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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

**APRIL 22, 2015**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:54 p.m. on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April 2015 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, You created us all in Your image and likeness. New Britain is the melting pot of Connecticut. While diverse, we are all equal in Your eyes and we look to You for guidance, reflection, conviction and strength. Look down on all of our diverse residents regardless of race, creed, national origin, gender or sexual orientation. Forgive our imperfections and weaknesses. Give our elected leaders the guidance to work together to foster a greater community. Bless our New Britain community. We ask that You provide us with a sunny and warm weekend so our 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Main Street and Little Poland Festival on Broad Street can attract people from all stations in life to enjoy the richness of our diverse community. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Emma Pierce.

Points of personal privilege were extended to the following:

Ald. Trueworthy who spoke of the recent death of Phil Schonberger, Hartford Developer and friend, and who at one time was a very interested developer in the Berkowitz building in New Britain.

Ald. Smedley invited everyone to attend Music Mania on Friday, May 1, 2015 at New Britain High School.

Ald. Giantonio invited everyone to come down and watch the Hoops for Homeless Tournament on Main Street on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Ald. Magnuszewski invited everyone to attend the Little Poland Festival on Broad Street on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Mayor Stewart noted that attending the Little Poland Festival will be Krzysztof Nuskiewicz, Mayor of New Britain's Sister City of Pultusk, Poland.

Mayor Stewart also noted that Franz Rothenbiller, Mayor of our Sister City in Rastatt, Germany, recently passed away.

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2015, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Collins moved to amend the Agenda by substituting 33087(10), and by adding 33089(12), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

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## PETITIONS

- 33090 RE: ALD. GIANTONIO AND PABON FOR CONDUCTING A TRAFFIC SURVEY AND POLICE MONITORING ON LINCOLN ST, SOUTH OF CORBIN AVE. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 33091 RE: ALD. COLLINS FOR VEHICLE SPEED MONITORING AND RACING DIRT BIKES AND ATV'S ON BROOK STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00 PM AND 8:30 PM. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 33092 RE: ALD. COLLINS AND SALERNO FOR CONDUCTING A TRAFFIC STUDY ON WILDWOOD STREET ADJACENT TO CHESLEY PARK AND ALSO THE POLICE SUBSTATION. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### CITY CLERK

**33074 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

- Catalano, Jeffrey P.
- Falcon, Ana by her Atty. Paul M. Iannaccone
- Gordon, Sherwayne
- Hebenstreit, Marianne
- Wassil, Susan

Mark H. Bernacki  
City Clerk

### OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

**33075 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM HENRY DEMAIO V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN**

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

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) be paid to Henry Demaio and Brian M. Silver, Esq., his attorney, in full settlement of his suit against the City of New Britain, now pending in Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, at New Britain, for injuries and losses he allegedly sustained on October 24, 2013, when the plaintiff's vehicle struck a raised manhole cover while traveling in a southbound direction on Christian Lane, New Britain, CT. He has alleged that as a result of the incident, he sustained severe neck strain, back and knee pain as well as property damage to his vehicle. The plaintiff has alleged \$3,929.00 in medical damages.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after a settlement conference between the Honorable Judge Young, City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and Atty. Brian Silver with the approval and consent of Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

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This suit is to be withdrawn by the plaintiff without costs to the City of New Britain and settlement is to be made without admission of any liability.

Irena J. Urbaniak  
City Attorney

**33076 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM JENNIFER RASPARDO, ET AL V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN  
ET AL**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$153,500.00) be paid to the Plaintiffs Jennifer Raspardo, Needasabrina Russell and Gina Spring and Norman Pattis, Esq., their attorney, in full settlement of their suit against the City of New Britain, et al, now pending in the United States District Court in Hartford, Raspardo, et al vs. City of New Britain, et al. One of the Defendants, John Carlone is contributing an additional Six Thousand and Five Dollars (\$6500.00) to the settlement.

This matter involves a lawsuit pending in the federal District Court by Jennifer Raspardo, Gina Spring and Needasabrina Russell, three former police officers, against the City of New Britain Police Department and former employees Anthony Paventi and John Carlone wherein the plaintiffs allege they were sexually harassed during the course of their employment. In addition, they alleged that four other city police supervisors created a hostile work environment and subjected them to disparate treatment by making inappropriate comments, failing to adequately report or investigate Carlone's harassing behavior and disciplining the female plaintiffs more harshly for violations of New Britain Police Department Policies than male officers. Most of the alleged events occurred between early 2007 and early 2008.

The Office of Corporation Counsel represents the City of New Britain, the Police Department, William Gagliardi, Thomas Steck and Kenneth Panetta. Outside counsel was retained for Anthony Paventi and John Carlone due to a conflict of interests between those officers and the New Britain Police Department. State Law and the applicable collective bargaining agreements obligate the City of New Britain to provide legal representation for these officers unless or until a judge or jury determines that the officers' conduct was willful and wanton and hence outside the scope of the authority. Thus the City of New Britain was exposed to paying additional attorneys' fees for these two prior employees as well as paying plaintiffs' legal fees if they were successful in the litigation.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of Assistant Corporation Counsel Joseph E. Skelly, Jr. and City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after settlement negotiations between Honorable Magistrate Judge Martinez, Assistant Corporation Counsel Joseph E. Skelly, Jr., City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, Attorney Joseph McQuade (Anthony Paventi's Attorney), Attorney Alex Avoccio, (John Carlone's Attorney), Attorney Brittany Paz and Norman Pattis, Esq. (Plaintiffs' counsel), with the approval and consent of Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

This suit is to be withdrawn by the plaintiff without costs to the City of New Britain and settlement is to be made without admission of any liability.

Irena J. Urbaniak  
City Attorney

**33077 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM KAREN POTTER BRUENN V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN**

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

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) be paid to Karen Potter Bruenn and Mark J. Migliaccio, Esq., her attorney, in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain, now pending in Superior Court,

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Judicial District of New Britain, at New Britain, for bodily injuries she sustained on September 4, 2012 when she was walking upon the public sidewalk adjacent to 332-334 Broad Street. She alleges to have fallen because of a fractured, broken, split, crumbled and uneven sidewalk. As a result of the incident, plaintiff alleges that she has suffered a cervical strain/sprain, lumbar strain/strain; bilateral knee contusion; left ankle sprain; left ankle status post arthrodesis and bilateral lower extremity edema. In medical specials, the plaintiff has incurred \$27,039.91. There is a Medicaid lien.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after settlement negotiations between Honorable Judge Young, City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and Mark J. Migliaccio, Esq., with the approval and consent of Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

This suit is to be withdrawn by the plaintiff without costs to the City of New Britain and settlement is to be made without admission of any liability.

Irena J. Urbaniak  
City Attorney

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

#### 33078 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – APRIL 1, 2015 THRU APRIL 14, 2015

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 the city of New Britain ordinance of Article VII – Finance, Section 2-494(3), the following departments have transferred monies from one line item to another within their departmental budget (total department budget has not changed). Each transfer will be continuously numbered from month to month throughout the fiscal year. This report represents the transfers executed by the mayor in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance for the period ending April 14, 2015

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|-----|--------------------|---|----------|--------------------------------|
| 9.  | Department:        | Assessor  |          |                                |
|     | From:              | 001107001-5331  |          | (Professional Services)        |
|     | To:                | 001107001-5352  | \$500.00 | (Data Processing)              |
|     |                    | 001107001-5611  | \$400.00 | (Office Supplies)              |
|     |                    | 001107001-5645  | \$125.00 | (Technical Publications)       |
|     | Amount:            | \$1,025.00  |          |                                |
|     | Brief Description: | Adjust line items for quarterly payment to QDS, purchase of paper, toner, office supplies, camera for assessment field work and NADA valuation guides for 10/1/15 vehicle grand list          |          |                                |
| 10. | Department:        | Sewer   |          |                                |
|     | From:              | 208315101-5453  |          | Engineering/Appraisals         |
|     | To:                | 208315101-5659  |          | Operating Materials & Supplies |
|     | Amount:            | \$21,000.00   |          |                                |
|     | Brief Description: | Funds needed to purchase 50 manhole covers for annual maintenance program/replacement of defective covers   |          |                                |
| 11. | Department:        | Sewer   |          |                                |
|     | From:              | 208315101-5746  |          | Misc. Capital Projects         |
|     | To:                | 208315101-5659  |          | Operating Materials & Supplies |
|     | Amount:            | \$18,600.00   |          |                                |
|     | Brief Description: | Funds needed to purchase 40 catch basins for paving and maintenance program. Funds also needed for sewer line root control which is beyond four years since critical areas have been treated. |          |                                |

Rebecca Salerni  
Deputy Finance Director

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**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**33079 RE: SALE OF SAW TIMER AND CORDWOOD ON THE BURLINGTON PROPERTY N.B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPT., UTILITIES DIVISION**

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

A Public Bid was solicited by Connwood Foresters, Inc. and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the sale of Saw Timber and Cordwood on the Property of the Utilities Division, at their Whigville location in Burlington, CT. Connwood Foresters, Inc. has a contract with the City to provide to the Utilities Division professional forestry services, which includes the marketing and sale of timber. Connwood Foresters, Inc. through their forest inventory and management planning services determined that 3,093 trees on the Utilities Division's property in Burlington needed to be harvested.

Invitations to bid were solicited by Connwood Foresters, Inc. The bids when received by Connwood Foresters, Inc. were reviewed, and checked for conformance. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The responses were also presented to the Water Commission at their April 7, 2015 meeting. The Water Commission at this meeting voted and approved that the sale of the Saw Timber and Cordwood be awarded to J&J Log and Lumber Corporation of Dover Plains, NY, who was the highest bidder for the wood at the Utilities Division's Burlington location.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**33080 RE: POOL CHEMICALS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.**

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

Public Bid No. 3829 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for required purchases of Pool Chemicals for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Funding is available for the purchase of the Pool Chemicals in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's account number 001419004-5659, General Fund, Park Maintenance Operating Materials and Supplies.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald Newspaper, the City and State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to twenty-three (23) Pool Chemical Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Pool Chemical Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore, the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to the following companies who submitted the lowest responsible bid for the Pool Chemicals, H. Krevit & Company of New Haven, CT for the Sodium Hypochlorite in bulk delivery and Sodium Bicarbonate in 50lb bags and Savol Pools of East Hartford, CT for Calcium Chloride in in 50lb bags and Calcium Hypochlorite in 50lb drums.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue standing purchase orders to H. Krevit & Company of New Haven, CT for the bulk delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite at \$2.40 per gallon and Sodium Bicarbonate at \$17.97 per 50lb bag and Savol Pools of East Hartford, CT for Calcium Chloride at \$17.10 per 50lb bag and Calcium Hypochlorite at \$139.00 per 50lb drum on an as-needed

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basis from June 15, 2015 to September 30, 2015 for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No 3829.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**33081 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – COPIERS FOR THE HEALTH 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 by the Health Department for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #012PSX0026:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit Pricing</u>	<u>Total</u>
A&A Office Systems Middletown, CT.	Savin MP3054SP	2	\$6,840.00	\$13,680.00

The Health Department requested the purchase of two (2) multifunctional copiers that can copy, print, scan, e-mail and staple for their Environmental and Nursing Divisions. Their existing copiers that the City owns are over seven (10) years old. They are not working properly and requiring frequent repairs. Parts to make the needed repairs to the copiers are also becoming hard to obtain and some are no longer available. The price submitted by A & A Office Systems for the purchase of the two (2) new copiers is the same as the State of Connecticut's Contract, 012PSX0026 that A & A Office Systems has with them. Grant money that the Health Department received from the Connecticut Department of Health is being utilized for this purchase. Funding is available for the new copiers is in the Health Department's account number 245522107-5740, Bioterrorism Grant, H1N1 Vaccines.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$13,680.00 with A&A Office Systems of Middletown, CT for the purchase two (2) new Copiers for the Health Department, Environmental and Nursing Divisions, utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #012PSX0026.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**33082 RE: MONTHLY REPORT FOR ITEMS BELOW BID THRESHOLD**

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 the New Britain Code of Ordinances, Section 2-566, a monthly report of purchases between \$500 and \$7,500 shall be provided to the Common Council. The report shall include a detailed description of items or services purchased, name of vendor, owner of business and dollar amount spent on each individual purchase as well as the aggregate total of spend to date for the fiscal year.

The Finance Department, Purchasing Division has provided an electronic list of purchases for the Month of April 2015. This document is available in the Council office for review by Council members.

Acceptance and adoption is respectfully requested.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

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## **TAX COLLECTOR**

### **33083 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

## **COMMITTEE ON LICENSES**

### **33061-1 RE: LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL APRIL 26, 2015**

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

The Committee on Licenses, held a meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, voted to adopt and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Foundation of New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances, for Sunday, April 26, 2015, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the annual "Little Poland Festival" on Broad Street. The organization is also requesting that the Police Department allow the closure of Broad Street from Gold Street to High Street and the closure of Grove Street from Orange Street to Lyman Street. Horace Street access to Broad Street would also be closed.

Alderman Adam Platosz, Chair

### **33062-1 RE: SACRED HEART CHURCH "ODPUST" FESTIVAL – 6/26/15 AND 6/27/15**

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

The Committee on Licenses, held a meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, voted to adopt and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Sacred Heart Church said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Friday, June 26, 2015, and Saturday, June 27, 2015, for the purpose of conducting their annual parish festival "Odpust" on the Sacred Heart Church grounds, Broad Street and Gold Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman Adam Platosz, Chair

### **33063-1 RE: PULASKI CLUB BAZAAR/CARNIVAL 4/23/15 THRU 4/26/15**

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

The Committee on Licenses, held a meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, voted to adopt and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation the following:

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RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Pulaski Club, Inc., said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Thursday, April 23, 2015, Friday, April 24, 2015, Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM, for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival in the Pulaski Club parking lot at 89 Grove Street, New Britain, Connecticut. The organization is also requesting that the police department allow the closure of Grove Street between Broad Street and Orange Street to vehicular traffic during the times of the bazaar/carnival.

Alderman Adam Platosz, Chair

**33064-1 RE: DOZYNKI FESTIVAL – 8/22/15 AND 8/23/15**

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

The Committee on Licenses, held a meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, voted to adopt and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Council of Greater New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Saturday, August 22, 2015, and Sunday, August 23, 2015, for the purpose of conducting the Annual “Dozynki” Festival at the Polish Falcon “Polanka” Field on Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman Adam Platosz, Chair

**CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE**

**33022-3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES INCREASING TIME ALLOWED FOR PLACEMENT OF RUBBISH CONTAINERS**

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

The Consolidated Subcommittee held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item 33022, Amend Code of Ordinances to increase the time allowed for placement of rubbish container. The Consolidated Subcommittee voted to accept as amended and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez  
Chair

**REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

**32992-1 RE: COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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

The Compensation Committee, per Section 2-338 of the City of New Britain Code of Ordinances, composed of Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr., Chairman, Alderman Wilfredo Pabon and Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez, through the assistance of the Common Council Administrator Jessica Gerratana,



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compiled extensive data from (19) nineteen surrounding towns and cities to assist in the research of compensation rates for elected and appointed officials.

The data was compiled from the following cities and towns for diversity in comparison:

Bristol	Danbury	East Hartford	East Haven	Enfield
Groton	Hamden	Meriden	Middletown	Milford
Newington	Norwalk	Norwich	Simsbury	Trumbull
Vernon	Waterbury	West Haven	Windsor	

The Compensation Committee held extensive meetings on March 10, 2015; March 16, 2015; March 24, 2015; March 31, 2015 and April 7, 2015. The meetings were posted according to the City of New Britain Code of Ordinances requirements and open to the public to attend allowing an opportunity to speak.

After extensive discussion, the Compensation Committee proposes the following: Effective November 2015 there would be a 5% compensation increase for the Mayor, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters (2 positions) and Corporation Counsel. An additional 5% compensation increase would come into effect in November of 2017, followed by a 2.5% increase in November 2019, a 2.5% increase in November of 2021, a 2.5% increase in November of 2023 and a 2.5% increase in November of 2025 for these same offices.

The Compensation Committee recommends setting the rate of compensation for the Clerk of Committees to \$6,500 effective November of 2015. The Clerk of Committees would receive a compensation increase of 5% in November 2017, a 2.5% increase in November of 2019, a 2.5% increase in November of 2021, a 2.5% increase in November of 2023 and a 2.5% increase in November of 2025.

The Compensation Committee does not recommend an increase for the positions of Common Council Members or Treasurer at this time.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.  
Chair

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## **RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE**

### **33061-2 RE: LICENSE – LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL APRIL 26, 2015**

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Foundation of New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances, for Sunday, April 26, 2015, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the annual "Little Poland Festival" on Broad Street. The organization is also requesting that the Police Department allow the closure of Broad Street from Gold Street to High Street and the closure of Grove Street from Orange Street to Lyman Street. Horace Street access to Broad Street would also be closed.

Alderman David DeFronzo  
Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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**33062-2 RE: LICENSE – SACRED HEART CHURCH “ODPUST” FESTIVAL – 6/26/15 AND 6/27/15**

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Sacred Heart Church said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Friday, June 26, 2015, and Saturday, June 27, 2015, for the purpose of conducting their annual parish festival “Odpust” on the Sacred Heart Church grounds, Broad Street and Gold Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman David DeFronzo  
Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. Smedley moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33063-2 RE: LICENSE – PULASKI CLUB BAZAAR/CARNIVAL – 4/23/15 THRU 4/26/15**

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Pulaski Club, Inc., said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Thursday, April 23, 2015, Friday, April 24, 2015, Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM, for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival in the Pulaski Club parking lot at 89 Grove Street, New Britain, Connecticut. The organization is also requesting that the police department allow the closure of Grove Street between Broad Street and Orange Street to vehicular traffic during the times of the bazaar/carnival.

Alderman David DeFronzo  
Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33064-2 RE: LICENSE – DOZYNKI FESTIVAL – 8/22/2015 AND 8/23/2015**

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Council of Greater New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Saturday, August 22, 2015, and Sunday, August 23, 2015, for the purpose of conducting the Annual “Dozynki” Festival at the Polish Falcon “Polanka” Field on Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman David DeFronzo

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33022-4 RE: AMENDMENT TO SEC. 11-6 OF THE ORDINANCES INCREASING THE TIME ALLOWED FOR CONTAINER PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL**

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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: INTENT AND PURPOSE:

To revise Section 11-6 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for the Common Council of the City of New Britain to increase the time allowed for container removal.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that SECTION 11-6 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended as follows: (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~striketrough~~; new sections begin with the word [new].

Sec. 11-6. Points of collection.

- (a) For curbside collection, clean carts shall be placed at the curb at the appointed time for collection in accordance with guidelines established by the Department of Ppublic Wworks.
- (b) No rubbish shall be placed at the curb earlier than ~~5:00 p.m.~~ noon on the day prior to a scheduled pickup. All rubbish containers shall be removed from the sidewalk or curb within ~~twelve (12)~~ twenty-four (24) hours after collection.
- (c) Any person violating subsection (b) shall be fined ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00) for each such offense.

(Code 1970, § 18-6; Ord. of 3-85; Ord. of 5-85; No. 26824-1, 2-27-02; Res. No. 29580-2, 6-13-07)

Alderman Don Naples

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

### **32992-2 RE: COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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 Compensation Committee of the Common Council, consisting of Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr., Chairman, Alderman Wilfredo Pabon and Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez, has researched compensation data from 19 surrounding towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to be thorough and transparent and in accordance with the City Code of Ordinances, the Compensation Committee held meetings on March 10, 2015; March 16, 2015; March 24, 2015; March 31, 2015 and April 7, 2015, all of which were open to the public allowing an opportunity for discourse; and

WHEREAS, after extensive research and colloquy, the Compensation Committee recommends the following changes to the compensation of elected and appointed officials;

- Effective November 2015 there would be a 5% compensation increase for the Mayor, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters (2 positions) and Corporation Counsel. An additional 5% compensation increase would come into effect in November of 2017, followed by a 2.5% increase in November 2019, a 2.5% increase in November of 2021, a 2.5% increase in November of 2023 and a 2.5% increase in November of 2025 for these same offices; and
- Effective November 2015, the compensation for the Clerk of Committees would be set at \$6,500. The Clerk of Committees would receive a compensation increase of 5% in November 2017, a 2.5% increase in November of 2019, a 2.5% increase in November of 2021, a 2.5% increase in November of 2023 and a 2.5% increase in November of 2025; and
- The Compensation Committee does not recommend an increase for the positions of Common Council Members or Treasurer at this time; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain authorizes the changes for the compensation of elected and appointed officials recommended by the Compensation Committee.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.  
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon  
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **33084 RE: EARTH DAY – APRIL 22, 2015**

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; on April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day, promoting awareness of our environment and the positive impact each of us can have on it; and

Whereas; Earth Day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, is now celebrated annually and globally to raise awareness of Earth's fragile environments and potential dangers of their unchecked destruction; and

Whereas; the New Britain City Council promotes conservation, energy efficiency and the study of the use of clean energy sources; and

Whereas; the City of New Britain has taken great strides in improving awareness and to promote conservation by solarizing numerous properties throughout the area including the New Britain Water Treatment Plant, Smalley Academy and Smith Elementary School; and

Whereas; the New Britain City Council acknowledges our collective responsibility for environmental education, stewardship and community sustainability; and, now, therefore, be it

Resolved; that the City of New Britain reaffirms its commitment to the goals and principles of Earth Day by:

1. Encouraging partnerships between and among local businesses, environmental organizations, schools and the artist community to help raise community awareness
2. Using the observance of Earth Day as a springboard of exploring new avenues to sustainability
3. Publicly proclaiming a commitment to preservation and stewardship of our natural landscape and sensitivity to environmental issues; and

Be It Further Resolved; that the City of New Britain recognize Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and help to make 2015 the year the world unites to create a cleaner, healthier world and environmentally responsible world people.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski  
Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins  
Alderman Robert Smedley  
Alderman Michael Trueworthy

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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**33085 RE: 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE – APRIL 23, 2015**

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; on April 23, 2015 the United States Army Reserve will celebrate their 107th anniversary; and

WHEREAS; the Army Reserve has transformed substantially since its humble beginnings in 1908, from a pool of doctors to an organization that provides trained, equipped, ready, resilient and accessible soldiers, leaders, and units to the Total Force for the full range of operations; and

WHEREAS; the Army Reserve is a community-based organization with 1,215 facilities located in 701 cities across America, with 200,000 plus soldiers living in every state and territory; and

WHEREAS; generations of soldiers have volunteered to serve in the distinguished, dual role as “Citizen-Soldier” with the support of their families, employers and the public; and

WHEREAS; the Army has relied on the depth their Federal Reserve Force has brought to their ranks for more than a century. Reservists have served as both a force multiplier and a source of needed skills and capabilities for the Army, providing a wide array of skills and capabilities enhanced by civilian training and professional expertise; and

WHEREAS; engaging Reserve Soldiers and leveraging their civilian skills is an effective way to deter terrorist groups and insurgents from gaining a foothold in volatile parts of the world. Across the globe, Army Reserve Soldiers are conducting intelligence, security, medical, logistical, civil affairs and engineering missions, as well as disaster relief and humanitarian assistance; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the Common Council thank the soldiers, families, communities, employers and others who have helped to transform the Army Reserve into the life-saving and life-sustaining force for the nation which they are.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33086 RE: RECEIPT OF GRANT FROM CT DEPT. OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - \$5,044**

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: PURPOSE: This resolution allows for receipt of a CT Department of Children and Families Grant that is passed through the CT Youth Services Association for \$5,044 for a contract period that ends June 30, 2015. Funds are to be used for Pro-Social Activities and Direct Services pertaining to Juvenile Review Board clients. There is no match obligation on the part of the City for these entitlement funds.

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is committed to providing information, referrals and advocacy services to its residents, and particularly its children, AND

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain has had a Juvenile Review Board for the past 37 years. This board handles on average 68 cases of at-risk youth on an annual basis.

WHEREAS, funding for pro-social and direct services has been awarded to New Britain Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, AND

WHEREAS, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be providing pro-social activities such as summer camp, baby sitter training, baseball leagues, midget football, YMCA

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memberships and Tae Kwon Do memberships. The City will also be providing direct services such as MADD smart teen and parent programs and Big Brother/Big Sister programs with this funding, NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin E. Stewart receive full authority to execute all contracts in receipt of the CYSA funding in the amount of \$5,044, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such funding, upon receipt, be placed in appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts as detailed below, under administrative purview of New Britain Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department.

Revenue Account:

298536109-4232	Grants & Contributions	\$5,044
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Expenditures accounts:

298536109-5348	Other Project Services	\$2,880
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298536109-5835	Programs	<u>\$2,164</u>
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TOTAL		\$5,044
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Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Sanchez moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33087 RE: THE SALE OF RESCUE TRUCK TO MIDWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR \$361,001**

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 Fire Department purchased Rescue 1 in 2007; and

Whereas; the City of New Britain closed the Rescue 1 Company in 2010 as part of cost cutting and it has not been staffed since closing of the company; and

Whereas; the City of New Britain desired to sell the apparatus as surplus property; and

Whereas; the City entered into a brokerage agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to sell the rescue truck; and

Whereas; the City required a minimum bid of \$320,000 dollars; and

Whereas; the City recently accepted the following bids:

- \$ 320,000 from Cape Girardeau Fire Department, Missouri and
- \$ 361,001 from Midway Fire Department, Georgetown County, South Carolina; and

Whereas; the rescue truck has been sold to the Midway Fire Department of Georgetown County, South Carolina for \$361,001; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Mayor is duly authorized to accept these funds with the following distribution:

- \$ 100,000 directed to the purchase of new motors for Fire Engine 4 and Fire Engine 8
- \$ 11,000 directed to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for the brokerage fee
- \$ 250,001 directed to the City's General Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a budget amendment be done in the FY 14-15 General Fund as follows:

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<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Increase Revenue:		
001624005-4561	General & Admin - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$361,001
Increase Expenditures:		
001212002-5660	Fire Ops – Vehicle Damage & Equipment Supplies	\$100,000
001212002-5336	Fire Ops – Other Purchase Services	\$11,000
001625101-5871	Admin - Contingency	<u>\$250,001</u>
		\$361,001

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski  
Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33088 RE: APPROVAL OF THE RECEIPT OF FUNDING FROM STATE OF CT DEPT. OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - \$71,956**

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:

Program Objective: Pursuant to State of Connecticut General Statute C.G.S. 184b, Section 10-392 et seq. and P.A. 13-247, grant funds were awarded to promote arts in New Britain.

Local Program Operation Department: Mayor's Office, under the supervision of the Chief of Staff.

Resolution Purpose: To approve the receipt of additional funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development through a State Funded Grant Contract with the City of New Britain.

WHEREAS; the State Department of Economic and Community Development, through this contract, has notified the City that funding in the amount of \$71,956 has been awarded to the City of New Britain for funding period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain will utilize these funds to promote the arts in New Britain; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain authorizes the preparation and execution of all necessary documents for acceptance of the grant funds in the amount of \$71,956.

Alderman Adam Platosz  
Alderman Don Naples

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Platosz. So voted Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33089 RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN AND LOCAL 1165 (POLICE)**

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 and Local 1165 have concluded negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for a collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Local 1165 members have ratified the tentative agreement; and

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WHEREAS, Action is required by the Common Council of the City of New Britain in accordance with Ordinances of the City of New Britain and Connecticut General Statutes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed agreement between the City of New Britain and Local 1165 be and hereby is approved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins.

Ald. Bielinski moved the Council enter into Executive Session and that they be accompanied by the Corporation Counsel, the Personnel Director, John Healey, Chief Wardwell, Tom Doyle and Mary Pokorski. Motion seconded by Ald. Collins. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Executive Session began at 8:41 p.m.

The Council voted to return to order at 8:59 p.m. on motion of Ald. Bielinski, seconded by Ald. Collins. Motion to accept and adopt carried by voice vote. Approved April 23, 2015 by Mayor 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 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk



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