**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 12, 2023**

**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, April 12, 2023 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick was present at the Meeting.

President of Council, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick thanked everyone for coming this evening.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller presented a Proclamation to Noah & Megan Pingley Designating the Month of April as Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month.

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller presented a Proclamation to Pastor Rev. Douglas Theobald and Administrative Board Chairwoman, Sheri Noble in Support of Struthers United Methodist Church and recognizing their community outreach.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Robert F. Benson, Auditor, Christina S. Bohl, Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr., and Mark T. Brenner, Treasurer.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, March 22, 2023 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, March 22, 2023 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, 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 TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023, SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER ON APRIL 3, 2023.**

**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 FEBRUARY 2023, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR ON APRIL 5, 2023.**

**3) CITY OF STRUTHERS REPORT OF TREASURER FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2023, SUBMITTED BY MARK T. BRENNER, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**

**4) MAYOR’S REPORT DATED MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023, 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 Bigley to receive and file said communications.

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

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 Monday, April 10, 2023 for Council this evening. Read in: (Caucus / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Warming/Changing Stations, 2) Civics Day 2023, 3) Struthers Garden Club, 4) Struthers School Foundation Hall of Fame, 5) City Easter Egg Hunt, 6) Angels for Animals Annual Garage Sale, 7) Spaghetti Dinner & Sauce Competition, 8) Stars and Strikes, and 9) Mental Health Fair. (REPORT ON FILE) Read On The Floor

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**April 10, 2023**

**Warming/Charging Stations**

We would like to thank John Brown at AMVETS and Ed Kunzer at Christ Our Savior Parish for opening up their doors to host residents during the power outages. We also would like to thank Bruno Brothers and Belleria for donating pizza to the stations. We also would like to thank the boy scouts for aiding residents during this time.

**Civics Day 2023**

We had a great day with 17 students from the high school holding a mock council meeting and visiting the Mahoning County Board of Elections followed by lunch at Donavitos. We had a day filled with information thanks to Deputy Director, Melissa Wasko and all that she prepared. We would especially like to thank Ohio State Senator, Michael Rulli for being our guest speaker and to Pastor James Berkebile from Parkside Church for the invocation. We would also like to thank the Clerk of Council, Megan Shorthouse, Cassandra Bradley and Frank Pape for organizing another great Civics Day for our leaders and our students. We would also like to thank the following local businesses that made generous donations to help fund this event. They are Rudzik Excavating, Jack’s Auto Body, Amvets Post 44, Buckeye Energy Brokers, Astro Shapes, Pine Hollow Springs, MS Consultants, Becker Funeral Homes, Modern Office Products, J.S. Bova Excavating, Premier Bank, IGA Bakery, Dunkin Donuts and the Balloon Doctor.

**Struthers Garden Club**

There is Struthers Garden Club Meeting April 17th at 6:30 at the Struthers Public Library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Struthers School Foundation Hall of Fame**

The Struthers School Foundation for Educational Excellence will hold their Hall of Fame dinner on Thursday, April 27th beginning at 6:00 at the Elmtree. The inductees this year are Betty Washington, Chief Tim Roddy, Joe Fuline, and Bruce Murphy. Tickets are $45 and can be purchased at the Board of Education.

**City Easter Egg Hunt**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our City Easter Egg Hunt and especially our Struthers Firemen’s Association and Struthers F.O.P who donated the Giannios Chocolate Bunnies, Walmart for their donation of two bikes, Texas Roadhouse for the donation of free kids meals, Councilwoman, Megan Pingley and John McCoy for the extra stuffed eggs.

**Angels For Animals Annual Garage Sale**

The annual garage sale will be held at the Canfield Fairgrounds on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd. They are also accepting donations on April 15th and 16th.

**Spaghetti Dinner & Sauce Competition**

The Phipps Family Memorial group will be holding a spaghetti and sauce competition on April 23rd from 12-3 at AMVETS Post 44, 305 Elm Street. It is free to attend but donations are appreciated. It is $10 to enter the competition. 100% of the donations will go directly to the Fredericks family who lost their home to a fire at Christmastime. There will be a basket raffle and 50/50. Call 330-755-3333 to register for the competition.

**Stars and Strikes**

The Veterans Outreach is presenting a bowling tournament on Sunday April 23rd at Camelot Lanes in Boardman. Call 330-755-5792 for more details.

**Mental Health Fair**

The Youngstown Local Office on Minority Health is presenting a free mental health fair on Saturday, April 15th from 8am until 2pm at the Eugenia Atkinson Center 903 Otis Street.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 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: Richard S. Bayus, 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 was four (4) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council. Clerk would you please read the legislation.

**LEGISLATION**

**23-012**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $1,000.00 TO YOUNGSTOWN CLASS B BASEBALL INC. FOR AN OUTFIELD ADVERTISEMENT SIGN FOR THE CITY OF STRUTHERS FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY*.***

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

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

No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Greenwood that the ordinance be passed as read.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**23-013**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED $150.00 FROM THE 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPREATION 9000 MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY CONTINGENT # 100 9000 53024 FOR THE V.F.W. MEMORIAL DAY CONTRIBUTION 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, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**23-014**

**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.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley that the resolution be passed as read.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

**23-015**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS RELATED TO OPIOD SETTLEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGEN, CVS, WALGREENS AND WALMART, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

Burnside moved seconded by Greenwood that the resolution be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, 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 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 Bohl was not present at the meeting and had no report for Council this evening. 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 2023, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor On April 5, 2023. (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:

Mr. Hunter Thomas, 42 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He thanked Struthers City Council and Administration for their continued support for his Church that he loves and is truly grateful for. He stated that the church means a lot to him and brought him back from dark times in his life.

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CALLED FOR PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION**

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION:**

**To Discuss matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter 3: Executive Session.**

* Executive Session: Pending or Imminent Court Action.

Bayus motioned seconded by Bigley to go into Executive Session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential under the Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter Three: Executive Session for:

* + Executive Session: Pending or Imminent Court Action.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

Motion passed by 7-0 for Council to go into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. in Council Caucus Room #11.

**MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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* Executive Session: Pending or Imminent Court Action.

Council stayed in the Mayor’s Office and those not asked to stay in Executive Session to be seated in the hall outside and went into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to reconvene from the Executive Sessions and to go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Bayus motioned seconded by Bigley to reconvene from the Executive Session and go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 7-0 vote.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

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