schools residence or business. One entry per address. (2) Decorate your home or business for the holidays and enter to win the title along with well-deserved bragging rights. Show your hometown pride and your holiday spirit! (3) Decorations must be completed by December 7th. (4) Our judges along with our community will be looking at the decorations the week of December 9th - 18th during the hours of 6:00 - 9:00 PM using the following categories: Best Overall, 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Griswold Award, Santa’s First Stop, True Meaning of Christmas, Most Spirited Street, and Brightest Business. (5) OVERALL AWARD WINNERS from 2021, 2022, and 2023 will have the title of OFFICIAL STRUTHERS HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGE for the 2024 contest year. Their house will still be listed for viewing, however they will not be eligible to win for three years past the date of their overall title win. This is currently in place to encourage more Struthers' households to participate. (6) All city codes and ordinances must be followed. (7) By participating in the contest, you agree to allow the City of Struthers to post your address publicly on our website and/or social media pages. The City of Struthers will also be allowed to take photos/videos of your Christmas Lights display. (8) The City of Struthers will also be placing a reflective neon green marking stick in the corner of your property to identify the participating houses/businesses for the judging, so please do not remove it for easy identification of participants until after Christmas. (9) It is FREE to participate, however all entries must be received by completing this google form no later than December 8th at midnight. THE MORE THE MERRIER!!! (10) The LAST DAY to register is December 6th. There will be a list generated and posted to social media of all the participating homes and businesses on/or around December 8th at the start of judging. Winners will be announced on December 19th by midnight.

**Toys for Tots**

ECMSI and AMVETS Post 44 are both official Toys for Tots drop-off locations for the holiday season. Spread some joy this year by joining in making a difference in the lives of children in need. Please drop-off new, unwrapped toys to The ECMSI office or AMVETS and help fill the hearts of kids with happiness during the holidays.

**Light City Church**

Light City Church is hosting a Free Community Dinner on November 18th at 5:30pm which is their chili cookoff. There will also be a basket giveaway. They are also having a Family Fun Night this Friday, November 15th at 7pm. Snacks and fun will be provided. Please wear a flannel.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM #11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Public Utilities Committee Chairman Lori A. Gomon & Members: Ronald A. Carcelli, Richard S. Bayus. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Struthers Aggregation Rates for upcoming year with Mr. Thomas Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**TO FOLLOW**

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Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Robert D. Burnside, 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 is six (6) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**24-075**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP, LLC NO. 41356 TO PERFORM ALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE MAH SR 0616 02.73, PID 119820 PROJECT, RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**24-076**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED $1,600 FROM THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY CONTINGENT # 100 9000 53024 FOR S AND T ENGRAVING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley 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, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**24-077**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**24-078**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.**

Bayus 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, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

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Bigley 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, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**24-080**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION RECYCLE OHIO GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli 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, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, 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 AUDIO)**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was 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 Council this evening for Council.

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.

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:

Eric Rauschenbough, 266 Broad Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He gave a quick update with regards to his property at 167 S. Bridge Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. (On Audio)

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY.**

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY:**

**To Discuss matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter 3: Executive Session.**

* Executive Session: The Purpose To Discuss Purchase or Sale of Property.

Bayus motioned seconded by Baluck to go into Executive Session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential under the Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter Three: Executive Session for:

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  + Purchase or Sale of Property.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

Motion passed by 7-0 for Council to go into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. in Council Caucus Room #11.

**MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING** **MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNDER THE OHIO OPEN MEETING ACT CHAPTER 3: EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

* Executive Session: The Purpose To Discuss Purchase or Sale of Property.

Council went in the Council Caucus Room #11 and those not asked to stay in Executive Session to be seated in the Council Chambers and went into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to reconvene from the Executive Sessions and to go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Bayus motioned seconded by Baluck to reconvene from the Executive Session and go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 7-0 vote.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned by 7-0 vote.

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