

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Council Members present: Merski, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, and Witherspoon. 7. Nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2016 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

Copies of the bills under date of March 11, 2016 and March 25 and April 1, 2016, were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Arrington, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

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By Mr. Brennan, Council File No. 15,945, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 7-2016

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$169,468.56 in the City of Erie Sewer Fund from unappropriated and unanticipated fund balance.

March 16, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Merski having read Council File No. 15,945, and now known as Official File Ordinance No. 7-2016 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 16, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,946, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 8-2016

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$150,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the Perry Square Project.

March 16, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski having read Council File No. 15,946, and now known as Official File Ordinance No. 8-2016 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 16, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,947, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 9-2016

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$58,980.00** from HOME program income received for the HOME (M14) project.

March 16, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski having read Council File No. 15,947, and now known as Official File Ordinance No. 9-2016 does hereby adopt on Final Passage yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 16, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,948

An ordinance in accordance with the 2016 City of Erie budget the sum of the **\$951,000.00** is appropriated and anticipated revenue for the reallocation thereof in the Debt Service Fund.

March 16, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon having read Council File No. 15,948, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 16, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Merski, Resolved, etc.

That Councilman Curtis Jones and Erie City Council supports the bipartisan state **Basic Education Funding Commission (BEFC)** in their efforts to fairly distribute dollars to public schools across the state using the fair funding formula designed to address the concerns of Pennsylvania public schools, whether urban or rural, large or small, experiencing changing student populations or holding steady regardless of which county public school students reside. This balanced formula would direct money to school districts based on objective factors, such as student enrollment, the needs of the student population, and school district wealth and capacity to raise local revenues.

The BEFC unanimously approved recommendations for the fair funding formula so that school districts can effectively budget from year to year able to predict PA State allocations.

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Merski seconded by Mrs. Arrington, Resolved, etc.

That **Marilyn Pol** is hereby appointed Deputy City Clerk for the City Council of the City of Erie.

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorizing and directing to file a [County Aid application](#) for the reimbursement of Liquid Fuels Tax monies for 2016 in the sum of **\$121,928.00**.

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Winarski, Resolved, etc.

That pursuant to the request of Elderkin Law Firm, Atty. Craig Zonna, 150 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA. 16501-1269, requesting the City Council approval for the transfer of PLCB liquor license from 2 Harts, Inc., d/b/a Springside Lounge & Restaurant, 13777 Ridge Rd. Springfield Township, County of Erie, Pennsylvania to Lake Front Lounge, LLC, d/b/a Woody's Backwater BARge and Grill, 2 State Erie, Pennsylvania is hereby received, and whereas pursuant to PA 47 P.S. 4-461 (b.3) the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for a public hearing in reference to the above matter, on Wednesday April 6, 2016 at approximately 9:30 AM to hear testimony concerning the Inter Municipal Transfer of Liquor License No R-18681.

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski, Resolved, etc.

Receiving the communication from Mayor Joseph E. Sinnott appointing **Ms. [Veronica Gambill-Harden](#)** of 1524 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16503 to the Housing Authority of the City of Erie Board to fill the unexpired seat that was vacated by the retirement of Agnes R. Priscaro. **Ms. Veronica Gambill-Hardens** term will expire on 4/18/19. City Council receives and confirms.

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski, Resolved, etc.

That Change Order #1 is hereby approved of the Perry Square East Improvements General Construction for increased scope of work as recommended and concurred with by the Bureau of Engineering be approved as follows: Perry Construction Group, 1440 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Erie, PA. 16502

Original Contract Amount:	\$ 374,000.00
Change Order Total	<u>\$ 6,091.00</u>
The final contract total is	\$ 380,091.00

By Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Winarski, Resolved, etc.

That the proper City officials approved to sign the contract for the Little Italy Elm Street Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements-II, and same be awarded to Russell Standard Corporation, P.O.Box 86, Union City, PA. 16438 in the amount of \$128,626.57; (Lowest of six (6) bidders).

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 2, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Merski, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to execute contracts between the City of Erie and the following individuals and/or companies for goods and/or services as noted and the City Council does hereby ratify and confirm the said transactions which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz:

1. [Centrysis Centrifuge Systems](#), 9586 58<sup>th</sup> Place, Kenosha, WI 53144 for the repair and installation of the rotating assembly for the centrifuge D-2 at the Wastewater Treatment at a total cost of **\$34,976.00**.
2. Galls, LLC, 1340 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, KY 40505, for a two-year agreement for supplying uniforms and equipment per proposal #6443-2016 for the Bureau of Police at **unit prices**.
3. [North Eastern Uniforms & Equipment Inc.](#), 900 North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15233, for a two (2) year agreement for supplying uniforms and equipment per proposal #6443-2016 for the Bureau of Police at **unit prices**.
4. Process and Data Automation Inc., 5451 Merwin Lane, Erie, PA. 16510 for [annual service contract](#) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a total cost of **\$25,000.00**.
5. Uniform Outfitters, LLC. 1227 Powell Avenue, Erie, PA 16505 for a two (2) year agreement for supplying uniforms and equipment per proposal #6443-2016 for the Bureau of Police at unit prices.

March 16, 2016. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

6. **Crenshaw Brothers Construction**, 1854 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA. 16510 in the amount of **\$158,693.70**. For 2016 Curb Ramps I Project Bid 1722-16 (Lowest of five (5) bidders). Bureau of Engineering.

March 16, 2016 City Council on motion of Mr. Jones and Seconded by Mr. Winarski to **table** adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski and Winarski 6. Nays 1. Council Member Witherspoon.

March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Merski, Resolved, etc.

That the Purchasing Agent is authorized and directed to issue purchase orders to the following individuals and/or companies for goods and/or services as noted and the City Council does hereby ratify and confirm the said transactions which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz:

1. A&H Equipment, 1124 McLaughlin Run Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017-2533 for the repair for a sewer inspection camera for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of **\$8,110.07.**
2. BissNuss, Inc., 2600 Boyce Plaza Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 for a replacement [chlorine evaporator cylinder](#) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a total cost of **\$10,080.00.**
3. Fire Fly Fire Equipment Sales, Inc., 9525 Franklin Center Road, Cranesville, PA 16410 for the emergency repair and pump transmission parts for Tower 2 for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of **\$5,515.20.**
4. [Gerster](#) Sales & Service, Inc., 45 Earhart Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221 for an annual service agreement for repair and maintenance of the absorption chillers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a total cost of **\$7,424.00.**
5. **Northeastern Communications**, 2527 South Ridge East, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for Code 3 Defender Light Bars for the City of Erie Police vehicles at a total amount of **\$3,276.00.**
6. [ONEX, Inc.](#), 2225 Colonial Avenue, P.O. Box 8436, Erie, PA 16505 for the refractory repair for Incinerator #2 at the Wastewater Treatment at a total cost of **\$8,298.00.**
7. Southwest Public Safety, 9905 Perrin Beitel Road, San Antonio, TX 78217-3101 for [Havis center console](#) equipment for City of Erie Police vehicles at a total amount of **\$3,803.76.**
8. [Triangle Communications](#), 2362 Waldheim Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-2152 for Code 3 sirens, lighting mounts, lights, and lighting equipment for City of Erie Police vehicles at a total amount of **\$5,509.88.**

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March 16, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

March 16, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Brennan adjourned at 9:11 P.M. by yeas Council Members Merski, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

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President of City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk