**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 28, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

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**General Session 7:00 PM**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, May 28, 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 Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, May 14, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, May 14, 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 one (1) piece of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **MAYOR’S REPORT DATED WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 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.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 7-0 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) Gun Lock Pick-Up, 2) 4th of July Parade, 3) St. Anthony’s Day, 4) Bike Helmets, 5) Public Comments requested for Downtown Safety Improvement Project, 6) City Hall Garden, 7) St. Nick’s Festival and 8) Reminder Struthers Clean-Up Day. (Report On File)

**Mayor's Report**

**May 28, 2025**

**Gun Lock Pick-Up**

The Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office is proud to partner with the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office and the Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board to distribute free gun locks to residents as part of a new community safety initiative. Thanks to Project ChildSafe and the Dept. of Veteran Affairs, these gun locks are available to help reduce gun-related incidents, including suicides and accidental shootings.

First distribution event: 21 West Boardman Street, Thursday, May 29 | 1:00–3:00 PM. Each kit includes a cable-style lock and firearm safety guide, compatible with most firearms.

**4th of July Parade**

Registration is officially open for the 48th Edition of the Struthers 4th of July Parade! Entry forms can be obtained via email at: 4thofjuly@cityofstruthers.com or from the Mayor’s Office. The parade will step off at 12pm on Friday, July 4th. Parade will be limited to 100 entries with a 2 car/unit/entry per participating group limit (1 is preferred so we can have variety!) NO exceptions. Once we have reached that ‘magic number’ registration will be closed. Entry forms should be submitted early as the line up will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. 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. We are STRONGLY advising any decorating of your group’s float/entry will need to be done either in your designated line up spot in the parade OR at a home to help lessen the amount of people gathering in plaza near the check in area. The parade committee thanks you for your anticipated cooperation and understanding! As always we are looking forward to another great parade!

**St. Anthony’s Day**

St. Anthony’s Day will be held at St. Anthony’s Bar, 100 Lowellville Road on Saturday, June 14th. No Funk No Justice will be playing from 7-10pm. There will be a 50/50 and Fireworks following the band.

**Bike Helmets**

We were excited to partner with Struthers City Schools, The Struthers Police, Fire and Street Departments and the Ohio AAP through their Put A Lid On It program. Thanks to their generous donation of bicycle helmets, we were able to provide critical safety resources to children and families in our community. Together, we are advancing the mission of injury prevention and promoting safe, healthy lifestyles for Ohio’s youth.

**Public Comments Requested for Downtown Safety Improvements Project**

We are inviting the public and stakeholders to view the proposed safety improvements downtown and to provide comments. This project was recommended as part of a safety study which revealed several areas for improved safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The project will involve an upgraded traffic signal and intersection approach at State Street and Bridge Street, improved pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, curb extensions and bumpouts, new pavement markings, new curb ramps, and traffic calming. There will be minor and temporary impacts to utilities and two business drive aprons.The project is tentatively scheduled to be constructed in 2026 and is currently estimated at $1 million. We received grant funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program to design and construct this project. Additional public outreach will be provided before construction. Issues to comment on may include social, environmental, and economic impacts. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Comments, questions, and concerns may be provided using the project website: https://www.cityofstruthers.com/downtown-safety-improvements.html

Individuals may also contact Me at: mayor@cityofstruthers.com, 330.755.2181 x 110, or at 6 Elm Street, Struthers, OH 44471. Comments are Requested by June 27, 2025.

**City Hall Garden**

We would like to thank the Guerrilla Gardening Society of the Mahoning Valley, the Park Department and Struthers Stormwater for completing the beautiful garden in front of City Hall. We look forward to the progression of this project!

**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.

**REMINDER 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.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 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.**

**THE PUBLIC WANTING TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS MUST USE THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. THANK YOU!**

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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 ten (10) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**25-050**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CANFIELD TO PURCHASE A 2017 FORD F-450 4x4 TYPE 1 SUPER WARRIOR AMBULANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli 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.

Carcelli 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

**25-051**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING § 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

Abstain: Bigley.

No Remarks.

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

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

Abstain: Bigley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-052**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED $150.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPREATION 9000 MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY CONTINGENT # 100 9000 53024 FOR THE AMVETS POST 44 MEMORIAL DAY CONTRIBUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Burnside moved seconded by Gomon 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 Gomon 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

**25-053**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF NON-CLASSIFIED SEASONAL PART-TIME STREET LABORERS, SETTING HOURS AND WAGES FOR SAID POSITION, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 25-048 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCOSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Gomon 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, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Gomon 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

**25-054**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF STRUTHERS CODIFIED CHAPTER 149 ENTITLED “EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS” SECTION 149.19 NEW HIRE PROVISIONS, WHICH IS ENTITLED PART ONE - ADMINSTRATIVE CODE AND REPEALING ANY SECTION OF 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: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

Voting Nay: Baluck.

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.

Voting Nay: Baluck.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-1.

Legislation passed by 6-1 vote

**25-055**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION, SALARY, AND EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE PERSON. A NON-CLASSIFED SERVICE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR. EFFECTIVE FOR SAID EMPLOYEE UPON PASSAGE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 25-041 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Baluck 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.

Bigley moved seconded by Baluck 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

**25-056**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 1309.01(c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES FOR HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS SHALL BE FOR AN AMOUNT SET, FROM TIME-TO-TIME, BY RESUOLTION OF COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Gomon 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, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Gomon moved seconded by Pingley 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

**Pr25-057**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 1309.06(a) AND (c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPEAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION SHALL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS, 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, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley 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

**25-058**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES FOR HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS UNDER CHAPTER 1309 OF THE CITY’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Pingley moved seconded by Bayus 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.

Pingley moved seconded by Bayus 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

**25-059**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS (LPA) TO CONSTENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO COMPLETE MAH-TRU SIGN FY 2026 (SYSTEMATIC), PID 112198 PROJECT 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, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon, Pingley.

No Remarks.

Bigley 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 (ON AUDIO)**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick publicly thanked Aimee Fifarek, Director and CEO The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County for coming down and discussing the Library and looks forward to the next time she will meet with Council for an update.

**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: No one

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

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

**REMINDER STRUTHERS CLEAN-UP DAY**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bayus moved seconded by Gomon 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