

City of Bronson
Special Council Meeting
February 22, 2016

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

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan Public Hearing – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to open a public hearing on the proposed Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried. There was no public comment. Councilwoman Cox moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan Adoption – Resolution No. 16-2-3 – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2-3. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Matteson Street Project – MDOT Contract Approval – Resolution No. 16-2-4 – Councilman Kenny moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2-4. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – USDA Community Facility Program Grant – Manager Mersman told Council the City has been preliminarily approved for a grant totaling \$12,000.00 towards the purchase of a police vehicle. He said he is working on the requirements of the grant and hopes to have a purchase approval request for the vehicle for the March council meeting.

Fuel Contract – Manager Mersman said over the last few months he had been keeping track of contract fuel prices from various vendors. He said with prices reaching new lows he was suggesting entering into a one year fuel contract. He said the City's current supplier has the lowest contract price. He asked Council to authorize him to negotiate and enter into a fuel contract with the lowest priced vendor for one year. Councilman Earl moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the City's thoughts continued to be with the families, friends and neighbors who will be affected by the announcement that Bronson Precision Products will be closing at the end of March. He said the City would be working towards ways to recover from such a devastating loss. He said he has been in touch with the Branch County Economic Growth Alliance and he will continue to work with them and the building owner to see what can be done to help market the facility once it is vacant.

Council Comments – Council thanked Manager Mersman and staff for the work on the Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan. They also thanked Manager Mersman for the work he did on obtaining the grant monies for the police vehicle. Mayor Cole expressed condolences to the Garth Wilber family on his passing. She said Mr. Wilber was very active in many causes in the community and will greatly missed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk