# **REGULAR MEETING** March 13, 2019 Struthers, Ohio 44471

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Bayus, Bigley (absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., was present at the Meeting.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked everyone to stand for the Pledge and for the gentlemen to remove their hats.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Terry P. Stocker, Safety Service Director, Robert (Bob) Norris, Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr. and Tax Commissioner, James Bertrando. (Auditor, Christina Bohl/Jackson, Judge Dominic Leone and Treasurer, Robert D. Carcelli, III –not present.) Also present: Police Chief Roddy, Former 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilwoman, Carol A. Crytzer, and Struthers Police Officer Present.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr. asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Dallas A. Bigley from the meeting due to being out of town.

Burnside moved seconded by Bayus to excuse Mr. Dallas A. Bigley from the meeting due to being out of town.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. Motion carried 6-0.

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

## **PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES (On Audio)**

- SMS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
  SHS GIRLS BOWLING
  - MADISON STANTON (STATE CHAMP) ELIZABETH DRAGUS (HONORABLE MENTION)

Mayor Stocker presented the plaques to Elizabeth Dragus, Honorable Mention (not in attendance) and to Madison Stanton, Girls State Bowling Champion.

Coach Bob Eisenbraun spoke at length and stated how proud he was of his Girls Bowling Team especially how hard Madison Stanton worked to get to where she is now.

Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik presented the plaques to the 2018-2019 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach John Dubec for being the Northeast State Champs. Struthers Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Team: Brooke Adams, Adrionna Rudzik, Bella Slaina, Chloe Neider, Carlee Rhoads, Faith Stellato and Sophia Kavouras. Not present: India and Emma (not in attendance to receive their awards).

Mr. Richard S. Bayus congratulated all the girls for a job well done.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Fire to dispense with the reading of the minutes of Special Meeting dated February 27, 2019 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting dated February 27, 2019 and accepts them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

## **COMMUNICATIONS (On File)**

- 1. STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTHS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019 SUBMITTED BY JAMES BERTRANDO, STRUTHERS CITY TAX COMMISSIONER.
- 2. STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2019, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.

# 3. AQUA QUARTERLY PUBLIC FORUM NOTICE FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. LOCATED AT AQUA OHIO, 100 SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, STRUTHERS, OHIO 44471.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., asked for a motion to receive and file communications.

Rudzik motioned seconded by Bayus to receive and file said communications. Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. Motion Carried 6-0.

Communications accepted and filed by 6-0 vote.

## MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)

Mayor was present at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening. Mayor Stocker stated that he did not have a Mayor's Report and stated that he gave a verbal report to Council in Council Caucus Review. Thank you, Mr. Chairman!

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

# **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio) March 20, 2019**

Michael S. Patrick, Chairman of Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed Landlord Registration Ordinance. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

Robert D. Burnside, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending Legislation. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION There were no remarks or comments under Addressing Council on Pending Legislation.

## LEGISLATION

19-008

# A RESOLUTION TO SEND MEGAN R. SHORTHOUSE, THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, TO PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING AND MAKING THE CLERK THE DESIGNEE REPRESENTING ALL MEMBERS OF STRUTHERS CITY COUNCIL AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. No Remarks. Burnside moved seconded by Rudzik that the resolution be passed as read. Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. No Remarks. Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

#### 19-009

# A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CASTLO GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 PLANNING GRANT RELATIVE TO THE DOWNTOWN STRUTHERS PLACE-MAKING AND CONNECTIVITY PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. No Remarks. Fire moved seconded by Bigley that the resolution be passed as read. Roll Call: Voting Yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. 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 (On Audio)**

Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik stated that he asked Chief Roddy to conduct a traffic study on the Boulevards.

#### **REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR (On Audio)**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was present at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

## **REPORT OF AUDITOR**

Auditor Christina Bohl was not present at the meeting and had said report dated January 2019 for Council this evening.

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 said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Safety Service Director.

## ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio) (On Audio - These minutes are a summarization of the Regular Meeting and not verbatim.)

Mr. Travis Watson, 122 West Main Street, Canfield, Ohio. He stated that he owns the quad plex at 571 Lincoln Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He stated that he is here to address Council about the proposed/pending Landlord Ordinance saying that it goes against the Fair Housing Act guidelines by HUD with regards to criminal background checks. He provided a copy of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He spoke at length on the matter and stated that it could violate renters 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights. He spoke at length with regards to his tenants and criminal background checks.

## Remarks/comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Ronald Carcelli, Mr. Joseph Rudzik and Mr. Robert Burnside.

Mayor Stocker made comments to clear up any misunderstandings as to how many rental units are here within the City of Struthers. He was able to get information through the Tax Office saying that there are 349 landlords and a little over a 1,000 rental properties. He just wanted to clear the air on this because it has been brought up at a previous Council Meeting.

# President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 is as follows:

Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee Meeting at 6:15 p.m. The purpose is to discuss proposed Landlord Registration Ordinance.

Finance & Legislation Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending Legislation.

# ADJOURNMENT

Carcelli moved seconded by Fire that the meeting be adjourned. Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik. Absent: Bigley. Motion Carried 6-0.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., declared the meeting be adjourned and thanks for coming.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL