**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 25, 2023**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 pm**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

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.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Councilman-At-Large, Miss. Megan L. Pingley from the meeting due to surgery.

Carcelli moved seconded by Baluck to excuse Miss. Megan L. Pingley form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated October 25, 2023 due to surgery.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Miss. Megan L/ Pingley excused 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 and Safety Service Director, Robert F. Benson.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, October 11, 2023 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Baluck to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, October 11, 2023 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 6-0 vote.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **LAW DIRECTOR, JOHN N. ZOMOIDA, JR SENT COUNCIL A COMMUNICATION REGARDING CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY THAT WAS SENT TO MR. JOHN P. LACZKO, PRESIDENT OF STRUTHERS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 16, 2023.**

**2) SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR, ROBERT F. BENSON SENT A COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ZONING BOARD ON A VARIANCE TO AMY PETRUNAK LOT NO. 6642, 112 ROCKY LEDGE.**

**3) MAYOR’S REPORT DATED MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023, SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONE MILLER.**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to receive and file the communication.

Bayus moved seconded by Carcelli to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley (absent).

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 6-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (REPORT ON FILE)**

Mayor was present and had said report entitled Mayor’s Report Monday, October 23, 2023 for Council this evening. Read in: (**Caucus** / Chambers) MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Struthers Trick or Treat, 2) Halloween House Contest, 3) Rotary Pancake Breakfast, 4) Chili Cook Off, and 5) Struthers Unleashed. (REPORT ON FILE)

**Catherine Cercone Miller**

Mayor

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**Mayor's Report**

**Oct. 23rd, 2023**

**Struthers Trick Or Treat**

Trick or Treat in the City will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 5pm to 7pm. Please drive with caution and be mindful of the construction along some of the streets. Creed Street from Garfield to Euclid will be closed for any through traffic.

**Halloween House Contest**

Thank you to everyone who has voted and participated in the Halloween Contest. Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on October 25th.

**Rotary Pancake Breakfast**

The Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 5th from 8am to 1pm at the Struthers High School Cafeteria. Donations are $8 for adults and $5 per child. Donations support scholarships.

**Chili Cook Off**

The Phipps Family Memorial will be hosting their 3rd annual Chili Cook off on Sunday November 5th from 1pm to 4pm at AMVETS in Struthers. There will be a 50/50 and a basket raffle.

**Struthers Unleashed**

Struthers Unleashed will be hosting their first Stuffed Pepper Dinner fundraiser at Christ Lutheran Church in Struthers from 2pm to 6pm. There will be a 50/50 and a basket raffle. All proceeds will go towards raising funds for the dog park. Please see their website [www.struthersunleashed.org](http://www.struthersunleashed.org) for more information.

Keep Smiling,

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

**Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller Announced the Halloween Light Contest Winners.**

**1300 Votes 158 Wilson**

**1100 Votes 173 Elm Street**

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 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.

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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 were (3) three pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**23-033**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS AND THE AFSCME, AFL-CIO LOCAL 759 OF COUNCIL 8 AS A RESULT OF THE PARTIES NEGOTIATIONS, HEREINAFTER “AFSCME,” 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 (absent).

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 (absent).

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**23-034**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRUTHERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026, 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 (absent).

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 (absent).

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote.

**FIRST**

**READING**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO AMY PETRUNAK, THE OWNER OF PROPERTY IS LOT # 6642, 112 ROCKY LEDGE DRIVE, STRUTHERS, OHIO. THE VARIANCE INVOLVES THE REAR YARD, THE ENCROACHMENT IS 6’ INTO THE 24’ EASEMENT OUTLINED IN CITY ORDINANCE 1131.02b FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ADDITION.**

Greenwood moved seconded by Burnside that the ordinance be passed to a second reading.

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

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed to second reading 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**

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**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was not present and had no said report for Struthers City Council this evening.

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:

Judge Jennifer Ciccone spoke at length about the courts and stating that she will be implementing Night Court on Wednesdays starting November 1, 2023 to try and get the docket cleared.

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick** **announced the following:**

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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 (absent).

Motion Carried 6-0.

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