**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 28, 2024**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent), 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, and Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 2nd Ward Councilman, Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli from the meeting due to prior commitment.

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley to excuse Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated February 28 due to prior commitment.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli 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, February 14, 2024 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Gomon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent), Gomon, 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. **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR’S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
2. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER .**
3. **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.

Bayus moved seconded by Burnside to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli (absent), Gomon, 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 Tuesday, February 27, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Struthers Firemen Association, 2) Statehouse Surplus Funds, 3) Fire Department, 4) Dog Warden, 5) Sulmona Valley Club, 6) AMVETS Post 44, 7) MCVSC, 8) Struthers Nemenz IGA, and 9) Struthers Ladycats Bowling. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**February 27, 2024**

**Struthers Firemen Association**

The annual spaghetti dinner will be held this Saturday, March 2nd from 3:00-7:00 at St. Nick’s Great Hall. Tickets are $5. Carryouts available and Children under 5 are free. Please drop off any auction items to City Hall or to either Fire Station.

**Statehouse Surplus Funds**

We are happy to announce that The City of Struthers is being considered to receive State surplus funds for the purpose of adding a splashpad to Mauthe Park. Final decisions will be made within the next few months.

**Fire Department**

We are pleased to announce that we received $23,896.50 from the State of Ohio to upgrade our communication system through Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems. It provides statewide, secure, reliable public service wireless communication for first responders.

**Dog Warden**

License season ends February 29th. Fees double on March 1st. Please contact the dog warden at 330-740-2205 or visit Becker Angel’s Rest at 123 Poland Avenue.

**Sulmona Valley Club**

The Sulmona Valley Club will have a wine taste on Saturday, March 23rd. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are $20 at the door. Any interested winemaker, please call Nick at 330-502-6650.

**AMVETS Post 44**

AMVETS will hold their annual Blessing of the Bikes at 305 Elm Street on Sunday, May 5th at noon.

**MCVSC**

The Mahoning County Veteran Service Commission lends wheelchairs, scooters and walker to anyone in need for free. Please call 330-774-8479 if needed.

**Struthers Nemenz IGA**

We would like to congratulate Nemenz IGA for being one of nine stores in the country for receiving a Retailer of the Year award for grocers who have provided leadership and excellence in their communities.

**Struthers Ladycats Bowling**

We would like to congratulate the Ladycats Bowling team for qualifying for State! We wish them the best of luck this weekend.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 06, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 06, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM #11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Community Development Committee Chairman Ronald A. Carcelli & Members: Lori A. Gomon, Dallas A. Bigley. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a Community Senior Center/Prgrams with Mr. Bill Adams.

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION TO FOLLOW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**6:15 P.M.**

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Richard S. Bayus, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation and Front Yard Gardens.

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

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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 six (6) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**THIRD**

**READING**

**24-012**

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

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed to third reading by 6-0 vote.

**THIRD**

**READING**

**24-013**

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

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed to third reading by 6-0 vote.

**24-014**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE STRUTHERS CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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 (absent), 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 (absent), Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**24-015**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $5,000.00 FROM THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO ELDERLY VAN # 100 9100 59003 TO THE ELDERLY VAN FUND # 265 0000 47101 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 (absent), Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**24-016**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**FIRST**

**READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH K.O. CONSULTING, LLC FOR GRANT SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.**

Gomon moved seconded by Bayus that the ordinance be passed to a second reading.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed to second reading 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**

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 not present and had said report for Struthers City 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 January 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**

Safety Service Director was not 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.

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**STRUTHERS FIREMENS SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

**FROM 3-7 PM**

**ST. NICK’S GREAT HALL**

**$5.00**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.

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