

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
April 13, 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 – None

Consent Agenda – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$46,103.72. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

New Business – Authorize Purchase of Tasers- Manager Heydlauff explained the taser currently being used by the police was not working properly. He recommended purchasing two new tasers for the department from Taser International at a cost of \$2,061.87. He said having two would insure the officer on duty would always have one if one needed repair or if there were two officers on duty they would both be fully equipped. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the purchase of the two tasers. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Authorize Purchase of Replacement Radios – Manager Heydlauff told Council it was time to replace the radios at the police department. After reviewing the bids Councilman Earl moved to approve the purchase from Radio Communications at a cost of \$1,412.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Approve Bid for 2015/16 Lawn Maintenance – After reviewing the bids Councilman Earl moved to approve the bid from M & M Lawn Service for the 2015/16 lawn maintenance. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Approve Plan and Action for Memorial Park Design – Manager Heydlauff provided Council with a proposed future design for the Memorial Park. He said he had been working with Matt Hyska from Backyard Kreations and he developed a design for the park. He said the design proposed moving the gazebo to the back corner as the first step in the development. He said he had a bid from Dan Hershberger to move the gazebo of \$1,250.00. He was seeking Council's approval for the moving the gazebo to move forward with the proposed design of the park. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the moving of the gazebo. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Discussion – FY 2015/16 Budget – Manager Heydlauff gave Council the proposed budget for the 2015/16 fiscal year. He went over the highlights and points of interest fund by fund. He said the biggest project being taken on for the upcoming year was the mill and resurface of Matteson Street which included some water main work done while the street is torn up. He said the City

has received a \$300,000 grant for the project. With engineering it is anticipated the City will need to cover an additional \$100,000 in costs. He was suggesting having the general fund borrow from the wastewater fund, transfer the funds to the major street fund and then repay it back over the next couple of years. He said if Proposal 1 passes in May this will help infuse the street funds with cash which help pay the funds back quicker since the general fund will not have to subsidize the street funds so heavily. Council thanked Manager Heydlauff and said they appreciated the work done on the budget by the staff.

Public Comments – None

City Staff Comments & Other Reports – Police Chief Johnson told Council the department has completed CPR training and he wanted Candy Cox and Jim Cook from the Branch County District Health Department for providing the training. He also said his department would be getting firearms training in May provided by the Branch County Sheriff's department. He said he appreciated the effort of the department in helping to get this training completed.

Manager Comments – None

Council Comments – Councilwoman Cox asked what the progress was on getting information for curbside recycling. Manager Heydlauff said he would have proposals for the May meeting. Councilman Kenny said he was approached by someone wanting to know if the City would consider buying the golf course. Consensus was this was not something the City would be interested in. Councilman Kenny said he liked the direction the City was going and thanked everyone for helping the City to move forward and make improvements. Mayor Cole said she really liked the park design and concept and was sure he father would be very pleased. She said she also liked the proposed design for new downtown banners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk