**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 23, 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, October 23, 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.

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, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 2nd Ward Councilwoman, Lori A. Gomon from the 2nd Regular Meeting dated October 23, 2024 due to prior commitment.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley to excuse Mrs. Lori A. Gomon form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated October 23, 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 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, October 09, 2024 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Pingley moved seconded by Bigley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, October 09, 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 three (3) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
2. **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR’S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
3. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley 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, November 13, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) Struthers Trick-Or-Treat, 2) Aqua Project, 3) Multi Church Trunk-Or-Treat, 4) Nemenz IGA & Rotary, 5) Lightner’s Fresh & Smoked Meats, 6) Ravenna K9 Car, 7) Struthers Build-A-Bed, and 8) Nightmare on 5TH Street. (Report On File)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**October 23rd, 2024**

**Struthers Trick-Or-Treat**

Trick-Or-Treat this year will be on Halloween night from 5-7pm. Creed from Garfield to Euclid will be closed during this time. Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously through the streets.

**Aqua Project**

Aqua is finishing up a $3 million project to replace 7,000 feet of water main in downtown Struthers to improve reliability of service and enhance flow. An additional 2,800 feet of water main is going to be replaced on Bridge St and Bob Cene Way starting in late 2024. New sidewalks will be installed in some of the project areas.

**Multi Church Trunk-Or-Treat**

On Saturday October 26th from 3-7, seven area churches will be holding a family trunk or treat event. Each church will have their own activities. A map will be given to each child at the first church they visit. The map will be stamped at each church and they will be entered into a raffle. The churches are Christ Lutheran and Yellow Creek Methodist, Parkside, Pilgrim Missionary Baptist, White Memorial Wesleyan Baptist, and New Vision New Day.

**Nemenz IGA & Rotary**

Please support Rotary in its effort to end Polio. Tomorrow October 24th please purchase Purple Pinkie Donuts at $20 per dozen.

**Lightner’s Fresh & Smoked Meats**

There will be a grand reopening celebration this Saturday, October 26th with a ribbon cutting at 9am. There will be cake and coffee.

**Ravenna K9 Car**

We would like to thank the City of Ravenna for donating a K9 car to our Police Department, This will be K9 officer, Dalton Moore and Recon’s vehicle.

**Struthers Build-A-Bed**

We would like to thank Councilwoman, Megan Pingley and Brandy Eisenbraun for another very successful Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Build-A-Bed day at the Struthers Street Garage. We were able to build 20 beds at this time and had a lot of volunteers and donors!

**Nightmare on 5th Street**

Congratulation to The Struthers F.O.P. Lodge 41 for holding a successful fundraiser this past weekend. The turnout was great and it was well organized. Thank you to everyone who attended and Congratulations to all the winners. We hope this becomes a yearly event.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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.

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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**

**24-071**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS, INC. FOR AGGREGATION CONSULTING SERVICES AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED SERVICES RELATED TO ELECTRIC UTILITY DEREGULATION, RATIFYING ANY SUCH SERVICES HERETOFORE PERFORMED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Bayus 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.

Bigley moved seconded by Bauys 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.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**24-072**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT, NAVIGATIONAL AIDS GRANT REQUEST AND DECLARING AN 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 (absent), 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 (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**24-073**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EASTGATE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) FY25 GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Burnside 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.

Burnside 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.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**24-074**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley 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.

Bigley 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.

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 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 said reports dated August & September 2024 for Council this evening for Council. Auditor’s Reports: Struthers City Auditor’s Monthly Statement Of Cash Position, Revenue Report With Transfer In & Out, And Expense Transaction Ledger Reports For The Months Of August And September 2024, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor.

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:

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION.**

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION:**

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

* Executive Session: The Purpose To Discuss Pending Or Imminent Court Action.

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

* Executive Session: The Purpose To Discuss Pending Or Imminent Court Action.
  + Pending Or Imminent Court Action.

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

Motion passed by 6-0 for Council to go into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. in Council Caucus Room #11.

**MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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* 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 7:08 p.m. and returned at 7:58 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 Bigley 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 (absent), Pingley.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 6-0 vote.

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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.

Meeting Adjourned by 6-0 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