**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 26, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1m3LWNOTh\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UdpKyzjABs)**

**General Session 7:00 PM**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36v77JBy0uY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lw9L_GneVNQ )**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, March 26, 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, Robert Benson, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Christina S. Bohl, Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. and Honorable Judge James A. Melone.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 1st Ward Councilwoman, Mrs. Lori A. Gomon from the 2nd Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, March 26, 2025 due to recovering from surgery.

Bigley moved seconded by Baluck to excuse Mrs. Lori A. Gomon form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, March 26, 2025 due to recovering from a recent surgery.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Lori A. Gomon excused by 6-0 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, February 26, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, March 12, 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 four (4) 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 FEBRUARY 2025, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
2. **EMAIL DATED FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 FROM JENNIFER JOHNSON, AQUA OHIO STRUTHERS DIVISION AREA MANAGER, REGARDING AQUA FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY.**
3. **NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL REGARDING TRANFOR PERMIT NUMBER 54054195329 MACS CONVENIENCE STORE LLC DBA CIRCLE K 5329 TO LYALLPUR LLC AT 311 MAPLEWOOD, STRUTHERS, OHIO.**
4. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

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

Bigley moved seconded by Bayus to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), 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 dated Wednesday, March 26, 2025 for council this evening. Read In: (Caucus / Chambers) Mayor’s Report: 1) City Easter Egg Hunt, 2) Maplecrest Egg Hunt, 3) Flock Cameras Grant, 4) Rescue Mission Of The Mahoning Valley, 5) Aqua Hydrant Flushing, 6) Steel Valley Cheer Registration, And 7) Reminder Fish Fry, And 8) Reminder SBL/Night At The Races. (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**March 26th, 2025**

**City Easter Egg Hunt**

The City Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 12th from 10am to 11am at Laddie J. Fedor Field at the Steve Belichick Complex. Everyone must enter through the Euclid parking lot. Light City Church will be face painting and passing out hot dogs for all. Light City Church in cooperation with God’s Warehouse will be passing out 100 bags of groceries to the first 100 people starting at 9:30am in the Euclid parking lot. Depending on weather we may move the hunt inside to the Fieldhouse.

**Maplecrest Egg Hunt**

The Maplecrest Easter Egg Hunt will follow the City Hunt on Saturday, April 12th beginning at 1:00 with the hunt starting promptly at 1:30. They will have light refreshments and pictures with the Easter Bunny. This will take place rain or shine.

**Flock Camera Grant**

The Office of Criminal Justice Services announced that over $4.5 million in federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) have been awarded to help communities prevent and control crime. The annual grants support the crime prevention work of law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, corrections facilities, crime victim and witness initiatives, and others. In total, 147 projects were funded in 65 counties. Struthers was one of 6 grants in the county. We received $13,687.50 for some of our FLOCK cameras. Thank you to KO Consulting and especially Matthew.

**Rescue mission of the Mahoning Valley**

The City of Struthers is signed up and ready to participate in Rescue Mission's 2025 Home Opener Dress Down Day. Friday, April 4th dress in your Pittsburgh Pirates gear and Tuesday, April 8th dress in your Cleveland Guardians gear. You can Join the fun and sign up online.

**Aqua Hydrant Flushing**

Aqua has started its spring hydrant flushing program. This important distribution system maintenance activity ensures hydrants and valves are working properly and helps prevent sediment buildup in the water mains. No interruptions in water service will occur because of the flushing but customers may notice water in the street and a drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration when crews are in their neighborhood. If possible, customers should refrain from doing laundry to avoid possible staining while the flushing is taking place near their home. If tap water is discolored, allow it to run until clear. Running several cold-water faucets at the same time will help the water clear faster. For daily posting of the streets where flushing will occur, visit: [www.aquawater.com](http://www.aquawater.com) and click on the Disruption Map.

**Steel Valley Cheer Registration**

Registration for Steel Valley Athletics Season 2 is online. The registration fee is free. Please see our FB page to scan the QR code.

**REMINDER Fish Fry**

St. Nicholas School’s Moms and Dads Club is holding their fish fry every Friday ending on April 11th at St Nicholas great hall from 4pm-7pm. The dinner is $15 and is done in or take out.

**REMINDER SBL/Night At The Races**

The Struthers Baseball League is hosting their annual Night at The Races on Saturday April 5th. Races start at 7pm. It is catered by Sr Jalapeño. Tickets are $30 per person or $200 for a table of 8. Please reach out to a board member for tickets.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM #11.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Community Development Committee Chairman Ronald A. Carcelli & Members: Lori A. Gomon, Dallas A. Bigley. The purpose of the meeting is to speak with Mr. Charles Sawtelle regarding trees throughout our City.**

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**TO FOLLOW**

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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**

**25-023**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, STATE OF OHIO, COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2025 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 24-085 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli 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 February 2025 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 February 2025, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor. (On File)

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR (ON AUDIO)**

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: No one

**GUEST SPEAKER: (ON AUDIO)**

**HONOERABLE JUDGE JAMES A. MELONE**

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bayus moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.

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

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