**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 15, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89dW9wd-zUA**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-la1NZLyfio**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley (absent).

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick was present at the Regular Meeting of Council.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick 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 Councilman-At-Large, Miss. Megan L. Pingley from the 1st Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, January 15, 2025 due to family funeral.

Burnside moved seconded by Bigley to excuse Miss. Megan L. Pingley form the 1st Regular Meeting Dated January 15, 2025 due to family funeral.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Miss. Megan L. Pingley 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 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Monday, December 30, 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 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Monday, December 30, 2024 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

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 two (2) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
2. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025, 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 (absent).

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) Wetmore Closure, 2) Struthers Fire Department, 3) Rotary Story Trail, and 4) Struthers 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest Winners. (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**January 15th, 2025**

**Wetmore Closure**

As of January13th we have begun the Wetmore Drive closure for 150 days due to the bridge replacement. Please contact City Hall with any questions or concerns.

**Struthers Fire Department**

The Struthers Fire Department had another record year in 2024 with a call volume increase of 113 calls for service. They look forward to continuing to serve you in 2025.

Fire-35

EMS-1257

Rescue-49

Public service/other-430

Total calls-1771

**Rotary StoryTrail**

The Rotary, along with the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, City of Struthers and Sunstone Garden dedicated the Story Trail at Mauthe Park. The stories and activities will be updated four times a year to correspond with each season, ensuring they remain relevant to the surrounding environment.

**Struthers 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest Winners**

We would like to thank Amber Bonilla for putting on the City of Struthers 5th Annual Holiday Lights Contest again this year.

2024 Best Overall - 174 Marion - Donnaurnmo & Hughes

1st Place - 32 Creed – Bodnar

2nd Place - 604 Maplewood - Pingley & James Varga

3rd Place - 292 Broad – McCoy

Griswold Award - 515 Fifth – Thrush

Santa's First Stop - 128 Hopewell – Goist

True Meaning of Christmas - 216 Wilson – Carano

Struthers' Choice - 228 Creed - Flesher & Flesher

Brightest Business - 305 Elm Street - AMVETS 44

Most Spirited Street - Maplewood

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM #11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Public Utilities Committee Chairman Lori A. Gomon & Members: Ronald A. Carcelli, Richard S. Bayus. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Struthers Municipal Accounts Aggregate legislation with Supplier-Dynegy.**

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**TO FOLLOW**

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**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 five (5) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**THIRD**

**READING:**

**25-001**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 351.16 OF THE STRUTHERS CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 09-016, 20-034, AND/OR ANY OTHER ORDINANCE, OR PART THEREOF, TO THE EXTENT THE SAME ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-002**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOICIATION, HEREINAFTER “OPBA,” EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus moved seconded by Bigley 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 (absent).

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-003**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1385 SECTION 1385.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRUTHERS, OHIO TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Burnside 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 (absent).

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-004**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF PART-TIME MAINTENANCE PERSONS FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, SETTING WAGE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 08-002 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Gomon moved seconded by Bigley 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 (absent).

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-005**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO, MAHONING COUNTY SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE’S CHALLENGE OF AT&T’s TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus moved seconded by Bigley 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 (absent).

No Remarks.

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

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

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**

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 no said report for Council this evening for Council.

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

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, Michael S. Patrick** **announced the following:**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Burnside that the meeting be adjourned.

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

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