**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 11, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqVAlX48w3U**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XPkXMzzWXU**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XPkXMzzWXU)

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside (absent), Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

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 that no invited guest our in attendance this evening of the Struthers City Council Meeting

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Councilwoman-At-Large, James E. Baluck and 3rd Ward Councilman, Robert D. Burnside from the 1st Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, June 11, 2025 due to prior commitment.

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to excuse Mr. James E. Baluck and Mr. Robert D. Burnside form the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, June 11, 2025 due to prior commitment.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. James E. Baluck and Mr. Robert D. Burnside are excused by 5-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, May 28, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, May 28, 2025 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 5-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the four (4) pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
2. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
3. **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR’S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
4. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to receive and file the communications.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 5-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** **(REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor Was Present And Had Said Report Entitled Mayor’s Report Wednesday, May 28, 2025 For Council This Evening. Read In: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) Wetmore Bridge, 2) Solicitors, 3) Mahoning County Landbank/YNDC, 4) Struthers Police Department, 5) REMINDER 4th of July Parade, and 5) REMINDER St. Nick’s Festival and 8) Reminder Struthers Clean-Up Day. (Report On File) Not present…

**Mayor's Report**

**June 11, 2025**

**Wetmore Bridge**

The Wetmore Bridge is finally open! We want to thank Environmental Design Group and Marucci and Gaffney for completing this project and especially to The Ohio Department of Transportation for the grant money.

**Solicitors**

We are getting a lot of reports about solicitors! Soliciting without a permit is prohibited in The City of Struthers! We currently have no permits out and will update residents if we do. If you see someone in your neighborhood knocking on doors, please contact our police dispatch at 330-755-9849. As a side note, IF we have issued a permit, they are ONLY allowed to solicit on Saturdays from 10am-5pm.

**Mahoning County Landbank/YNDC**

We had a groundbreaking for a new single-family home in Struthers on Tuesday. It’s a project by the Mahoning County Land Bank and the Youngstown Neighborhood that will add value to the neighborhood. It will improve standards of maintenance and show more investment in the neighborhood. It will be 1,400 square feet with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car detached garage. The home will be listed for sale upon completion.

**Struthers Police Department**

In an email from The Department of Homeland Security to Washington DC, Cleveland reported the arrest of two US citizens for violation of federal law concerning possession with the intent to distribute narcotics and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. The arrests are part of an HSI Cleveland, FBI, OCDETF, MVLETF, APD, SPD and YPD investigation into the subjects involvement in a violent Poly-drug trafficking organization. The HSI Cleveland, FBI and MVLETF executed two federal arrest warrants in Struthers and arrested the subjects. Kudos to our Struthers Police Department and the agencies that all cooperate for purposes, such as these!

**REMINDER 4th of July Parade**

Entry forms can be obtained via email at: 4thofjuly@cityofstruthers.com or from the Mayor’s Office. 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.

**REMINDER St. Nick’s Festival**

Don’t forget, The St. Nick’s festival is back! With kid’s night on June 18th. Festival runs June 18th thru June 21st.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

**Comments:**

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli asked who pulled the two (2) tickets that were written on 6th Street- Where are the citations that were written??? Who pulled them tickets from the Police Officer?? He wanted this on record.

Mr. Patrick then turned to the Clerk of Council tasking her to write a written notice to the Mayor asking who had pulled the citations for on 6th Street, which they were under the understanding that they were issued tickets that were pulled… Ok anything else Ron for the Mayor. Mr. Carcelli stated No.

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 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. Mr. Bill Minchin, Code Enforcement Officer, was asked by Council to attend the meeting to discuss property maintenance, as well as, property maintenance program currently being used for citations.**

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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 three (3) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**25-060**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION, SALARY, AND EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WASTE WATER PLANT, DEPARTMENT HEAD. A NON-CLASSIFIED SERVICE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR. RETROACTIVE TO MAY 1, 2025, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 25-008 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH 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 (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside (absent), Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 vote

**25-061**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CARDINAL JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A 2017 FORD F-450 4x4 TYPE 1 SUPER WARRIOR AMBULANCE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 25-050 AND ANYORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus 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 (absent), Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 vote

**25-062**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FEE TO BE ASSESSED TO THE OWNER OF REAL ESTATE WHEN THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO CUT GRASS UNDER § 521.15 OF THE CITY’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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 (absent), Bayus, Bigley, Burnside (absent), Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Legislation passed by 5-0 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 not 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 dated May 2025 for Council this evening.Struthers City Auditor’s Monthly Statement Of Cash Position, Revenue Report With Transfer In & Out, And Expense Transaction Ledger Reports For The Month Of May 2025, 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. (On Sick Leave)

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:

Steve Senich, 985 Garfield Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Take away taxes that the City is receiving from the Dispensaries. How is that going to work?

**Comments/remarks:**

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley made a statement that the Mayor recently went to Columbus to advocate/lobby to keep the City’s share. We are still awaiting a discission. He made additional comments with regards to us having one within our city limits.

Scott Kavaky, 433 6th Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Spoke at length about the new Lawn Care Business and stating that since the sale for the property has gone through, now they are just parking every vehicle they have there. This is starting to become an issue and now citations are being pulled??? Apparently one of the employees is homeless and sleeping in his car on the parked on the street near the property. Parked in front of Tina Garman’s house on the street. Broken down vehicles are also being stored there. He mentioned that the Property owner stated that whether they like it or not it will be zoned commercial property. He wanted to know the procedure that needs done to deem the property zoned commercial??? He wanted to know if they were anything he could do on his end to stop the process to change the zoning for that said property???

**Comments/remarks: (On Audio)**

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and Mr. Michael S. Patrick made comments and remarks regarding that said property and business owner. Mr. Bigley stated that he should start a petition and get the surrounding abutting property owners to sign in favor of not making the zoning change for that said property.

Tina Garman/Taporcer, 422 6th Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Spoke at length, but barely audible due to her loosing her voice. (On Audio)

**Comments/remarks: (On Audio)**

Mr. Dallas Bigley, Mr. Michael A. Patrick and Miss. Megan L. Pingley made comments stating those vehicles should not be parked there.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned by 5-0 vote.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, 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