**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 24, 2024**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS: YOLOBOX NOT WORKING**

**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, Arpil 24, 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, Auditor, Christine Bohl, 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 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, April 10, 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 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, April 10, 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 three (3) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 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 MONTH OF MARCH 2024, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
3. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, APRIL24, 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, 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, APRIL 24, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Struthers Gas Aggregate, 2) 2024 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, 3) Rotary Summer Art Camp, 4) Blessing of the Bikes, 5) Struthers Hardhats, and 6) Struthers Unleashed Fundraiser. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**April 24th, 2024**

**Struthers Gas Aggregate**

At least every three years the PUCO requests that a natural gas aggregation letter gets sent to residents. Since we are three years into a four-year term, a letter will be sent to residents. It will go out on or about May 2nd. Residents do not need to do anything to stay in the program.

**2024 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

The National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 385 is announcing their annual food drive on Saturday May 11th. Residents are asked to leave food by their mailboxes for the letter carriers to pick up when they deliver their mail.

**Rotary Summer Art Camp**

The 2nd Annual Struthers Rotary Summer Art Camp registration is open. If you are interested in joining please sign up on Facebook to guarantee your spot. These will be held at Mauthe Park Pavilion.

**Blessing of the Bikes**

AMVETS will be holding their annual Blessing of the Bikes on May 5th at 305 Elm Street at noon.

**Struthers Hardhats**

The last signup for Football and Cheer are being held at The Struthers Library from 10-12 on April 27th.

**Struthers Unleashed Fundraiser**

On April 27th, at ACE Hardware there will be a fundraiser for the dog park. From 9am-11am there will be a donut and coffee bar and from 11-4pm there will be a DiRusso’s Sausage sandwich sale.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM #11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE**

Police & Fire Committee Chairman Richard S. Bayus & Members: Megan L. Pingley, Robert D. Burnside. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a possible Police & Fire Levy.

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**TO FOLLOW**

**POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE**

**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. (Guest Speakers: Struthers Unleashed Update and Struthers Baseball League regarding Nebo Lease.)

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

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**F&L Committee Meeting**

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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 two (2) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**THIRD**

**READING**

**24-028**

**AN ORDINANCE CONTRACTING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3709.08 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE WHERE THE CITY OF STRUTHERS WILL CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE MAHONING COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH.**

Carcelli 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 to by 7-0 vote.

**24-029**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DLZ ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR EAST 5TH STREET STORMWATER STUDY PHASE 3 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus 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.

Bayus 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.

**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 said report dated March 2024 for Council this evening for Council.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 Month Of March 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:

**Remarks/Comments:**

Eric Rauschenbach, 266 Broad Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471.

* Addressed audio from Caucus Room #11 is horrible and needs fixed for the live stream.
* His Projects Downtown with Kevin Walsh. Against demolition of the downtown building. Has the building been listed on the open market for all to see. The public has a right to know about this property.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley, Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Mr. Michael S. Patrick, and Mr. Richard S. Bayus.

Bill Auman, 604 W. Omar Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He’s a photographer that would like to preserve old buildings. Historical record keeping. He would like to get into the building and take pictures for model railroad perposes to build to scale. He also spoke about the cats in the neighborhood. He stated that their use to be two and know there are many.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller made comments with regards to the cat population in the City.

Ralph Blanco, CEO (ECMSI- Owner), 158 State Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He stated that we do need parking downtown. He stated that the building is not fuctional from a business point of view. There needs to be rules and regulations with how long a building can be vacate and how long once a permit is pulled to fix said building,

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Micahel S. Patrick, Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Mr. Robert D. Burnside, and Mr. Bob Benson.

Tiffany Capprelli, 384 Como Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. She stated that she’s a realtor and she never knew about this downtown property being for sale.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mr. Michael S. Patrick, Mr. Dallas Bigley, and Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller.

Daniel Rauschenbach, 258 Board Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Downtown business owner and made some comments with regards to the old building that is being considered for demolition. Maybe cut off the back of the building, but keep the front of the building for the facade, No bike lanes, please! He talked at length about the downtown area.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Mr. Dallas A. Bilgley, and Mr. Michael S. Patrick made comments.

Melanie Rauschenbach, 266 Board Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. That building should be advertised nation wide for someone to see and buy. Maybe a former SHS student would be interested in the building. She spoke at length about the downtown area and the parking.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Mr. Michael S. Patrick, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and Mr. Bob Benson.

Linda Springer, 4943 Lynn Street, Boardman, Ohio 44512. She gave some history on the old building. She’s a member of the Historical Society.

Christina Bohl, 320 W. Hopewell Drive., Struthers, Ohio 44471. She stated the they went into the building to clean out the building for a possible investor.

**Remarks/Comments:**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, and Mr. Michael S. Patrick.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

**OPEN HOUSE FOR THE NEW BUS GARAGE 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 7-0.

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