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REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2019

Struthers, Ohio 44471

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Bayus, Bigley, 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: WWTP Superintendent, Guy Maiorana, Street Department Foreman Tim Daley, Former 2nd Ward Councilwoman, Carol A. Crytzer, Former President of Council, Mr. Bob Carcelli and Struthers Police Officer Present. Thanked them all for coming.

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 Bigley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting dated January 23, 2019 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS (On File)

- 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 DECEMBER 2018, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR, ON JANUARY 24, 2019.**
- 2. LAW DIRECTOR, JOHN N. ZOMOIDA JR. SENT MEMORANDUM WITH ATTACHED LETTER TO COUNCIL FROM DR. MARY SANDRA TODORA-FLOREK REGARDING SEWAGE BACKUP AT 109 CLINGAN ROAD DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2019.**
- 3. 2019 STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL COURT SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 RECEIVED FEBRUARY 6, 2019 FROM LORRAINE SCIORTINO, CLERK OF COURTS.**
- 4. 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED STRUTHERS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 SUBMITTED BY MEGAN R. SHORTHOUSE, CLERK OF COUNCIL.**

5. **EMAIL RECEIVED FEBRUARY 6, 2019 FROM DAMASKOS FOTOU REGARDING 29 GRANDVIEW AND SIDEWALKS.**
6. **MAYOR'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2019 SUBMITTED BY MAYOR TERRY P. STOCKER.**

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, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik.
Motion Carried 7-0.

Communications accepted and filed by 7-0 vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)

Mayor was present at the meeting and had said report dated February 13, 2019 for Council this evening. Mayor's Report: 1) Proposed Struthers Fire Station, 2) Dam Removal Project, 3) Maplewood Avenue Resurfacing and 4) Street Department Appointment. (ON FILE)

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley thanked Mr. Carcelli and Mr. Rudzik for their help canvassing the LMI Area to help get the grant to resurface Maplewood Avenue. Thank you!

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio) February 20, 2019

Michael S. Patrick, Chairman of Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed Landlord Registration Ordinance and to hear from Mr. John Bralich, Youngstown State University Research Associate III GIS Manager. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

Robert D. Burnside, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 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

NO LEGISLATION FOR 1ST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (On Audio)

Mr. Richard S. Bayus made some comments because of all the bad press that The City of Struthers was getting in Vindy and Facebook about the City/School Project and the New Fire Station. (On Audio)

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 at the meeting and had no said report for Council this evening, but will answer any questions. Law Director had a communication on Agenda under Communication #2.

Remarks/Comments:

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli asked the Law Director, where he was at with the letter that he sent out for 109 Clingan Road? Is that a closed case or what?

Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr., stated that as far as he is concerned it is over with. He stated that she did respond to his letter as you see in your packet this evening, but he didn't think it was necessary to respond to her letter. He stated that the ball is in their court with what they want to do.

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli stated great! Thanks!

REPORT OF AUDITOR (On File)

Auditor Christina Bohl was not present at the meeting and had said report dated January 2019 for Council this evening. Communication #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 December 2018, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor, On January 24, 2019. (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 said report for Council this evening.

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

ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio – Audio hard to hear)

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

Mr. Robert (Bob) Carcelli, 409 Edison, Struthers, Ohio, 44471. #1) Mr. Carcelli was glad to see in the Mayor's Report talked about the purposed Struthers Fire Station. The big question is How do we plan on paying for it or will we be financing it? I think everyone in the community will like to know what is going on with so you will need to campaign for the New Fire Station. He also stated that there is a lot of funding available through grants that can be considered to help aid this project. He also stated that the City should consider combining the Fire Station with the Police Station which will allow for a greater chance of funding. #2) He spoke about addressing Council about (6) six weeks ago regarding the Property Maintenance/Occupancy Ordinance. He stated that there is a major problem in our town because of lack of enforcement and the massive amounts of rental property. He stated that he went on record saying that the only way to solve these issues is to put a full-time enforcement officer due to the massive amounts of rental properties here in our City. He stated that it is time to start thinking outside the box to resolve these issues by putting in place a solid Landlord Ordinance and looking at all those that are renting said properties. He said that people are buying houses here in Struthers not to live in them, but to use as rental property. We really need to come out with a good piece of Legislation to help the City and be proactive to help our residents.

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr. stated that Council is working on the Legislation and he welcomes Mr. Patrick to comment about said Legislation.

Mr. Robert Carcelli stated that he really hopes that the Mayor, Law Director, Safety Service Director and the Judge have input in the Legislation so that it will be a good Ordinance, as well as, enforceable.

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Michael S. Patrick stated that he has Mr. John Bralich from YSU coming down to speak at our next Committee Meeting about how he can help with data that he can provide the City. We have problems, because we have so many out-of-state Landlords.

Mr. Robert Carcelli stated just remember that Council makes the Ordinances and sets the Laws. You need the Law Director to be active in the process.

Mr. Patrick stated that the Law Director has been looking over the Ordinance. He stated that it is going to cost the City money to try to implement this, whether it be hiring a full-time officer or exploring the option of hiring outside people to help with the process.

Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik made comments and stated that Council is going through the Ordinance with a fine tip comb and that Mr. John Zomoida has been very active in the process. He stated that it has taken a lot more time than anticipated be when it is done it will be a great tool for our City.

Mr. Robert Carcelli made additional comments.

Mr. Joseph Rudzik assured Mr. Carcelli that they are working on the legislation and that John is very much a part of the process and that he is sorry that it is taking so long, but thanked him for keeping on Council about the issue. He stated that Council is looking at all the angles and want to get it right.

Mr. Robert D. Burnside stated that we do want a strong piece of Legislation and that it covers almost everything that you brought up. We have to worry about the implementation of it. It has taken a few years to come up with it and look at Cities are being sued because of the Legislation. He stated that Council wants to make sure everything is done right.

Mr. Robert Carcelli stated that he commends Council and he wants to be sure all ends are covered.

Mr. Richard Bayus stated that Council has discussed hiring somebody full-time to do this and that still needs to be tweaked and worked into the Budget.

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Michael Patrick stated that the City is looking to loss \$30,000.00 in funding next year due to House Bill 47/49. He asked Mr. James Bertrando to speak on the matter of funding that will be lost with the new tax laws.

Mr. James Bertrando stated that it was written in the article like that. He stated that it is a conservative amount because there are fees assessed with that as well. He spoke at length on the matter.

Mr. Dallas Bigley stated that writing the Legislation was hard enough, now implementing it is also going to bring into play another set of challenges.

Mrs. Elaine Ginnetti, 434 9th Street, Struthers, Ohio, 44471. She spoke saying that she is the administrator of the Struthers 2nd ward Block watch page and that is where Council is getting the bad wrap with the dealings going on in Struthers. She stated that people share articles from the Vindicator and then people start posting their opinions and concerns. She stated that she will not shut the page down, because people have the right to know what's going on in their town. She stated that Council and the Administration need to start to listen to the residents of the City and they want to be heard. She said that our community is strong and wants to stay strong. One of the ways to do that is to listen to your community. They are the ones that voted you into these positions. She also spoke at length on the Struthers High School/City Project regarding the practice fields that they would like to build.

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Richard S. Bayus, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley, Mr. Robert D. Burnside, Mr. Michael S. Patrick, Mr. Anthony C. Fire and Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli. (They all spoke about being GAP Compliant in order to get Grants for the Fire Station and why the City is not GAP Compliant, stating it will take a lot of money to become compliant and will cost more money to combine the Safety Force into one building. They said the City is working towards becoming GAP Compliant and are hoping that Grants will help the City down the road. They also spoke on the practice field project with the City of Struthers School System.)

President of Council, Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr., announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, February 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 and to hear from Mr. John Bralich, Youngstown State University Research Associate III GIS Manager.

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

...Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik announced that the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team won the Championship and Council is looking into recognizing them....

ADJOURNMENT

Carcelli moved seconded by Patrick that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Fire, Patrick, Rudzik.

Motion Carried 7-0.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL