**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 25, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4qq1bcbm6I&t=98s**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goGAtPJKoo0&t=24s**

 The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (absent), 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: Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. and Special Guest: Honorable Judge James Malone.

 President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, June 11, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Baluck moved seconded by Pingley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, June 11, 2025 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Councilman-At-Large, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley from the 2nd Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, June 25, 2025 due to working schedule.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley to excuse Mr. Dallas A. Bigley form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, June 25, 2025 due to working schedule.

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

 Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley excused by 6-0 vote.

 President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the one (1) piece of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

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

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, June 25, 2025 For Council This Evening. Read In: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) Struthers Police Department, 2) REMINDER- 4th of July Parade, 3) St. Nick’s Festival, 4) Northside Reunion, 5) Music in the Park, 5) Movies in the Park, 8) Rotary Duck Race, and 9) Aqua Ohio. (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**June 25, 2025**

**Struthers Police Department**

The Valley came together in Youngstown over the weekend to support the areas Special Response Units.
The community united to raise funds for armored vests for K9 officers throughout the Valley. This incredible initiative was organized by retired Boardman officer Jack Neapolitan, who was inspired by two children—a brother and sister—from Austintown. Thanks to Jack’s efforts, two of our K9s will now receive protective vests! Great job, Officer Bova and Officer Rossi! And a big thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

**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.

**St. Nick’s Festival**

I would like to take the time to say thank you to Dan McCall and St. Nicks for bringing back the festival, it was a great turn out.

**Northside Reunion**

The Struthers North Side Reunion is happening on Saturday, August 23rd, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Ron Charles Way (between Oakview and Woodbine). Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate with the North Side community! Enjoy games, great food, and plenty of good memories to share with friends old and new.

**Music in the Park**

Music in the Park – Tomorrow! Presented by Aqua Ohio, join us for a great evening of live music featuring special performers from the band American Made starting at 6:00 PM! Hot Diggity Dog Food Truck will be on site serving up delicious eats. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chair and stay cool while enjoying the show!

**Movies in the Park**

Movies in the Park – Coming This July!
Join us for two fun-filled evenings under the stars with Movies in the Park, taking place on July 18 and July 25 at dusk. Stay tuned for movie titles and event details—we'll be posting updates on the City of Struthers Facebook page. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and enjoy a night of free family entertainment!

**Rotary Duck Race**

The Struthers Rotary Lucky Duck Race is Back — and Better Than Ever!
It’s quickly becoming a community favorite, and you won’t want to miss out on the fun! The Duck race will take please Friday, August 2, at Yellow Creek Park from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Ducks race at noon). Bring the whole family for a great day of activities, community spirit, and a chance to see if your lucky duck takes the win! Only 1,000 tickets are available, so be sure to get yours before they're gone. A link to purchase tickets is available on the City of Struthers Facebook page.

**Aqua Ohio**

Aqua is beginning a project in July to replace 542 lead and galvanized water service lines in the City. The properties included in this project will receive a letter over the next couple of weeks. Any lead or galvanized material found on the Aqua-owned side of the service line will be replaced. If the property-owned side of the service line is determined to be lead or galvanized previously or currently downstream of lead, Aqua will offer to replace it at no direct cost to the property owner only if a License Agreement is signed and returned to Aqua. That is why it is important to read the letter and follow the instructions carefully. Only the properties receiving this letter will be included in this project. As more lead service lines are identified, they will be included in future projects until they are all replaced.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 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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**Caucus**

**F&L Committee Meeting**

**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 four (4) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**25-063**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $90,000.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO POLICE PENSION # 100 9100 59004 TO THE POLICE PENSION FUND # 805 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-064**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $50,000.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO FIRE PENSION # 100 9100 59005 TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND # 810 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-065**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $5,000.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY 100 9100 59003 TRANSFER TO ELDERLY VAN FUND, TO THE REVENUE CATEGORY 265 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-066**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF MAHONING COUNTY TO REMOVE GRASS LIENS PLACED ON REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 743.04 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (absent), 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**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was not present and no had said report for Council this evening.

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.

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:

Gary A. Wynn, 48 Grime Heights, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He stated that a three weeks ago he started to put in a garden beside the house. He stated that his neighbor stated that Council was talking about banning/ prohibiting front yard gardens. He would like clarification/definition of front yard gardens because his house sits 20 feet from the streets. He stated that most houses sit 50 ft from the street. He went on to say that most of the garden is between the two houses but 8 ft of it goes towards the front to the street. Which could be considered front yard garden??? I guess he want to know weather he needs to plant grass in where he spent the last three weeks digging up the area. I would like to eat and plant a garden. He heard about this thing called rewilding because his yard has a hill and is becoming dangerous for him to cut the grass and thought this maybe the route he needs to take to help cut down on maintenance. (rewilding: means removing all the sod and replacing it with native plants and letting it go back to nature). He asked: Is this possible so he doesn’t have to worry about cutting grass on his hill and breaking his leg again???

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

**Mr. Michael S. Patrick, Mr. Robert D. Burnside, Mr. Richard S. Bayus and Lori A. Gomon made comments with regards to front yard gardens.**

Brandon Stonetree, 2803 ½ East Midlothian, Struthers, Ohio 44471. Caucus last week. Is there a way to rezone from residential to commercial??? He stated that he recently moved here and just bought a house here and will be a staple here in the community and bring in revenue to the City. If so, What are the proper channels/procedures in doing so???

**Comment/Remarks:**

**Mr. Robert D. Burnside and Mr. Michael S. Patrick made comments and explained what he had to do to start the process.**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: (ON AUDIO)**

**HONORABLE JUDGE JAMES A. MELONE-DISCUSS NEW COURTROOM PLANS BEFORE GOING OUT TO BID.**

He spoke at length with regards to the outdated Courtroom that doesn’t work for Courtroom Trials. He wanted to make sure if there was anything that may need changed before he puts it out to bid. He also, stated that they will be addressing the ceiling as well and that he would pay for the upgrade of the video streaming system. He wanted to know, if he should go with Ryan or Team Office to handle our equipment needs??? He wants to make sure that we all are in agreement, so he can have the architect submit the plans out for bid???

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

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**F&L Committee Meeting**

**FRIDAY, JULY 4TH – PARADE**

**COUNCIL**

**ON**

**RECESS**

 **JULY**

**&**

**AUGUST**

**WETMORE SHOULD BE OPEN JULY 3RD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bayus that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned by 6-0 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