

REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2020
Struthers, Ohio 44471

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik was present at the Meeting.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik asked everyone to stand for the Pledge and for the gentlemen to remove their hats.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik., asked for a motion to excuse Miss. Megan L. Pingley from the Meeting this evening due to son being sick with fever.

Carcelli motioned seconded by Bigley that Miss. Megan L. Pingley be excused due to son being sick with fever.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

Motion carried 6-0.

Miss. Megan L. Pingley excused from the Regular Meeting of Council by 6-0 vote.

(Not Recognized at Meeting on February 12, 2020 taken from the Attendance Record)

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Tim Daley, Auditor, Christina Bohl, Law Director, John N. Zomoida Jr. and Ryan Rogalski. (Judge Dominic Leone and Treasurer, Robert D. Carcelli, III—not present.).

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik, asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, January 22, 2020 and to accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Bayus to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2nd Regular Meeting dated January 22, 2020 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik, asked the clerk to read the 4 pieces of communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 2019 SUBMITTED BY LORRAINE SCIORTINO, CLERK OF COURT.**
- 2) **STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL COURT SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2020 SUBMITTED BY LORRAINE SCIORTINO, CLERK OF COURT.**
- 3) **TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR TAX COLLECTIONS AS OF JANUARY 2020 SUBMITTED BY RYAN ROGALSKI, STRUTHERS TAX COMMISSIONER.**
- 4) **MAYOR'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2020 SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik., asked for a motion to receive and file the communications.

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley to receive and file said communications.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

Motion carried 6-0.

Communications accepted and received by 6-0 vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT (On Audio)

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present at the meeting and had a report dated February 10, 2020 for Council this evening. Mayor Miller's report as follows: 1) Community Development, 2) 2020 Staff Update, 3) Police Department, 4) Struthers Historical Society, 5) Mauthe Park and 6) Economic Growth. Report on file.

Mayor's Report (Attached):

MAYOR'S REPORT

February 10, 2020

Community Development

In cooperation with Council, we have entered into a contract with iWorQ which is a community development and public works software system. This system will allow us to mainstream the process for which we handle enforcing city ordinances, help us keep track of rental properties, and help enhance our communication with landlords.

2020 Staff Update

Bob Norris completed his time as the Struthers Safety Service Director. We thank him for his years of service to our city. He will continue to be admired for the time he spent protecting and serving Struthers in all capacities. Tim Daley has officially started.

Police Department

Our police gun range has been temporarily closed in order to update policies and procedures and a no vaping policy has been put into effect for all city buildings and city vehicles.

Struthers Historical Society

If you would like to honor a loved one who has lived in Struthers at some point in their life and who has served or is serving in the US military you may purchase an honor banner that will be displayed on the city lamp posts during Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. The banner design will feature your loved one's name, photograph, branch of service, years of service and the war/conflict in which he or she served. Each banner will be \$125 and will hang for three years during those time periods. Please visit the Mayor's office, AMVETS, the Historical Society at 50 Terrace St or email us at mayorssecretary@cityofstruthers.com for a form.

Please also go online www.struthershistoricalsociety.com to get your \$10 Struthers Historical Society membership today!

Mauthe Park

We recently met with Justin Edwards in hopes to bring a 9-hole Disc Golf course to Mauthe Park. We are currently looking for a Sponsor to head this project in which we hope will bring more people to visit this beautiful space in Struthers and bring another activity to our residents.

Economic Growth

We would like to welcome 3 NEW businesses to Struthers!

Family Dollar- Struthers Fifth Street Plaza, 1014 Fifth Street.

Hidden Beauty Hair Salon- 576 Poland Avenue

Iron Fit Crew- GRAND OPENING! Saturday, February 15th at 10:00. 627 Spring Street.

We look forward to a great working relationship with all three establishments.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cat Cercone Miller

Remarks/Comments:

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley asked some questions about the Veteran banners and the time periods that they will be displayed.

Mr. Ronald A. Carcelli thanked Mayor for following up with the complaints on Maplewood they are very appreciative for you calling them. Thank you!

Mr. Richard S. Bayus thanked the Mayor and Council for getting into the IWORQS program. He stated that this was something that really needed to be done and it will be an asset to the Struthers Community.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio)

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Lori A. Greenwood, Chairman of Public Utilities scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Caucus Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the city building utility rates. (Called for during the Regular Meeting of Council.)

Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 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.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik asked the clerk to read the 2 pieces of legislation.

LEGISLATION

20-007

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 2020 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, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

20-008

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO INSTALL "NO PARKING" SIGN ON 5TH STREET IN FRONT OF ADDRESS NUMBER 593 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Bayus 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 (absent).

No Remarks.

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

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

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

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.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

REPORT OF AUDITOR (On Audio)

Auditor Christina Bohl was present at the meeting and had no said report 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 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.)

GUEST SPEAKER:

DANIEL R. YEMMA, CHAIRMAN, MAHONING COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (MCLRC), MAHONING COUNTY TREASURER SPOKE ON THE COUNTY LANDBANK IMPACT FOR STRUTHERS.

Mr. Daniel Yemma's Report (Attached):



February 12, 2020

ATTN: Struthers City Council and Administration

FROM: Daniel R. Yemma

Chairman, Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation (MCLRC)

Mahoning County Treasurer

RE: County LandBank Impact for Struthers

1. MCLRC more commonly known as the county landbank (LB,) has taken 133 parcels in the city of Struthers into its inventory. Of those, 89 parcels have been transferred to new owners since May 2013. The other 44 parcels remain in inventory.
2. MCLRC sold four housing units in Struthers to buyers who agreed to renovate the properties as a condition of receiving ownership.
 - a. Addresses:
 - i. 3925 Riley (duplex)
 - ii. 79 Hawthorne
 - iii. 227 Sexton

3. During the county LB administration of the Ohio Attorney General's Moving Ohio Forward (MOF) demolition program in Mahoning County which began in 2012, the Struthers city administration commissioned six residential demolition projects totaling **\$81,821.48**. Struthers received reimbursements totaling **\$69,640.84** through MOF/MCLRC. The city's net cost to demolish the vacant, abandoned houses was **\$12,180.64**.
 - a. Addresses:
 - i. 99 John St.
 - ii. 207 State St.
 - iii. 426 Garfield
 - iv. 55 Ridgeway
 - v. 99 Morrison
 - vi. 99 ½ Morrison

4. During MCLRC administration of Ohio Housing Finance Agency's (OHFA) Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) from 2014 to 2019, the county LB demolished **49** vacant, abandoned houses** in Struthers. MCLRC cumulative cost of acquiring, demolishing and landscaping parcels (as required by the funder) was **\$736,129.94**. Of that, OHFA/NIP reimbursed the landbank for **\$725,195.44**. Struthers contributed **\$10,934.50** to cover costs on 3 properties that exceeded OHFA's \$25,000 cap per project.

**At the request of the former safety service director, sandstone foundations at demolition sites were salvaged to add to the landscaping of city-owned lots between Wilson Avenue and West Washington Street.

MahoningLandBank.com

p 330-259-1040 f 330-259-1044
20 West Federal Street, Suite M-5A, Youngstown, OH 44503

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley and Auditor, Christine S. Bohl.

Mr. Daniel Yemma answered all their questions that they had.

Mr. Norman F. Dunlap Jr., 104 Harvey Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471. He stated that he is concerned with the safety due to the parking situation on Harvey Street due to people not using their driveways because they are lazy. Both sides of the streets are being parked on up to fire hydrants. This is a big safety hazard. He went on to say that he is unable to back out of his drive because of the parking and that if a safety vehicle needed to get down the street it would never happen. Harvey Street is a mess with all the cars parked on the street. He would like to see another traffic study done because something needs to be done. Thank you!

Remarks/Comments: (On Audio)

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley, Mr. Joseph N. Rudzik, Miss. Lori A. Greenwood, Mr. Richard S. Bayus, Mrs. Christina S. Bohl and Mr. Robert D. Burnside

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 is as follows:

- 6:15 P.M.** Public Utilities Committee Chairman Lori A. Greenwood & Members: Ronald A. Carcelli, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the city building utility rates

- 6:30 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.

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STRUTHERS UNIFIED MEETING EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT STRUTHERS LUTHERN CHURCH AT 7:00 P.M....

**STRUTHERS FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FROM
3:00 P.M. til 7:00 P.M. St. Nick's Great Hall...**

ADJOURNMENT

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the meeting be adjourned.
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood,
Pingley (absent).
Motion Carried 6-0.
Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Joseph N. Rudzik declared the meeting be adjourned and
thanked everyone for coming.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL