

**REGULAR MEETING  
December 9, 2020  
Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom Meeting) 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, 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 Safety Service Director, Thomas Daley.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting Dated November 30, 2020 and to accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting Dated November 30, 2020 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 7-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the (5) five pieces of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) **STRUTHERS TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020 SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS 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 OCTOBER 2020, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
- 3) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S CASH TRANSACTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020 SUBMITTED BY ROBERT D. CARCELLI, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
- 4) **LETTER FROM SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 REMINDER THAT CITY HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED ON A WEEK TO WEEK BASIS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WITH RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAHONING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**
- 5) **MAYOR'S REPORT DATED MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 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, Pingley.  
Motion carried 7-0.

Communications accepted and received by 7-0 vote.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present at the meeting and had a Report dated December 7, 2020 for Council this evening. Mayor's Report: 1) Aqua, CASTLO & Rotary Donates, 2) Rotary Gifts \$25 To Struthers Responders, 3) Struthers Holiday Lights Contest, 4) Santa Drive Thru, 5) Juanita Ware, 6) City Hall, and 7) COVID-19. (ON FILE)

*Catherine Cercone Miller*

*Mayor*

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## **MAYOR'S REPORT December 7, 2020**

### **Aqua, CASTLO & Rotary DONATES**

Aqua, CASTLO & Struthers Rotary recently partnered to make a \$7,500 donation to Second Harvest Food Bank to directly support the Christ Our Savior-Holy Trinity Church food pantry to assist families in Struthers, Campbell, Lowellville and surrounding areas. Food is distributed at Holy Trinity Church located at 250 North Bridge Street on Mondays from 9:30-11:00 am.

### **Rotary gifts \$25 to Struthers First Responders**

The city would like to thank Rotary for their generous donations to our Police, Fire and Dispatch Departments. They provided each employee with a \$25 gift card to Pizza Joes.

### **Struthers Holiday Lights Contest**

The administration along with City Council and many other secret residents will be judging the contest this year. The contest will take place December 7th - 13th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Winners will be announced virtually on December 19 by midnight. We would also like to thank The Carpetsmith for their MAJOR donation to the Lights Contest for the OVERALL winner of a Traveling Leg Lamp!

### **Santa Drive Thru**

Santa will be making a special safe stop at Mauthe Park on Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> from 5pm-7pm. Please drive thru, wave and drop off a letter to Santa as well. Please don't forget to include your return address.

### **Juanita Ware**

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mrs. Ware who we have deemed an "unofficial" mayor of the Northside of Struthers. She was deeply rooted in this community and will be greatly missed.

### **City Hall**

For precautionary measures and due to COVID numbers continuing to rise, city hall will remain closed and employees will be remote working. We are all available by phone as always. The Struthers Municipal Court will remain open.

### **COVID-19**

If you have any questions regarding COVID19, please call 1-833-427-5634 or refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Sincerely,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

### **Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)**

Mr. Richard Bayus asked about when the Fire Station was going to be breaking ground since it has been demolished..

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller answered Mr. Bayus.

Mr. Ronald Carcelli asked about the light contest since you can't tell which house entered the competition maybe next year have them put their address on the front lawn if there address is not visible.

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller made comments and spoke at length on the procedures that they used this year will be way different next year to make it easier to see addresses that entered.

Mr. Dallas Bigley asked about the Fire Station saying that the City was on a timeline from Mr. Becker and wanted to know if we are in contact with Mr. Becker to make sure he is ok with how the timeline has been altered. He just wants to make sure that the City has been in correspondence with Mr. Becker and that h.e is ok with all the hold ups from COVID-19

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller stated that she has been in contact with Mr. Becker and spoke at length regarding the Fire Station and he is going to be at the meeting on Monday to go over the plans and specs moving forward. He has been very understanding with this whole process and is eager to be a part of the process.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)  
Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation. (Via Zoom Meeting App)

**ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

There were no remarks or comments under Anyone Wishing To Address Council On Pending Legislation.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick stated that there was three (3) pieces of legislation this evening.

**LEGISLATION**

**20-042**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2020, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022, 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, Greenwood, Pingley.  
No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli 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.

**READING OF THE FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL,  
STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**

**FISCAL OFFICERS CERTIFICATE**

I, Christina Bohl, Finance Director for the City of Struthers, do hereby certify that the City's local share of funds for the Ohio Public Works Commission Program Year 35 Project, namely the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$229,700.00 shall be provided from the City's Road Levy Fund to pay for the local share of the Project. These funds for this project will be made available on or before July 1, 2021.

Christina S. Bohl

Finance Director

9/30/2020

Date

**20-043**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND ACT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, PROGRAM YEAR 2021, OPWC FUNDED PROJECT; NAMELY THE YEAR 2021 RESURFACING PROJECT, AND TO DESIGNATE THE AUDITOR AS CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT AND TO DESIGNATE MS CONSULTANTS, INC. AS THE PROJECT MANAGER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus 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.

Bayus 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.

**20-044**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY TO USE THE AVAILABLE STATE OF OHIO REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR A CITY OF STRUTHERS DOWNTOWN BUILDING FAÇADE RENOVATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 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, Greenwood, Pingley.  
No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley 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 (On Audio)**

Mr. Michael S. Patrick stated that the Clerk is going to start notifying the Public that the Regular Meetings will follow Caucus review to cut down on making the public sit on hold during virtual meetings Council was in agreeance with President of Council.

### **REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR**

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

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

### **REPORT OF AUDITOR (On File and On Audio)**

Auditor Christina Bohl was present on the Zoom meeting and had a 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 October 2020, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor.(Report On File)

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

### **REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Safety Service Director was present on the Zoom meeting and had no report for Council this evening.

#### **Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)**

Mr. Richard Bayus stated that on Maplewood that there is a huge RV parked in a driveway plugged in, if you could please pass this information onto Joey. Thank you!

Also, there is a house up the street from me that has a car that has been sitting there for about two years now with no current tag on plate. Little red car at the top of the street I can get the address to you tomorrow for Joey to go up there to take a look at it.

Miss. Megan Pingley stated that they are there every December and stay a month

Mr. Dallas Bigley stated that he spoke with the manager of the credit you and they are possibly putting on an addition on the drive thru as an extension. Where do they have to go to get a building permit? Downtown Mahoning County and not the City of Struthers, right???

Mr. Daley stated County.

Mr. Dallas Bigley stated he didn't think they got that through the City. He just wanted to be sure.

Mr. Michael S. Patrick stated that they will have to get one through the County and the City of Struthers.

Mr. Dallas Bigley asked if it is a standard construction permit?

Mr. Michael S. Patrick stated that it's a new construction permit for the addition!

Auditor Bohl stated that they first need to go to the County first, right Mike?

Mr. Michael S. Patrick said yes, that is correct!

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley ok, so the place for them to start is with the County! Ok, Thank you!

Mr. Robert Burnside asked if we already have an ordinance for RV in the driveway? I don't think we do?

Mr. Dallas Bigley said we do not have one!

Mr. John Zomoida stated that he was working on one for Council.

Mr. Dallas Bigley, Miss. Megan Pingley and Mr. Robert Burnside spoke at length regarding dual rear wheel ordinance for Commercial Truck Ordinance, but if single rear wheel not... Maplewood,Clingan etc... (On Audio)

Mr. Michael S. Patrick made additional comments.

#### **ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio)**

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

There were no remarks or comments made under Addressing of Council.

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced the Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020 is as follows: "Zoom Meeting App"**

**6:00 P.M.** Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Robert D. Burnside, Ronald A. Carcelli. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bigley moved seconded by Bayus 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 joining "Zoom Meeting" App.

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL