**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 23, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aemHXJE5FLs**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\_n7aNsv8eA**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, 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 the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. and Honorable Judge James A. Melone.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, April 09, 2025 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, April 09, 2025 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 7-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the two (2) 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 MARCH 2025, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
2. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Carcelli 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** **(REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor Was Present And Had Said Report Entitled Mayor’s Report Wednesday, April 23, 2025 For Council This Evening. Read In: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) City Newsletter, 2) Struthers Clean Up Day, 3) Ohio EPA Grant, 4) Struthers Unleashed, 5) Yellow Creek Park, and 6) Easter Egg Hunt. (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**April 23th, 2025**

**City Newsletter**

Our refreshed City Newsletter is here, and it's better than ever! Catch up on the latest news, events from the past few months, and get a sneak peek at what's coming up.You can grab your digital copy right now by visiting the link on our FB page.If you want a physical copy, limited paper editions are available at:

City Hall, Struthers Board Office, Nemenz IGA, Belleria Pizza, Ace Hardware, Holiday Bowl, Cut and Toast, Brier Hill, Cigs 4 Less, Ernie's Barber Shop, Dave Wilson’s Barbershop, JoeFresh, Save A Lot, Maplecrest, and Premier/Westbanco. We've teamed up with the Struthers Rotary Club, and their newsletter is included too! We also have an AI-powered podcast version of the newsletter for you to enjoy. Thank you to former Mayor Dan Mamula for kickstarting this initiative and to our Editor, Ryan Goist.

**Struthers Clean-Up Day**

Struthers Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 31st from 8am until 12pm at the Struthers Street garage. Tires will be collected for $1 per tire. You must show proof of residency. There will also be an appliance drive courtesy of Southside recycling. No TVs will be collected. Habitat for Humanity will have a truck on site for furniture collection. Basista Dumpster is providing a dumpster for large items. Please bring your family and friends and join us to plant, landscape and clean-up around the City.

**Ohio EPA Grant**

The City of Struthers is receiving $18,548 in grant funding. We were the only ones in the county to receive this funding from H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program. The H2Ohio Rivers Program is a 2023 expansion of Governor DeWine’s H2Ohio initiative, initially launched in 2019. Applicants for these grants could apply for funding for either new salt application equipment technology or storage facility construction. These funds help alleviate costs to local governments across Ohio while allowing them to proactively reduce their environmental impact. This funding will be used for the purchase of 40 Steel Carbon Blades and 10 Razor Systems.

**Struthers Unleashed**

Struthers Unleashed will be holding their annual Sausage Sandwich sale this Saturday, April 26th from 11am until 4pm at ACE Hardware in Struthers. Sandwiches are $5. All proceeds will go directly to the Dog Park. They have seeded the park, the new banners are up, concrete work is scheduled, seating and poop stations have been added and the cameras are all installed and recording. The park is scheduled to open the first week in May.

**Yellow Creek Park**

In an effort to enhance recreational opportunities, the MetroParks has continued its supplemental fish stocking program at Yellow Creek Park. The stocking program is designed to supplement existing fish populations. Catch and release is highly encouraged in these locations to help the MetroParks maintain a healthy and diverse ecosystem while providing a high-quality fishing opportunity for anglers. The stockings at Yellow Creek Park include Rainbow Trout of catchable size creating a “put and take” fishing opportunity that encourages anglers to harvest these fish in accordance with ODNR regulations.All anglers enjoying fishing opportunities provided by the MetroParks must adhere to all applicable ODNR fishing regulations related to licensure, equipment usage, and harvest limits.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Thank you to Councilwoman, Megan Pingley for kicking off our Easter egg hunt and to all City Council members, City Administration, the Easter Bunny and to Frank Marr! A special “Thanks” to Light City Church

for the activities, groceries and lunch for everyone! Thank you to our Struthers Firemen’s Association as well as our Struthers FOP Lodge 41 for donating for the Giannios chocolate bunnies and to Walmart for donating the two bikes!

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 07, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 07, 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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**LIVESTREAM: FACEBOOK/YOUTUBE**

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**F&L Committee Meeting**

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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 one (1) piece of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**25-049**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING § 135.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS AND ORDINANCE NO. 25-013, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Burnside 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.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 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 not present and had said report dated March 2025 for Council this evening.

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: No one

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT- RYAN TEKAC, HEALTH COMMISSIONER, LISA SLIPKOVICH, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR SPECIALIST AND JENNIFER PATRICK, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR.**

They spoke at length with regards to grants and other information regarding the Mahoning County Public Health Department. (On AUDIO)

**Residents of 5th and 6th Street: (ON AUDIO)**

**Tina Garman/Taporcer 422 6th Street, Scott Kavacky 432/433 6th Street, Andrew 911 5th Street & Jason 914 5th Street. They were complaining of New Lease Rat and dead Animals in dumpsters and foul odors. They were also complaining at a New Lawn care business that took up residence.**

**Ryan Tekac with the Health Department stated they would take a look at the property for possible violations. (ON AUDIO)**

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

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned by 7-0 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