

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2016

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

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

Presentations – Proclamation of the Mayor to the Bronson Girls Volleyball State Champions – Manager Mersman read a proclamation congratulating the Bronson Girls Volleyball on their accomplishments including their State Championship. Coach LaClair thanked the Council for their recognition of the team telling them the girls spend months working hard and dedicating themselves to the sport and appreciate the recognition they receive.

FY 2015 Audit – Mr. Mike Wilson, CPA of Norman & Paulsen, and PC - Mr. Wilson gave an overview of the City's FY 2015 audit. He said the City received a clean opinion and the City's funds were in a good financial position.

State Representative Eric Leutheuser – Representative Leutheuser gave a brief update on activities in the State legislature.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$29,409.99. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

New Business – Board/Commission Appointments Resolution #16-01-01 – Councilman Kenny moved to adopt Resolution #16-01-01. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update – Manager Mersman presented Council with a working draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City. He said he was currently gathering public input via a survey he has made available. He said as soon as the survey results are reviewed and if any changes were made to the master plan as a result of the survey or community input it will be necessary to have a public hearing and special meeting to adopt the plan before March 1st. This is the deadline for submission to the State to be eligible for grant money in the upcoming year. Council agreed the plan looked complete and did not see any changes which were needed. Manager Mersman said he would continue working toward getting the draft ready for approval and submission.

Review of Council Goals – FY 16-17 Budget – Manager Mersman said he had reviewed previous Council goals and updated the list with projects for the upcoming year. He asked Council if they had any other requests or comments for the upcoming year's budget year. Council concurred with Manager Mersman's objectives and had no further suggestions or comments.

City Staff Comments – None

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council Joe Swain started working for the City on January 4th in the DPW. He said Layne Clark had tested for and passed his S-3 water license. He said the DDA had approved the final draft of the TIFA plan. He said this would allow for moving ahead with any DDA plans that are decided. He said the trash and recycling program began on January 4th.

Council Comments – Council again congratulated the Girls Volleyball team. They thanked Manager Mersman and Clerk/Treasurer Smith for their work on completing the City's audit. Council also congratulated Layne Clark on receiving his S-3 license. Council thanked Manager Mersman for his work on the City's Park and Recreation Master Plan saying this was a good step forward for improving the City's recreational facilities.

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

Council returned to open session to act on the sale of city owned property.

Sale of Property – Councilman Earl moved to authorize the sale of 5 acres of City owned property located near Rudd Street (adjacent to Ryan School) to Ray & Julia Skaggs for \$1.00 per acre for the development of an assisted living project with the City also being reimbursed for any and all costs of environmental studies and surveys. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to authorize Manager Mersman to seek bids from firms for doing a Phase I environmental study on the property to be sold. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk