

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 11, 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 Pollack gave his monthly report.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Earl moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$83,649.21. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Public Hearing on 2015/2016 Budget and Millage Rates – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to open a public hearing on the 2015/2016 budget and millage rates. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried. There were no public comments. Councilman Earl moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Adopt 2015/2016 Budget and Millage Rates – Resolution No. 15-5-7 – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-5-7. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Bronson Rural Fire Association Agreement – Manager Heydlauff explained that over the last few months he has been working with the Bronson Rural Fire Association Board to develop a new association agreement which reflects various changes in law and practice over the years since the original framework was developed. He presented the draft to Council. The Association developed will continue to provide fire protection to the City and townships involved and meet changes in law and practices. Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Transfer of Fire Station to Bronson Area Fire Association – Manager Heydlauff explained that as part of the new fire agreement the Bronson Area Fire Association would take ownership of the fire building with the police department remaining in their current space and the City taking responsibility for utilities and interior maintenance of that portion of the building. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Painting Bid for Fire Station – Manager Heydlauff suggested before the transfer of the building to the Bronson Area Fire Association the City paint the building. He said he had a quote from Larry Willms of \$7,800.00. Councilman Earl moved to approve the quote and paint the building. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Authorize Purchase of Trench Stabilizers – Manager Heydlauff recommended the purchase of trench stabilizers at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. He said they would be used to protect staff

working in a trench. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Results of Curbside Recycling RFP – Manager Heydlauff explained the options for curbside recycling in the City. He said Republic Waste was the only vendor to respond to his request for services. He said they also provided a quote if the City were to consider weekly trash and bi-weekly recycling collection. After some discussion Vice-Mayor McConn moved to table action for one month to give the City residents a chance to voice their concerns or questions on the issue. He asked that there be public hearing at next month's meeting and that the City attorney draw up an ordinance for consideration at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

City Staff Comments & Other Reports – None

Manager Comments – Manager Heydlauff congratulated City Clerk Karen Smith on 32 years and Phil Slisher on 18 years with the City. He thanked the community for supporting him with donations in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fundraiser. He also thanked the American Legion for putting the flags out in the cemetery on veteran's graves. He reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Service at the Bronson Cemetery beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Council Comments – Council congratulated Clerk Smith and Phil Slisher on their years with the City. They thanked Manager Heydlauff and city staff for the work on the fire association agreement and next year's budget.

Adjourn – Councilwoman Cox moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk