**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 29, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx5qncRcPCc**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, January 29, 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 and Auditor, Christina S. Bohl.

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, January 15, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Biglry to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, January 15, 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 three (3) 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 DECEMBER 2024 (YEAR END REPORTS), SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
2. **CITY OF STRUTHERS TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
3. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 7-0 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) Firemen’s Association Dinner, 2) Tax Office, 3) Struthers Fight Night, 4) Struthers Gridiron, And 5) Struthers Fire Engineers. (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**January 29th, 2025**

**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.

**Tax Office**

The Struthers Tax Office is now accepting filings in person and by mail and online for the 2024 tax year.

A few things to know: 1. If you used the system last year, your PIN/password did not change. 2. If you cannot remember your login info, you can reset your own password by using your email. 3. If you've filed with the city before but HAVE NOT used the online system, you can create your own account online. 4. If you have never filed with the city, you will need to contact the tax office at 330-755-2181 x 127 to set up your account. 5. If you have a balance due, you can choose to finalize your return online and pay in person, by mail, or over the phone to avoid the 3.5% transaction fee charged on online payments. Taxes are due by April 15th, 2025.

**Struthers Fight Night**

Burnside Boxing and Paolone’s Struthers Fight Night is this Saturday, February 1st at the Struthers Field House. Doors open at 6pm and the fights start at 7pm. Tickets are available at Austintown Pawn or by calling 330-792-7001.

**Struthers Gridiron**

The Gridiron is partnering with Burnside Boxing and the Feb. 1st Fight Night at the Fieldhouse. They will be raffling off a Whiskey Basket / “Cooler” at the fight show. Tickets are $10 per ticket. Winner will have basket/ cooler delivered or can be picked up. Contact Ken George 330-503-4223 or Dan Yemma venmo: @danyemma for tickets. They will also be sold at the fight.

**Struthers Fire Engineers**

We would like to congratulate two of our Struthers Engineers, Scott Kehres and Eric Inskeep, for completing and receiving their Paramedic certification. We would like to also thank The Mahoning County Commissioners and The Fire Chief’s Association for working in conjunction with each other to provide the city funds to send them to school. Congrats Guys!

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 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**

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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**

**25-006**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH K.O. CONSULTING, LLC FOR GRANT SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 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.

**25-007**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER PREMIUM PAYMENTS TO** **THE HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION INTERNAL SERVICE FUND, AND TRANSFER BUDGETED FUNDS TO PAY ANY CLAIMS ABOVE CUMULATIVE FUNDS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bayus 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.

Carcelli moved seconded by Bayus 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

**25-008**

**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 JANUARY 1, 2025, REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH 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.

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.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote

**25-009**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES EAST, LLC AS THE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER FOR THE CITY OF STRUTHERS ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS 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.

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.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote

**25-010**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE THE ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS FROM THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley that the resolution 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**

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 December 2024 for Council this evening for Council. Struthers City Auditor’s Monthly Statement Of Cash Position, Revenue Report With Transfer In & Out, And Expense Transaction Ledger Reports For The Month Of December 2024 (Year End Reports), 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 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:

**GUEST SPEAKER: (ON AUDIO)**

1. **TROY K. RHOADES,** **REGIONAL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS- OHIO EDISON (Spoke at length with regards to Ohio Edison or First Energy)**

Mr. Kevin Walsh, 118 State Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He came to speak about his properties and give an update since he was in town. That way Council could ask questions. He stated that he should be done and have tenants by May1, 2025. (On Audio)

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bayus that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned by 7-0 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