

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2015

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Cole, McConn, Cox, Kenny, Earl
Absent: None

Public Comment – Branch County Sheriff John Pollack gave his monthly report on the sheriff's department.

Consent Agenda – Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$26,199.21. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

New Business – Lease Renewal for Schmid Farms Property – After reviewing the bids received Manager Heydlauff recommended accepting the bid from Mike Cranson for \$150.00 per acre. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to accept the bid from Mike Cranson. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Matteson Street 2015 Improvement Project: Engineer Selection – Manager Heydlauff outlined the details of the two bids accepted. The bids were from Prien & Newhof and Williams & Works. He explained both companies had done work for the city in the past and they were both good companies. He said Prien and Newhof bid part of the project at \$30,000.00 but left part of the project open until the scope of the project was determined. Williams & Works bid the total project at \$66,100.00. After some discussion Councilman Kenny moved to approve the bid from Williams & Works at \$66,100.00 saying he felt more comfortable accepting a bid that was not open ended. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

City Staff Comments & Other Reports – DPW Leader Ransbottom thanked the police department for keeping cars from parking on city streets during the recent snow storms. He said it made plowing streets much more efficient when they did not have to deal with cars parked on the streets.

Manager Comments – Manager Heydlauff noted it was one year ago that Mayor Cole took her position and thanked her for her service. He thanked the DPW for keeping the City streets clear and safe during the recent snow. He also mentioned he has had some inquiry about curb side recycling again. He said that almost every week the recycling dumpsters provided by the City, Bronson Township and Bethel Township are full and the gate has to be closed a few days before the scheduled dump. Residents get upset when they go to drop off their recycling and are now inquiring about curb side recycling again. Mayor Cole and Vice-Mayor McConn said they are

happy with the dumpster system and maybe if another township could be persuaded to help with the expense another dumpster could be added. Councilwoman Cox and Councilman Kenny said they would be in favor of looking into curbside again. Councilman Earl said he would like to have information on curbside since he was not on Council at the time it was first addressed. Councilman Earl moved to have Manager Heydlauff research curb side recycling options. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried with Cole and McConn voting nay.

Council Comments – Council congratulated Mayor Cole on her first year as Mayor and thanked her for her service. They also thanked the DPW for the job they did keeping the streets clear and safe. Mayor Cole thanked everyone for the support given her during her first year as Mayor.

Adjourn – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk