

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2015

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

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

Public Comment – Branch County Sheriff Pollack gave an update of the monthly activities of the sheriff's department.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$42,191.45. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Old Business – Trash/Recycling Collection – Update and Discussion on Contract with Republic Services – Manager Mersman reviewed the proposal offered by Republic Services. He said the monthly charge for trash and recycling would be \$16.25. The City would do the billing, adding the cost to the water/sewer bills. Bulk item pick up would be available and residents would have the option of opting out if they wanted to have a different trash carrier. The contract would be for three years and the City would have to guarantee 665 customers. After some further discussion Vice-Mayor McConn moved to go forward with the proposed contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Water and Wastewater Rates Resolution No. 15-09-12 – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-09-12 adjusting water and sewer rates by \$2.00 per month. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

City Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson reminded everyone school is back in session and with increase traffic before and after school to watch for children walking to and from school.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council Jodi Fuller had been hired full time for the police department to replace retired officer Laurence Hovarter. He said the City's new telephone system should be installed within the next two weeks. He said he would be attending the MML conference in Traverse City this week. He also reminded everyone Bronson's Homecoming would be October 9th.

Council Comments – Council welcomed Manager Mersman and police officer Jodi Fuller to the City. Vice-Mayor McConn said he thought Bronson's Music in the Park series went very well and thanked Century Bank staff for providing refreshments during the concerts. Mayor Cole thanked Police Chief Johnson, Director of Utilities Buckley and Clerk/Treasurer Smith for handling additional responsibilities until Manager Mersman started.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk