**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 22, 2024**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-G5L6R9gsM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-G5L6R9gsM)

**General Session 7:00 PM**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhfEgfxOaJo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhfEgfxOaJo)

*\*Clerk of Council, Megan R. Shorthouse was not present and Clerk of Council ProTem, Megan L. Pingley was present. (No Live Stream For Regular Meeting)*

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley. (Clerk of Council, Megan R. Shorthouse not present and Megan L. Pingley was Clerk o Council ProTem)

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 Councilman-At-Large, Jame E. Baluck from the 2nd Regular Meeting dated May, 22, 2024 due to prior out-of-town commitment.

Carcelli moved seconded by Burnside to excuse Mr. James E. Baluck form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated May 22, 2024 due to prior out-of-town commitment.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. James E. Baluck was 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, May 8, 2024 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Gomon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, May 8, 2024 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, 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. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 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 APRIL 2024, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
3. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 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 (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, 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 Wednesday, May 22, 2024 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Appalachian Community Grant Program Projects Award, 2) Struthers Clean Op Day, 3) 3rd Annual Tree Photography Contest, and 4) 4th of July Parade. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**May 22th, 2024**

**Appalachian Community Grant Program Projects Award**

As of May 9th the final announcements of the $420 Million in ACGP awards were made by the DeWine administration. These announcements fell under three initiatives. Appalachian Children’s Health Care Initiative, Appalachian Downtowns & Destinations Initiative, and Appalachian Waterfront Development Initiative. Through Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, we were successful in being awarded as part of the Eastgate ACGP Development Grant. Over the past year our district has come together tirelessly to collaborate and strengthen our partnerships as a region with the private sector, elected officials, non-profit sector, local communities, Regional Chamber and Eastgate to identify projects of importance as submitted in the ACGP development grant. There is always more need in Appalachia than can filled and not all 41 projects submitted in the Eastgate ACGP Development Application were selected for award. For those projects not selected to be funded, Eastgate is in the process of developing a strategy in partnership the Governor’s Office of Appalachian to look for possible alternative funding opportunities. We also had one project not funded.

Appalachian Waterfront Development Initiative: The lead applicant for this project in our district is Eastgate Regional Council of Government

In Mahoning County

• $1,188,264 - Struthers Community River Launch, Struthers

• $3,891,475 - Spring Commons Park, Youngstown

• $936,960 - Lowellville Riverfront Park, Lowellville

$6,016,699 Total MAH

We would like to thank Eastgate, especially Kathy Zook, Justin Mondok and Jim Kinnick for all of their time and effort they spent on this request.

**Struthers Clean Up Day**

Our annual Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, June 1st from 8am until 12pm at the City Street Garage. Basista Hauling has donated a dumpster for any large trash items. Shred Nation will be in the lower lot from 8 until 11 along with the Habitat For Humanity Truck to collect any donations for the ReStore. Southside Recycling will also be accepting old appliances

Please bring a group or family to help volunteer!

**3rd Annual Tree Photography Contest**

The Struthers Tree Board has announced the 3rd Annual Tree Photography Contest. To enter, take a picture of your favorite tree inside the City of Struthers for a chance to win a tree planted in your name and a 1-year membership to the Arbor Day Foundation. There are 2 Categories: 18 and Up / Under 18. Submit your entry by May 31st to tree@cityofstruthers.com. Be sure to include name, address, phone number, age and the location of the tree. This contest is open to residents of the City of Struthers only.

**4th of July Parade**

Registration is officially open for the 47th Edition of the Struthers 4th of July Parade! Please note a couple of housekeeping bullet points in order to keep the plaza check-in/ staging area as organized as possible.NEW FOR 2024, Entry forms can be obtained via email at: 4thofjuly@cityofstruthers.com OR Mayor’s Office- Struthers City Hall, 6 Elm Street, Struthers OH.The parade will step off at 12pm on Thursday, July 4th. Parade will be limited to 100 entries with a 2 car/unit/entry per participating group limit(1 is preferred so we can have variety!) NO exceptions. Once we have reached that ‘magic number’ registration will be closed. Entry forms should be submitted early as the line-up will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Requesting a form via email or picking up a form from city hall DOES NOT guarantee entry.Absolutely NO walk up entries will be accepted the day of the parade. We are STRONGLY advising any decorating of your group’s float/entry will need to be done either in your designated line up spot in the parade or at a home to help lessen the amount of people gathering in plaza near the check in area. The parade committee thanks you for your anticipated cooperation and understanding! As always we are looking forward to another great parade!

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 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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**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 two (2) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**24-052**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED $150.00 FROM THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPREATION 9000 MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY CONTINGENT # 100 9000 53024 FOR THE V.F.W. MEMORIAL DAY CONTRIBUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

**24-053**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEWLY FORMED 9-1-1 STEERING COMMITTEE, RETROACTIVE TO FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AND REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 24-011 AND ANY RESOLUTION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, 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 not present and had said report 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 April 2024, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor. (Report of File)

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR (ON AUDIO)**

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 for Addressing of Council.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley that the meeting be adjourned.

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