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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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The Regular Meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Erin E. Stewart at 7:35 p.m. on Wednesday the 22nd day of October 2014 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Fourteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Black, Collins, Platosz, Sanchez, Carlozzi, DeFronzo, Salvio, Pabon, Giantonio, Salerno, Naples and Bielinski.

One member was absent: Ald. Smedley

Ald. Smedley arrived at 7:45 p.m.

The pledge to the flag was led by Patricia Stewart.

The invocation was given by Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk: O God, our Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the gift of friendship with our Sister City in Atsugi, Japan. We give you thanks for this friendship. In a tumultuous world we need our Atsugi friends to help us worldwide enjoy a quality of life, liberty and happiness second to none. Show the world we can overcome our disagreements and realize that freedom to prosper, freedom from oppression, and freedom to celebrate Your good name are the foundation of an everlasting bond that cannot be broken. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

Mayor Stewart asked that a moment of silence be observed in memory of all cancer victims.

Mayor Stewart recognized a delegation from our Sister City, Atsugi, Japan and presented each of them with certificates of Honorary Citizenship and presented them with gifts of friendship.

Ald. Trueworthy moved for a five-minute recess in order for photos to be taken, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted.

Ald. Smedley arrived.

Ald. Bielinski moved to return to order at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted.

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2014, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Collins moved to amend the Agenda by adding 32906(7), 32907(8), and 32908(9), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

PETITIONS

32909 RE: ALD. BLACK FOR INSTALLATION OF A “STOP” SIGN AT THE END OF AUSTIN STREET HEADING ONTO CHAPMAN ST. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

32910 RE: ALD. MAGNUSZEWSKI FOR INSTALLTION OF “STOP” SIGNS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON MCKINLEY DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HALE LANE. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

32911 RE: ALD. PABON FOR GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION APPROVAL TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE GENERAL REPAIRER’S AND AUTO DEALER’S LICENSE FOR PROPERTY AT 77 SOUTH ST. REFERRED TO CITY PLAN AND THE PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING COMMITTEE.

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Ald. Collins moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E Stewart.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

32894 RE: CLAIMS FOR INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

CLAIMANTS NAME

- Granger, George M.
- Hernandez, Damaris by Atty. Danielle Wisniowski
- Kennerly, Lorraine

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

32895 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING - COMMERCIAL CARGO TRAILER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested for the following under the Federal Government's GSA Cooperative Purchasing by the New Britain Fire Department.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Connecticut Trailers Bolton, CT.	Commercial Cargo Trailer	\$8,681.50

The New Britain Fire Department requested a purchase order for the purchase of a new Commercial Cargo Trailer utilizing the Federal Government's contract award GS-30F-0014V. This new trailer will be utilized by the Fire Department for the storage of rescue manikins, lighting, generators, self-contained breathing apparatus and other fire training equipment and material. Since the Fire Department does not have a dedicated training facility the new trailer will be brought to City owned and privately owned buildings ready for demolition that will be utilized by the Fire Department for non-destructive and destruction firefighting training. The new trailer will allow all of the necessary training support equipment to be permanently and securely kept in it when not in use. Funding is available for the new trailer within the Fire Department's account number, 001212002-5337, Training/Conferences.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$8,681.50 to Connecticut Trailers of Bolton, CT for the purchase of a new Commercial Cargo Trailer for the New Britain Fire Department utilizing the Federal Government's GSA Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #GS-30F-0014V.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32896 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – OVERHEAD DOOR SAFETY UPGRADE – FIRE DEPT.

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

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In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan for the New Britain Fire Department.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Overhead Door Company of Hartford, Inc. Hartford, CT.	Overhead Door Safety Upgrades	16	\$2,375.00	\$38,000.00

The New Britain Fire Department requested the purchase of Safety Upgrades to sixteen (16) overhead doors at various Fire Stations utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #13PSX0027. The Fire Station's overhead doors have never had a standard configuration of operating buttons, features and timers. This lack of standardization configuration has led to door damage over the years. The Department's overhead doors also do not have safety eyes that are common in residential overhead doors. This is a safety issue not only for firefighters but especially for individuals who may be in or around the area of the closing overhead doors. This project will re-configure all operating hardware and features of all Fire Station overhead doors into a standardized system of equipment and operation. It will also add safety eyes to all overhead doors. This will increase safety to the public and all personnel. It will also decrease the repair costs for damaged doors. All Fire Station doors and equipment are proprietary to the Overhead Door Company. No other door companies can make the required safety upgrades. Funding for this purchase was approved by the Common Council at their June 25, 2013 meeting, Resolution 32373-1. Funding is available for this purchase within the Fire Department's account number, 0083237301-5454, Capital Projects, City Wide Facilities, Construction Contracts.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$38,000.00 to Overhead Door Company of Hartford, Inc. of Hartford CT for the purchase of Safety Upgrades to sixteen (16) overhead doors at various Fire Stations utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #13PSX0027.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32897 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING - HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan for the New Britain Fire Department.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Shipman's Fire Equipment Company, Inc. Waterford, CT.	High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor	\$66,580.07

The New Britain Fire Department requested the purchase of a new High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #11PSX0117. The High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor is used to refill self-contained breathing apparatus bottles utilized by our City's Firemen. The current High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor was purchased twenty (20) years ago when the current self-contained breathing apparatus bottles were purchased. The new High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor will be capable of filling the self-contained breathing apparatus bottles to a pressure of 5,500 psi versus 4,500 psi the current High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor fills them to now. The higher pressure is needed for the newer generation of self-contained breathing apparatus bottles that are now available. The new High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor needs to be installed before the new self-contained breathing apparatus bottles can be placed into service. The purchase includes complete installation of all required equipment including system storage cylinders, an air system carbon monoxide detector and a remote fill panel mount. The purchase price also includes a trade-in

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value of \$3,000.00 for the existing High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor which is reflected in the quoted price from the supplier. This purchase request is the first step in replacing the entire inventory of the self-contained breathing apparatus bottle units and associated equipment. Funding for this purchase was approved by the Common Council at their June 25, 2013 meeting, Resolution 32373-1. Funding is available for this purchase within the Fire Department's account number, 0041200114-57022, SCBA, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Replacement Program.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$66,580.07 to Shipman's Fire Equipment Company, Inc. of Waterford, CT for the purchase of High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #11PSX0117.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32898 RE: EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER - EAGLE ELEVATOR COMPANY - MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF ELEVATORS AT VARIOUS CITY LOCATIONS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order was authorized by the Mayor and issued to the vendor listed below on October 3, 2014

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Eagle Elevator Company Wallingford, CT.	Maintenance and Repairs of Elevators at various City locations	\$25,200.00

The Purchasing Agent reports that no formal bid solicitation and advertisement as outlined in the Purchasing Ordinances were made for this item. In accordance with Section 2-606b of the City Code of Ordinances, the Purchasing Agent reports:

A Purchase Order was requested by the Public Works Department, Property Management Division, for maintenance and repairs of elevators at various City locations. The present contractor, Otis Elevator Company, who was awarded the bid for this service, has not been performing the required maintenance or repairs to the City elevators per the contract and bid specifications. It has caused some of the elevators to fail and not become operational for weeks. The Property Management Division, Corporation Council and the Purchasing Agent have been in contact with upper management of Otis Elevator Company via mail or phone indicating the problems the City was having with its elevators and the required maintenance and repairs they have not provided. Otis Elevator Company still has not provided the maintenance or services in a timely manner causing some of the City elevators not to be operational for extended periods of time. This has caused the City to cancel the contract with Otis Elevator Company. The maintenance and repairs to the City elevators needed to be conducted immediately. Because they were not working properly or operational it caused a public safety issue. Eagle Elevator Company was one of the elevator companies who submitted a bid for the Maintenance and Repairs of Elevators at various City locations when it was put out to bid. Eagle Elevator Company was not the lowest bidder but met all of the bid specifications. Eagle Elevator Company has indicated that they will match the bid price that Otis Elevator Company submitted and was charging the City for this service. Eagle Elevator Company will perform the required maintenance and repairs to the City's elevators at various locations at no additional cost to the City until it is put back out to bid soon. Because of the importance and urgency of getting the elevators maintained, repaired and operational again, the Mayor under her executive authority approved the purchase order.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

32877-1 RE: PORTABLE TOILETS AT CITY PARKS

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To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

RE: Portable Toilet at City Parks

In response to a City Council petition #32877 listed is Public Works current program for providing portable toilets at City Parks.

Drain Doctor provides and maintains the portable toilets for the City. Due to recent problems with the cleanliness of some of the portable toilets in some of the Parks Public Works is assessing our program to determine if changes need to be made.

Walnut Hill Park

1 Handicap accessible portable toilet provided year round

1 Handicap accessible portable toilet provided approx. April through October

1 Regular portable toilet provided year round (mostly for employee use)

Cleaned Mondays & Fridays

Recent Monday inspections have shown recent problems with cleanliness

Stanley Quarter Park

1 Handicap accessible portable toilet provided year round

1 Regular portable toilet provided year round

1 Regular portable toilet provided by others

Due to recent usage, 1 regular portable toilet was added 9/30/14 for remainder of season

Cleaned Mondays & Fridays

Recent Monday inspections have shown recent problems with cleanliness

AW Stanley Park

1 Handicap accessible & 1 regular provided portable toilet approx. April through October depending on weather

Cleaned Mondays & Fridays

Willow Brook Park

3 Portable toilets provided year round

2 Regular portable toilets added 9/23/14 for remainder of season

Cleaned Mondays & Fridays

Of note: The bathroom in building constructed and maintained by Youth Soccer is unusable at this time due to frozen plumbing.

Veterans Stadium

1 Handicap accessible portable toilet provided in the stadium toilet April through October depending on weather

Cleaned once per week only sees minimal usage

Chesley Park

1 Handicap accessible & 1 regular provided portable toilet April through October depending on weather

Cleaned Mondays & Fridays

Hungerford Park

1 Handicap Accessible & 1 Regular provided portable toilet June through November depending on weather

Cleaned once per week

Martha Hart Park

No portable toilets provided

1 bathroom managed by the Fagan Baseball League

Willow Street Park / Washington Park

No portable toilets provided

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Costs

Regular portable toilets cost \$100/month with one cleaning per week
Handicapped accessible portable toilets cost \$150/month with one cleaning per week
Adding a second cleaning per week cleaning costs \$50/month
Fiscal year 2014 cost for providing portable toilets in City Parks was \$5,100

Additionally, the Public Works Department has directed Drain Doctor to inspect every portable toilet currently in use in the City Parks and to make any needed repairs.

Mark E. Moriarty, P.E.
Director of Public Works

32878-1 RE: WILLOW BROOK SOCCER FIELDS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

This report is in response to City Council petition 32878.

1. The building providing men's and women's bathroom facilities at the Willow Brook Soccer Fields was constructed and has been maintained by Youth Soccer. A failure to properly winterize this building resulted in plumbing freezing and the bathrooms becoming unusable. Costs associated with these repairs should not be taken on by the City as this facility was not built or is not maintained by City personnel. Portable toilets have been provided at this location.
2. In response to the petition comment that the fields need to be inspected for proper security, please note that this facility is not meant to be a secured facility, and, therefore, the gates are regularly kept open.
3. The Public Works Department will investigate the drainage problem mentioned near the entrance gate, and make modifications if possible.

Mark E. Moriarty, P.E.
Director of Public Works

TAX COLLECTOR

32899 RE: TAX ABATEMENTS CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

The Collector of Taxes has referred a list of tax abatements, corrections and refunds. Acceptance and adoption is respectfully recommended.

Cheryl S. Blogoslawski
Tax Collector

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

32900 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-584 OF THE ORDINANCES CONCERNING PROMOTION OF PUBLIC ARTS

Proposed Amendment on File in Town Clerk's Office

Ald. Naples moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Platosz. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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32901 RE: INCREASING THE EXISTING PURCHASE ORDER TO CONNECTICUT SEALCOATING, LLC - CRACK SEALING OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, Public Bid No. 3787 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Crack Sealing of Bituminous Pavement of Various Streets for the Public Works Department;

WHEREAS, the bid was awarded to Connecticut Sealcoating, LLC of Bethlehem, CT and a Purchase Order for the bid amount of \$69,903.00 was issued;

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has identified additional streets that would benefit from being included in this year's Crack Seal program;

WHEREAS, the cost of Crack Sealing these additional streets plus Traffic Control totals \$22,441.49 for which funding is available in the Public Works Street Infrastructure Bond Account Number 0082950302-5454

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Purchasing agent to increase the existing Purchase Order to Connecticut Sealcoating, LLC in the amount of \$22,441.49.

Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Carozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32902 RE: RECEIPT OF \$15,000 - "RIGHT RESPONSE CT" FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolution Summary: This resolution allows for Mayor Erin E. Stewart to sign an agreement for the City's receipt of funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management and to place such funds in revenue and expenditure accounts to continue operations of the "Right Response CT" program set as forth by a memorandum of agreement between the Consolidated School District of New Britain, the New Britain Police Department, and New Britain Youth and Family Services. Funds will be used to continue employment of two part time School Collaborative Team Interventionists placed at New Britain High School. The Right Response CT program is a model designed to reduce school based arrests. New Britain currently has the highest percentage of school based arrests in the State of Connecticut per capita.

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain is committed to its children and youth, and desires to make the schools and community the best place possible to educate and raise children; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain has received funding to operate the Right Response CT program to reduce the incidence of school based arrests; and

WHEREAS; there is a memorandum of agreement between the Consolidated School District of New Britain, the New Britain Police Department and New Britain Youth & Family Services to utilize the "Right Response CT" model; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED; that Mayor Erin E. Stewart receive full authority to execute all contracts in receipt of Right Response CT funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management; AND BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED; that such funding, upon receipt, be placed in appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts as defined below.

Rev. Account:	298536102-4476	Local Revenue/Contributions	\$15,000
Exp. Account:	298536102-5124	Part Time Salaries	\$15,000

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Sanchez moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32903 RE: SOLICITATION OF NECESSARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SPONSOR THE ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolution Summary: This Resolution allows the Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities to solicit and receive contributions to sponsor the Monday, January 19, 2015, annual Ceremony/Breakfast in commemoration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance

WHEREAS; Each year the City of New Britain hosts a Ceremony/Breakfast to reflect on the accomplishments of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and acknowledge the impact that he had on American history; and

WHEREAS; Dr. King's life work represented a steadfast commitment to ensuring and advancing equality for all people; As a man of vision, he challenged Americans to fully embrace the core values of our nation's constitution – freedom, liberty and justice - and worked tirelessly to awaken the conscience of the country; and

WHEREAS; this is a day of interracial and intercultural sharing, where people from different cultural backgrounds come together in a vibrant spirit and solidarity, whether you are African-American, Hispanic or Native American, Caucasian or Asian-American you are part of the great dream Dr. King had for all of America; and

WHEREAS; the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities solicits and receives donations from the community and its businesses to defray the Ceremony/Breakfast associated expenses in Dr. King's honor: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Common Council of the City New Britain hereby authorizes Mayor Erin E. Stewart, through the Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities, to solicit the necessary financial support to defray the expenses associated with the Ceremony/Breakfast, and that upon receipt, be placed in a designated revenue and expenditure account established by the Finance Department under the administrative power of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, as outlined below:

Revenues: #265521101-4476	Expenditures: #265521101-5336
\$2,000	\$2,000

Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32904 RE: RECEIPT OF \$110,925 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

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Program Objective: The Parks and Recreation Department has been asked to provide comprehensive after school programming at Chamberlain, DiLoreto, Holmes, Northend, Smith and Vance Village Elementary Schools. Students in grades three through five are targeted to attend the after school program from 3:35 to 6:00 p.m. The three major components of the after school program are academic enrichment, recreation, and cultural arts.

Local Program Operation Department: Recreation and Community Services Department

Resolution Purpose: The Recreation Division is requesting approval of money from the Consolidated School District of New Britain in the amount of \$110,925, and the set-up of expenditures and revenue accounts accordingly.

WHEREAS, the City, through its Recreation Division, will be receiving money from the Consolidated School District of New Britain for providing six elementary after school programs in the amount of \$110,925. Funding has been granted for this program that will provide services such as wellness/recreational activities, homework help, enrichment and mentoring to City youth in an after-school environment, and

WHEREAS, the School District monies will pay for personnel and program supply costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of September 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$110,925 be appropriated in the City's special revenue fund account structure in accordance with the requirements of the grantor agency. The account number has been established by the Finance Director, then it be further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes Mayor Erin E. Stewart to sign appropriate documents required for this grant.

251420135-4222	Revenue – Consolidated School District	\$110,925
Consolidated School District of New Britain		
251420135-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$ 75,037
251420135-5231	Medicare	\$ 1,088
251420135-5412	Telecommunications	\$ 1,200
251420135-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$ 12,000
251420135-5540	Advertising and Printing	\$ 600
251420135-5611	Office Supplies	\$ 2,400
251420135-5659	Supplies	\$ 18,000
251420135-5810	Fees & Memberships	\$ 600
Total Expenditures:		\$ 110,925

Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman David DeFronzo
Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Daniel Salerno

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32905 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 15-73 PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS FOR ON STREET PARKING IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Proposed Amendment on File in the Town Clerk's Office.

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Ald. Salvio moved to accept and refer to the Consolidated Committee and the Board of Police Commissioners, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32906 RE: OCTOBER 2014 - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, excluding skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women: it is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life is about 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 36; and

WHEREAS, currently there are over 2.8 million women living in the United States who have been treated for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 women will die from the disease this year; and

WHEREAS, Men are also able to get breast cancer and, in fact, there are 2,360 cases every year of breast cancer in men in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is not yet known exactly what causes breast cancer, but what is known, is that certain risk factors are linked to the disease; and

WHEREAS, woman age 40 and older should have a mammogram annually. Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam as part of a regular exam by a health expert; and

WHEREAS, studies show that regular mammography screening of women between the ages of 50 and 69 reduces breast cancer mortality by approximately 30% in this age group. However, women with breast cancer will not benefit from mammography screening unless they have access to appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, the earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chances that treatment will work; and

WHEREAS, the most common sign of breast cancer is a new lump or mass. A lump that is painless, hard and has uneven edges is more likely to be cancer, but some cancers are tender, soft and rounded; therefore, it is important to have anything unusual checked by your doctor; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a special opportunity every year to focus attention on this urgent challenge that affects us all in some way; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Of New Britain recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and wants the citizens of the City to be aware of this disease, its risks and symptoms and are encouraged to self-screen monthly and be screened regularly.

Alderwoman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Alderman Robert Smedley
Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Daniel Salerno

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Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32907 RE: ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICERS PROGRAM TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFRAY CITY COSTS IN PURCHASING NEEDED GEAR AND EQUIPMENT - POLICE DEPARTMENT

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolution Summary: This Resolution allows the members of the Community Services Officer program to solicit and receive contributions to defray City costs in purchasing needed gear and equipment.

WHEREAS; the Ordinances of the City of New Britain provide the Chief of Police the authority to establish a trained volunteer program with the purpose to supplement and support some of the work done by the department; and

WHEREAS;in 1995 the first Community Services Officer (CSO) program was established; and

WHEREAS; today, Community Services Officers (CSO's), under the leadership of the Chief of Police James Wardwell and Sergeant Paula Keller, assist the police department by performing such duties as assisting with crowd and traffic control at incident scenes and special events, patrolling the schools and parks to prevent vandalism, documenting and removing graffiti on City and, in some cases, private property, as well as performing some parking enforcement and animal control duties; and

WHEREAS;the CSO's would like the opportunity to raise funds to support the purchase of additional gear and equipment needed in the execution of their duties: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Common Council of the City New Britain hereby authorizes Mayor Erin E. Stewart, through the New Britain Police Department, to solicit the necessary financial support to defray some of the expenses associated with the Community Services Officer Program, and that upon receipt, such funds to be placed in a designated revenue and expenditure account established by the Finance Department under the administrative power of the New Britain Police Department, as outlined below:

Revenues: #23021152-4232
Grants and Contributions

Expenditures: #23021152-5659
Operating Materials and Supplies

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32908 RE: DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN'S "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain recognizes the valiant and selfless contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the Armed Forces in service of the continued freedom and democracy of our great nation of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is ever mindful of the privilege and responsibility it bears in providing an educational environment which strives to be inclusive, exemplary and in all ways excels in

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encouraging our youth to embrace and appreciate the efforts of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain places a high value on educating our children and young people in the areas of history, social studies, government and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is dedicated to preserving and nurturing those ideals held sacred and necessary by our founding fathers in establishing our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain seeks to empower New Britain's youth to accept the full responsibilities and privileges of citizenship in, and the stewardship, of our nation; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain will provide this empowerment and education by broadly supporting the efforts of the New Britain Disabled American Veterans Wreaths Across America efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain will identify the day before Veterans Day (November 10, 2014) as a district-wide day of instruction and awareness of Veterans Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain will support the fund raising efforts of the Disabled American Veterans for Wreaths Across America, in particular the November 7, 2014 dinner and all other fund raising activities to that affect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain will support the wreath laying ceremony at the Fairview Cemetery on December 13, 2014.

LET IT BE SO RESOLVED this day, October 22, 2014, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Alderman Daniel Salerno
Alderman Don Naples
Alderwoman Eva Magnuszewski

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept, adopt and refer to the Veterans Commission, seconded by Ald. Carlozzi. So voted. Approved October 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Collins moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

October 22, 2014