

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 12, 2016

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

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

Public Comment: Branch County Sheriff Pollack gave an update on his department's activities for last month.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$57,702.88. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Old Business – GIS/Computerized Maintenance Management Software – Manager Mersman said he received two bids for the GIS/Computerized Management Software he discussed with Council at last month's meeting. After reviewing the bids he was recommending going with the software from Dude Solutions/Mobile 311 at a cost of \$8,490.00. Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the purchase as recommended. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

New Business – Water/Wastewater Rates Resolution #16-9-12 – City staff has reviewed water and sewer rates based on the FY17 budget. Staff was recommending an increase of \$.90 per month on the readiness to serve charge. Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution #16-09-12 adjusting rates as recommended. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Police Ammunition Purchase – Police Chief Johnson submitted a request to purchase ammunition from Michigan Police Equipment for \$1995.00. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the request. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Police Flashlight Upgrade – Police Chief submitted a request to upgrade the department's flashlights to LED. He sought bids and the low bid was from Kiesler's for \$494.75. Councilman Earl moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Boom Truck Purchase – Manager Mersman said City mechanic John Macaulay has located a 2006 Chevy 4500 at Hawkins Sales in Hillsdale for \$19,888.56. He said staff has inspected the vehicle and feel this is a good truck to replace the City's old boom truck and the City's water truck reducing the size of the City's fleet and saving money in the Motor Pool fund. He was requesting approval of the purchase. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

City Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson thanked the Branch County Sheriff Department, the Quincy Police Department and the State Police for helping with traffic detour routes during the Sesquicentennial Parade.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman thanked the local law enforcement agencies that helped with the traffic control during the Sesquicentennial Parade. He said the thought the celebration was good and thanked the committee for all the work they did planning the event. He thanked City residents for their patience during the Matteson Street road construction.

Council Comments – Council thanked those who worked to make the City’s Sesquicentennial Celebration a success. They also thanked the City’s residents for being patient with the construction on Matteson Street.

Closed Session for Manager’s Review – Councilwoman Cox moved to recess the open session and go into close session for the purpose of City Manager’s first year review. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session – Council agreed Manager Mersman’s job performance during his first year was very satisfactory. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to raise Manager Mersman’s salary by \$1,500.00. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk