**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 12, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ6uxXAgkGM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ6uxXAgkGM)

**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, February 12, 2025 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick was absent due to rescheduled school fieldtrip.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley was present at the Regular Meeting of Council.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Robert Benson, Safety Service Director and Auditor, Christina S. Bohl.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley asked for a motion to excuse President of Council, Michael S. Patrick and Mr. Richard S. Bayus from the 1st Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, February 12, 2025 due to rescheduled school fieldtrip and being sick.

Baluck moved seconded by Pingley to excuse Mr. Michael S. Patrick and Mr. Richard S. Bayus form the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, February 12, 2025 due to rescheduled school fieldtrip and being sick.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Michael S. Patrick and Mr. Richard S. Bayus are excused by 6-0 vote.

President of Council Pro Tem, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, January 29, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, January 29, 2025 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley asked the clerk to read the two (2) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
2. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley asked for a motion to receive and file the communication.

Burnside moved seconded by Carcelli to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus (absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT** **(ON AUDIO)**

Mayor was present and had said report entitled Mator’s Report dated Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Read In: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) City Calendar, 2) Scam Warnings, 3) Mahoning County Public Health Survey, 4) Struthers Baseball League, 5) St. Anthony’s Women Auxillary Cookie Decorating and 6) Firemen’s Association Dinner (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**February 12th, 2025**

**City Calendar**

We have posted our City of Struthers 2025 Calendar. Please check it out for all the events we host throughout the year.

**Scam Warnings**

Chief Roddy has added signage to the ATMs in Struthers. We are seeing a lot of reports on residents getting scammed. If you have been contacted by phone, email or text unexpectedly by an unknown person that has instructed you to deposit money, bank checks or personal information into a machine please contact the Struthers Police Department.

**Mahoning County Public Health Survey**

The Mahoning County Public Health Department is asking for community input as they are currently conducting the Mahoning and Trumbull County Community Health Assessment. Mercy Health and public health agencies in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, with support from Moxley Public Health, are conducting the survey to learn more about the health and topics of concern among its residents. They want to hear from all people living in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties in this survey. They will use the results of this survey to help create action plans to address major community health issues in Mahoning and Trumbull County.They truly appreciate and NEED your help on this! They want to be able to prioritize the health issues that are most important to community members, and they need this survey to do that. Check our FB page to fill out the survey.

**Struthers Baseball League**

The SBL is looking for sponsorships to off-set general expenses for their upcoming spring season.

They are fundraising and looking for sponsorships to help with team costs, field maintenance and concessions. They are asking for donations or sponsorships to allow the organization the ability to give the youth players the equipment and environment to make baseball/softball enjoyable and skill driven. The expenses for the 2025 season consists of each team purchasing jerseys and hats for the players, game balls, umpires, field maintenance, utility bills, building upkeep, league fees as well as new equipment for player progression. The goal is to make youth baseball affordable for all families interested Please see their website at [www.struthersllb.com](http://www.struthersllb.com) or their FB page for details.

**St. Anthony’s Women’s Auxillary Cookie Decorating**

St. Anthony’s Women’s Auxiliary is hosting a cookie decorating class at the club on February 23rd. Everyone is invited all to join for a night of cookie decorating and conversations! It is $45 per person which includes a cocktail, snack and all supplies plus 1.5 hours of complete instruction to decorate and take home 6 cookies. Please RSVP to Melissa at 330-720-1645 by Feb 8th.

**Firemen’s Association Dinner**

The Struthers Firemen’s Association spaghetti dinner is Saturday, March 1st from 3pm-7pm at St. Nicholas Great Hall. Donations are $5.00 per dinner with children under 5 free. Carry-outs are available. If anyone is interested in donating an item for the basket raffle please drop it off to my office at City Hall M-F from 8am until 3.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (ON AUDIO)**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 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 Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley stated that there is five (5) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**25-011**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE 2025 MUSIC IN MAUTHE PARK DONATION FROM AQUA OHIO, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00 AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO CREDIT SAID DONATION TO THE 255 ACTIVITY FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Pingley moved seconded by Baluck that the ordinance be passed as read.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-012**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 113.01(g) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS AND ALL STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAIMATIONS, NOTICES, AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE TO BE PUBLISHED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-013**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING § 135.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO PERMIT A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER TO OBTAIN HIS OR HER PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION FROM THE OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF TAKING THE WRITTEN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

No Remarks.

Baluck moved seconded by Pingley that the ordinance be passed as read.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-014**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING § 135.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS PROVIDING THAT ALL WRITTEN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS ARE TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH NATIONAL TESTING NETWORK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-015**

**A** **RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE FUNDING REALLOCATIONS WITHIN SENATE BILL 56 AND GOVERNOR DEWINE'S BLUE BOOK EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Burnside moved seconded by Baluck that the resolution be passed as read.

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

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was present and had no said report for Council this evening for Council.

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.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley asked for a motion to go into Executive session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 for the purpose to discuss purchase or sale of property.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY.**

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY:**

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

* Executive Session: The Purpose To Discuss Purchase or Sale of Property.

Baluck motioned seconded by Pingley 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 Purchase or Sale of Property.
  + Purchase or Sale of Property.

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

**MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING** **MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNDER THE OHIO OPEN MEETING ACT CHAPTER 3: EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

* 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 8:17 p.m.

President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley asked for a motion to reconvene from the Executive Sessions and to go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Baluck motioned seconded by Pingley to reconvene from the Executive Session and go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 6-0 vote.

**President of Council Pro Tem, Dallas A. Bigley** **announced the following:**

**STRUTHERS FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 FROM 3 PM – 7 PM AT ST. NICK’S GREAT HALL**

**STRUTHERS BASEBALL LEAGUE IS LOOKING FOR SPONSORS & DONATIONS PLEASE GO TO THEIR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned by 6-0 vote.

President of Council Pro Tem, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

\_*Megan R. Shorthouse*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_Dallas A. Bigley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL- PRO TEM