**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 11, 2024**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**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, September 11, 2024 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), 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.

Prsident of Council, Michael S. Patrick ask everyon to remain standing for a moment of silence for September 11, 2001 victims that lost their lives with said attack and for Marian S. Kutlesa founder of Struthers Historical Society.

Moment of Silence observed.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Safety Service Director, Bob Benson and Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 1st Ward Councilwoman, Lori A. Gomon from the 1st Regular Meeting dated September 11, 2024 due to prior commitment.

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley to excuse Mrs. Lori A. Gomon form the 1st Regular Meeting Dated September 11, 2024 due to prior commitment.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Lori A. Gomon excused by 6-0 vote.

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, June 26, 2024 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, June 26, 2024 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the six (6) 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 JUNE AND JULY 2024, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR ON SEPTEMBER 09, 2024.**
2. **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2024, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
3. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2024, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 01, 2024.**
4. **COMMUNICATION RECEIVED ON JULY 15, 2024 FROM SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR SENT TO KEVIN WALSH REGARDING 118 S. BRIDGE PROPERTY.**
5. **ANNONYMOUS LETTER RECEIVED AUGUST 13, 2024 REGARDING A FRANK STREET PROPERTY THAT NEEDS CLEANED UP PICTURE ATTACHED.**
6. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Bigley to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 6-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor was present and had said report entitled Mayor’s Report Wednesday, September 11, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Struthers Resurfacing, 2) Rotary Cornhole@ Mauthe Park, 3) Struthers F.P.O. Fundraiser, 4) Struthers Build-A-Bed, 5) Garden Club Harvest Show, 6) Struthers 5th Quarter, 7) Ride 4 Rowan, 8) Yellow Creek Pickleball, and 9) Lightner’s Fresh and Smoked Meats. (REPORT ON FILE- READ BY BOB BENSON, SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR.)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**Sept. 11th, 2024**

**Struthers Resurfacing**

The resurfacing of Clingan road has been completed and The City has also applied to the Ohio Public Works Commission for next year’s resurfacing program.

**Rotary Cornhole @ Mauthe Park**

Mauthe Park in Struthers is now equipped with permanent cornhole boards, thanks to a dedicated community member and the support of the Struthers Rotary Club and local businesses. Ryan Goist had the idea last year and met with the Struthers Rotary board with a proposal to install permanent Cornhole boards near the Rotary Pavilion. Several local businesses stepped up to help bring the project to life, Packner Excavating & Concrete LLC, TC Redi Mix, and the Struthers Street and Parks Department all played key roles in making the installation a reality. Please bring your bags and check out the new cornhole boards of Mauthe Park

**Struthers F.O.P Fundraiser**

The Struthers F.O.P. Lodge 41 is hosting their first Nightmare on Fifth Street fundraiser on October 19th from 6pm to 10pm. Adults only 21+. Event will be at St. Nicholas’ Great Hall and costumes are encouraged. The date is rapidly approaching and there will be only a set amount of presale tickets available. No tickets will be sold at the door. The tentative end date to purchase tickets will be October 09, 2024. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Mayor’s office 330-755-2181 ext. 110, or any FOP lodge 41 member.

**Struthers Build-A-Bed**

The annual Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Build-A-Bed event will be held at the Struthers Street Garage on October 12th beginning at 8am. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a non-profit organization that builds and delivers beds to children ages 3-17. Their motto is "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town." Our Youngstown chapter almost always has a 'wait list' for families in need. Beds built are delivered directly to children in our area. To sponsor one bed, the total cost is $250. Please contact Councilwoman Megan Pingley at 330-503-7822 or Brandy Eisenbraun at 330-402-0101 to donate or get involved.

**Garden Club Harvest Show**

The Mahoning River Garden Club announced their first annual Harvest Show on September 16th at 5pm at Mauthe Park Hall. If you have produce, bulbs, divides, or anything else to share or trade, bring it. During the festivities, they invite you to showcase your best produce and flowers in various categories. Compete with other participants for a chance to win exciting prizes. For category information and to submit your harvest, please get in touch with Leah Forni at 631-495-2186 via call or text to complete the registration process. Entries into the fair are highly encouraged but not necessary.

**Struthers 5th Quarter**

5th Quarter at Struthers Parkside Church continues after the home football games from 9pm-1030pm. This is for Struthers middle school students only. The sponsors are the Struthers Teacher’s Union, Struthers Gridiron, Struthers Firemen’s Association, Struthers FOP Lodge 41, Struthers AMVETS, Struthers Rotary, Myself and a donation made In Memory of Paula Grandy.

**Ride 4 Rowan**

The annual Ride 4 Rowan will be held on Saturday, September 28th at East Side Civics. Signups start at 10 and stands are up at noon. All the proceeds will go to the Rowan Sweeney Memorial Foundation, towards the all-inclusive memorial playground. It is $20 per bike and $10 for non-riders. There will also be a $5 breakfast, Basket Raffle and a 50/50. Dinner will be provided at end of run with live bands and music upon return. The Run T-shirts & Rowan bracelets will be available for sale. This run is hosted by Unity in the Community & Rowan Sweeney Memorial Foundation.

**Yellow Creek Pickleball**

The repainting of the lines on the two pickleball courts at Yellow Creek Park is now complete and courts are open for use.

**Lightner’s Fresh and Smoked Meats**

Lightner’s has officially re-opened. They are now located at1026 5th Street right next to Ernie’s Barbershop.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 pending legislation.

**THE PUBLIC WANTING TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS MUST USE THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. THANK YOU!**

**LIVESTREAM: FACEBOOK/YOUTUBE**

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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 three (3) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**24-059**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO ENETER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE** **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STRUTHERS SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS NOT TO EXCEED $45,070.00 FROM THE SDO FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley 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 (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

**FIRST   
READING**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING § 521.20 OF THE STRUTHERSCODIFIED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GENERATORS EXCEPT FOR DURING POWER OUTAGES, DURING A TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY OF ELECTRICITY, AND/OR FOR PERIODIC TESTING AND NECESSARY MAINTENANCE.**

Burnside moved seconded by Pingley that the ordinance be passed to a second reading.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed to second reading by 6-0 vote.

**24-060**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus moved seconded by Carcelli 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 (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

**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 (REPORT ON FILE)**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was present and had no said report for Council this evening for Council. Struthers City Auditor’s Monthly Statement Of Cash Position, Revenue Report With Transfer In & Out, And Expense Transaction Ledger Reports For The Months Of June and July 2024, 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 (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. Spoke at length about 118 S. Bridge Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. (ON AUDIO)

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

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