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New Britain Common Council Approves Mayor Stewart’s Tax Cut

New Britain, CT – On Thursday, the City of New Britain Common Council passed and adopted Mayor Stewart’s 2021-2022 recommended budget by a vote of 9-4. Mayor Stewart’s adopted budget lowers the tax rate by 2% on personal property, real estate and motor vehicles.

“I have worked diligently from the beginning to make fiscally responsible decisions and ensure the financial stability of our City,” said Mayor Erin E. Stewart. “Tonight the members of the Common Council stood up for New Britain by passing and adopting a balanced budget that lowers taxes, invests in education, and maintains the essential city services that our residents have come to expect and deserve.”

Mayor Stewart continued, “I am thrilled that the Council adopted my recommended budget and that we were able to provide the first tax cut to residents in nearly fifteen years – especially at a time when people need it most.”

The 2% reduction in the tax rate on personal property, real estate and motor vehicles equates to savings for every tax payer in New Britain. The tax decrease included in Mayor Stewart’s adopted budget for FY 2021-2022 is indicative of the smart, stable, responsible budgeting principals that have been the cornerstone of the Stewart Administration.

“Today members of the Common Council performed their civic duty to do what’s best for the people of this city and approved Mayor Stewart’s proposed budget,” said Common Council Majority Leader Daniel Salerno. “This budget provides a strong foundation for the City to continue to thrive while investing in education and providing the financial relief that many need during these challenging times.”

Mayor Stewart’s 2021-2022 budget that was adopted by the Common Council also increases funding to the Education Savings Account, does not include any layoffs or elimination of essential services, continues to fund the ongoing fight against blight throughout the City, such as the demolition of the St. Thomas Aquinas building, increases payments to liabilities and pensions, and allows for designated Spanish and Polish translators to help residents with City business.

“Mayor Stewart proposed a balanced, fiscally responsible budget that gives our residents the tax break we all need,” said Common Council President Pro Tempore Kristian Rosado. “Tonight the Common Council did the right thing by their constituents by passing this budget.”

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