

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
December 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 Comments – Sheriff John Pollack gave a monthly update of activities at the Sheriff's department. He also announced he would be running for re-election in 2016. Al Reeg was present to ask Council to consider helping to pay for a new well for him and his neighbor. They are both currently on a water service line from the City and the line is in need of repairs that do not make it cost effective to do. Since their properties are not in the City limits the City has decided not to repair the line. The City gave 60 days notice to him and his neighbor that the line would be discontinued. Mayor Cole said she would talk with Council and the City's attorney about the issue and let them know what decisions were made.

Consent Agenda – Councilman McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$59,254.93. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Zoning Board of Appeals – Variance Request 215 E. Chicago St. – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to recess the meeting to a public hearing for the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear public comments on a request from 215 E. Chicago Street for a variance. Manager Mersman explained the request was for the Bronson Shell to add on a small storage space that would exceeds the normal setbacks. There were no public comments. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the zoning variance. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

PA-152 Opt Out Resolution No. 15-12-13 – Councilwoman Cox moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-12-13. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Board/Commission Appointments Resolution No. 15-12-14 – Councilman Earl moved adopt Resolution No. 15-12-14. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

2016 Meeting Schedule Resolution No. 15-12-15 – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-12-15. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

2016 Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution No. 15-12-16 – Councilman Kenny moved to approve Resolution No. 15-12-16. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Professional Services Agreement Williams & Works – Matteson Street Project – Manager Mersman explained the original agreement with Williams & Works on the Matteson Street Project was an amount not to exceed \$66,100 but with additional work needed of engineering on the 4 inch water main on Rudd, Park and West Corey he requested the not to exceed amount be increased to \$68,600.00. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the requested increased. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Police Ammunition Purchase – Police Chief Johnson asked Council to authorize annual purchase of ammunition at a cost of \$1,955.00. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

AT&T Lease Renewal – Manager Mersman said he has renegotiated a lease renewal with AT&T. He said the City currently has a lease with them but they are in the process of upgrading their equipment and wanted to extend their

current lease since they were making improvements. After reviewing the terms Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the lease. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

City Staff Comments – None

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council Joe Swain had been hired to fill the vacancy at the DPW and would start working January 4th. He said Republic Services would start delivering trash and recycling carts next week and the new service would begin January 5th. He also said the City's annual audit presentation would be at the January meeting. Manager Mersman congratulated WWTP Supervisor Buckley on serving the City for 35 years.

Council Comments – Council thanked City staff for the progress and improvements made in the City over the past year. They congratulated the high school sports teams for their accomplishments so far this school year including the State Champion Girls Volleyball team. They thanked Supervisor Buckley for his 35 years of service. Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Closed Session – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to recess the meeting to executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Council returned to open session with no further action.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk