

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**April 28, 2021**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at roughly 6:16 p.m. (Zoom Meeting) with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus (Absent), 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.

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. spoke to Council telling them they need to excuse Mr. Richard S. Bayus from the meeting since he is not here yet.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Rick Bayus from the Regular Meeting of Council due to car troubles.

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to excuse Mr. Rick Bayus from the Regular Meeting of Council due to car troubles.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus (Absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richard S. Bayus was excused from the Meeting by 6-0 Vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, Safety Service Director, Tim Daley, Auditor, Christina Bohl and Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. Zoom Guest: Michelle Ray, Bob Benson, John Socha, Bert Cene and Patty D.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, April 14, 2021 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Greenwood to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Dated April 14, 2021 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus (Absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the three (3) pieces of communications.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 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 MARCH 2021, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
- 2) STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S CASH TRANSACTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021 SUBMITTED BY ROBERT D. CARCELLI, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
- 3) MAYOR'S REPORT DATED MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021 SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick 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 (Absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Communications accepted and received by 6-0 vote.

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

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present and had said report entitled Mayor's Report March 22, 2021 for Council this evening. MAYOR'S REPORT (READ IN CAUCUS REVIEW): 1) Tree City USA, 2) Arbor Day Celebration, 3) Clean-Up Trailer, 4) Dingers for Divito, 5) Robotics Team, 6) StormWater Clean-Up Day and 7) Tax Deadline Reminder. (ON FILE)

*Catherine Cercone Miller*

*Mayor*

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### **MAYOR'S REPORT April 26, 2021**

#### **Tree City USA**

Through application from our office, The Arbor Day Foundation, has recognized the City of Struthers as a 2020 Tree City USA. We have achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day. Recognition signs will be going up soon.

#### **Arbor Day Celebration**

On Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, The City of Struthers Tree Board will be celebrating Arbor Day by planting new Japanese Cherry Blossom trees with the Struthers City Schools at the Middle School. We have removed a few trees in order to plant new ones to beautify the area in a non-evasive way and eventually plant a pollinator Garden.

#### **Clean-Up Trailer**

Struthers is in the process of purchasing a trailer, equipped with supplies to make it easier for volunteers to clean up or enhance areas of Struthers (such as; landscaping, community gardens, greenspaces, litter removal, seasonal clean-up , community events clean up, debris removal and clearing of vacant lots.) We are looking for donations to stock this trailer as well. Our trailer will be free and available to Struthers residents to borrow. It will be stocked with landscaping tools and cleanup supplies. We are in the beginning stages of this process. We have teamed up with the Struthers Middle School, and will be selecting from the submitted artwork, the design for the trailer and also the slogan or acronym which we will use. The City of Struthers will be selecting one winner. Their design will be placed on the trailer which will be seen around the community. The winner will be announced on May 22, 2021 on Struthers Clean Up Day!

### **Dingers for Divito**

On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, an inaugural fundraiser was held at the Struthers Baseball Fields to raise money for Struthers resident and veteran of the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office, Anthony Divito who is battling cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

### **Robotics Team**

Congratulations to the Struthers City Schools Robotics Team for placing 20<sup>th</sup> in the state out of over 700 teams and finishing in the top 10% in the world rankings.

### **Stormwater Cleanup Day**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> has been scheduled for the citywide cleanup day. Details will be announced soon.

### **Tax Deadline Reminder**

The City of Struthers, along with the state and federal government has extended its tax deadline to May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
Mayor Cat Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio) WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley, Chairman of the Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (Via Zoom Meeting App) at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.

Mr. Ronal S. Carcelli, Chairman of General Improvements Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 following the Finance & Legislation Meeting to discuss paving of Struthers City Streets. (To Follow Finance & Legislation)

### **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 Nine (9) pieces of legislation this evening.

### **LEGISLATION**

#### **THIRD READING**

**21-019**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 TO STRUTHERS BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR 3 OUTFIELD ADVERTISEMENTS SIGNS FOR STRUTHERS CITY COUNCIL FOR YEARS 2021 AND 2022.**

Burnside 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 (Absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**21-020**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-020 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**21-021**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY AUDITOR, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, PROVIDING FOR VACATIONS, FUNERAL LEAVE FOR SAID EMPLOYEE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-021 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**21-022**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021 PROVIDING FOR VACATIONS, FUNERAL LEAVE FOR SAID EMPLOYEE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-021 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**21-023**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, DEFINING HER DUTIES, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION WORKING SCHEDULE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-022 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Burnside 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 (Absent), Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

No Remarks.

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

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**Mr. Richard S. Bayus joined Zoom Meeting at 6:29 p.m.....**

**21-024**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ALL APPOINTEES IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, STREET DEPARTMENT, EXCLUDING THE WORKING FOREMAN, PROVIDING FOR VACATIONS, HOLIDAY PAY, AND OVERTIME FOR SAID EMPLOYEES, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-024 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley 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 Pingley 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.

**21-025**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR FULL-TIME PARK CARETAKER/LABORER, IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO, PROVIDING FOR VACATION, AND HOLIDAY PAY, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-025 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley 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.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley 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.

**21-026**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PERSON IN THE CITY BUILDING, IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO, PROVIDING FOR VACATION, AND HOLIDAY PAY, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-026 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley 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 Pingley 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.

**21-027**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR, IN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO, PROVIDING FOR VACATION, AND HOLIDAY PAY, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-019 AND ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Pingley 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 Pingley 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments for Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments for New Business.

**REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was present on the Zoom meeting and had no Report for Council this evening. He stated that he would be available for any questions that any one may have. Thank you.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

**REPORT OF AUDITOR**

Auditor Christina Bohl was present on the Zoom meeting and had a said report dated March 2021 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 March 2021, 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. He did speak at length about patching roads and cutting grass.

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.)**

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 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. (Via Zoom Meeting App)

**TO FOLLOW FINANCE & LEGISLATION**

General Improvements Committee Chairman Ronald A. Carcelli & Members: James E. Baluck, Megan L. Pingley. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss paving of Struthers City Streets. (Via Zoom Meeting App)

**ARBOR DAY- Friday, April 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Struthers Middle School**

**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 joining “Zoom Meeting” App. (End Time: 6:38 P.M.)

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL