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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:20 p.m. on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February 2017 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Twelve members were present at roll call: Ald. Giantonio, Carlozzi, Black, Collins, Davis, Hargraves, Naples, Polkowski, Rosado, Salvio, Sanchez, and Salerno.

Three members were absent: Ald. Smedley, who is ill, Ald. Pabon, who is out of the Country, and Ald. Sanders, who is out of State.

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, while many observe the Lenten season by sacrificing something of importance, give us the will not to succumb to our vice. From your spirit guide us through our faults and weaknesses. Give us the will power to fast from bitterness, anger, anxiety and pessimism and accept with open arms optimism, patience, hope and forgiveness. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Carmelo Rodriguez.

Mayor Stewart called upon Juan "Gaby" Busanet to recognize him for his heroism, and thanked others who go above and beyond in our community – neighbors helping neighbors. Mr. Busanet, during a snowstorm on Feb. 9th, helped rescue children and adults from a burning building on West Street. Mayor Stewart presented him with a Certificate of Recognition. Fire Chief Thomas Ronalter presented him with a Citizens Service Award and Police Chief James Wardwell presented him with challenge coins and pins. Ald. Salerno, Ald. Carlozzi and Ald Rosado also thanked him for his heroism.

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Salerno. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved February 22, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

33770 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

- CJ Auto Mall, LLC by Atty. Keith Yagaloff
- Cabrera, Marcelina
- Williams, Charita

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

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OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

33771 RE: REINE PELLETIER ET AL 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 TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) be paid to Reine Pelletier , and Robert M. Brennan, Esq. her attorney, in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain now pending in the Connecticut Superior Court under Docket No. HHB-CV-15-6030936 as the result of an incident which took place on September 18, 2013. The plaintiff has claimed she was injured as a result of a fall down on Scalise Drive in New Britain after she has exited the Szczesny Municipal Garage. The claim alleges the area was in such disrepair that the plaintiff was caused to stumble and twist her foot/ankle causing a fracture in her foot.

As a result of the alleged incident, plaintiff has claimed to have suffered a fracture to the fifth metatarsal with comminution. She had surgery on September 27, 2013 with an internal fixation of the fracture with hardware. Due to irritation in her foot the plaintiff underwent a second surgery on August 10, 2015 to have surgical wire removed. The plaintiff's foot is scarred from the surgical incision. The Plaintiff is claiming in medical specials \$21,587.36 and in lost wages \$5,651.06. Her lost time and medical bills were paid by workers' compensation and the Hartford claimed a payback of \$24,856.28.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after a settlement conference before Judge Wiese, with the approval and consent of Corporation Counsel Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

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

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33773 RE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. – TIRES, TUBES, ROAD SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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. 3905 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the furnishing and delivery, on a city-wide basis of new tires, tubes, road services and repairs for City cars, trucks and off-road vehicles and equipment for the Public Works Department, Municipal Garage. Funding is available for this purchase from the Public Works Department's account number 001315006-5660, Street/Fleet, Vehicle Damage, Equipment 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 Seventeen (17) local tire dealers. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the tire dealers on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. Responses received are on file in Town Clerk's Office.

The bids submitted were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department Administration, the City's Fleet Manager and the Purchasing Agent. Connecticut Tire is a New Britain based tire dealer and has provided excellent service to the City for tires, tubes, repairs and road services for the past twelve (12) years. Connecticut Tire submitted again a bid that met all bid specifications and was the lowest bidder for some of the repairs to the tires and tubes, alignments and the total purchase price of the tires and tubes after their percentage discounts were applied. Connecticut Tire's bid pricing

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for the items that they were not the lowest bidder for but was within 10% for the items submitted by a company located within the State of Connecticut. Per City Ordinance Section 2-578 item 10, Connecticut Tire agreed to lower their bid to match the prices submitted by the lowest bidder. Some of the other tire companies who submitted a bid did not meet all of the bid specifications and could not provide all of the required tires or services needed by the Public Works Department. Therefore the Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Connecticut Tire of New Britain, CT because they once again met all of the bid specifications and are located within the City to assure tire replacement, repairs and services can be performed in a timely manner.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue a standing purchase order and enter into a contract per the attached discounts and pricing for a period of two (2) years from March 01, 2017 to February 28, 2019 with Connecticut Tire of New Britain, CT for the purchase of tires, tubes, road services and repairs for City cars, trucks, off-road vehicles and equipment per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3905.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33774 RE: FIREWORKS - JULY 4, 2017

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. 3907 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the July 4, 2017 Fireworks for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Funding will be available for the July 4, 2017 Fireworks within the July 4th Fireworks Fund, 256417007-5807.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald, the City and State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to eleven (11) Fireworks Display Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Fireworks Display Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. Responses received are on file in Town Clerk's Office.

The bid was reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. The bids were reviewed to determine the shell size, shell type, number of shells, a complete description of the finale and the time length of the show included in the bids submitted.

Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc.'s display was twenty-seven (27) minutes long, had more large fireworks shells and total show firework shells than the other bidder. Pyrotecnico, Fireworks, Inc has been awarded the bid in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the City's July 4, Fireworks Display. Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. has been reliable and has conducted the past fireworks displays per the bid specifications and contract agreement. Their fireworks displays, in the past years, have been very good and enjoyed by the public who watched them. Therefore the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is recommending that the bid be awarded for the July 4, 2017 Fireworks Display to Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. of New Castle, PA per the specifications of Bid 3907.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract and issue a purchase order to Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. of New Castle, PA in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the July 4, 2017 Fireworks Display per the pricing, terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3907.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

TAX DEPARTMENT

33775 RE: TAX ABATEMENTS, CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS

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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:

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

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33772 RE: PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SOFTWARE MODULE WITH FIRST YEAR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

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 2-531 a purchase order was requested by the New Britain Health Department for the purchase of a Health Software Module with First Year Annual Maintenance and Support.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Items & Services</u>	<u>Price</u>
Patagonia Health, Inc. Cary, NC.	Electronic Health Record Software Module, Billing Software, Bar Code Scanning, Deployment Services and Training	\$15,445.00
	First Year Annual Maintenance and Support	\$4,117.00
	Total Cost	\$19,562.00

The New Britain Health Department has requested the purchase of a new Electronic Health Record Software Module to be in compliance with Federal regulations. The Federal Government has mandated that Health Departments now have Electronic Health Records. Billing Software is also included on this Module. It will allow the New Britain Health Department to streamline their billing process and to generate increased revenue. Patagonia Health, Inc.'s Electronic Health Record Software is federally certificated and compliant to HIPPA and HL7 regulations. This new Software Module will replace an existing Health Record Software Module that the New Britain Health Department has been using since 2006 and is no longer compliant to HIPPA and HL7 regulations. Patagonia Health, Inc. is the developer and sole source supplier of this software, bid solicitation for this purchase would not be beneficial to the City. Funding for this purchase is available in the New Britain Health Department's account number, 292522112-5300, Pulmonary Screening Fund, Consulting, Contractual.

RESOLVED: The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$19,562.00 to Patagonia Health, Inc. of Cary, NC for the purchase of an Electronic Health Record Software Module with Deployment Services, with Training and First Year Annual Maintenance and Support for the New Britain Health Department

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Black recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest – a family member works in the Department. Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hargraves. So voted. Approved by Mayor Erin E. Stewart February 22, 2017.

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Ald. Black returned to the Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

33776 RE: LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL APRIL 30, 2017

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 30, 2017, 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 Washington Street and the closure of Grove Street from Orange Street to Lyman Street. Horace Street access to Broad Street would also be closed.

Alderman Christopher Polkowski

Ald. Polkowski moved to accept and refer to the License Committee, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved by Mayor Erin E. Stewart February 23, 2017.

33777 RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY – APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION FUNDING FOR STATE GRANTS

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 Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) is the designated recipient and State Administrative Agency (SAA) of the United States Department of Homeland Security for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), including the following programs: Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and Citizen Corps Program (CCP).

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council has approved the allocation formula for grant funds available under such programs as the SHSGP, MMRS and CCP.

WHEREAS, Region 3 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT), a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional regional group facilitates planning and resource coordination within Region 3 and

WHEREAS, such funds will be applied to specific projects developed and approved by the Region 3 REPT. New Britain also agrees to allow CRCOG to provide financial and programmatic oversight of the allocations targeted for municipalities in Region 3 and

WHEREAS, the Region 3 REPT has been established to foster regional collaboration and mutual aid through, among other things, collaborative plan development, resource sharing and coordination and

WHEREAS, CRCOG has agreed to operate as the fiscal agent for the federal SHSGP grants awarded to DESPP and

RESOLVED; that the City of New Britain Common Council may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED; that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor of the City of New Britain, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of New Britain Common Council and to do and perform all acts and things which she/he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the

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terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such agreements.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderman Tremell Collins

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rosado. So voted. Approved by Mayor Erin E. Stewart February 23, 2017.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Hargraves moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Rosado. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

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