

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
November 14, 2016

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

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

Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Council Members by Clerk Smith. Clerk Smith then asked for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember McConn nominated Councilwoman Cole for Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Kenny. There were no other nominations and Councilwoman Cole was unanimously elected Mayor. Clerk Smith asked for nominations for Vice-Mayor. Mayor Cole nominated Councilman McConn for Vice-Mayor. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. There were no other nominations for Vice-Mayor and Councilman McConn was unanimously elected Vice Mayor.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda – Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$24,849.63. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

New Business – Downtown Blight/Safety Issue – Manager Mersman said he contacted the owners of two different downtown buildings concerning the dilapidation and hazards to public safety of their buildings. He said the owner of one of the buildings responded and said he would make the necessary repairs to his building. The other owner had not responded and he was asking Council to authorize him to take the necessary steps to abate the problem. The address of the building is 107 E. Chicago St. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to authorize City Manager Mersman to move forward with necessary steps to address the dilapidation and safety issues at 107 E. Chicago St. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Tree Removal Proposals – After reviewing the bids for removing 6 trees Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the low bid from Two Fellers Tree Service for \$3,200.00. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Tree Ordinance Discussion – Manager Mersman told Council he looked into the different options for putting in place an ordinance regulating the planting of trees in the City's right-of-way as they discussed at their last meeting. He told Council there were many different options including the banning of planting trees in the right-of-way. After some discussion Council made some suggestions and asked Manager Mersman to draft an ordinance for their consideration at their next meeting.

Body Amor Purchase Approval – Manager Mersman said he was requesting the purchase of five new armored vest for the police department at an estimated cost of \$3600.00. He said with the number of drug investigations on the rise and possible firearm threats he felt this was a necessary purchase for the department. The funds for the purchase would come from drug forfeiture funds. Councilman Earl moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Traffic Control Order No. 35 – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve Traffic Control Order No. 35. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

City Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson expressed his thanks to neighboring law enforcement departments and the Bronson Fire Department for their help during the Halloween activities in Bronson.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the City had hired one new fulltime police officer, Scott Jaye, and two new part time officers, brothers Steven and Brian Phillips. He welcomed them to the department and the City. He also wished the Bronson Lady Vikes volleyball team good luck on their quest to win another State championship this week.

Council Comments – Council also wished the girls volleyball team good luck this week. They also welcomed the three new police officers to the City. They thanked everyone who helped with the Halloween parade and SPOOKS, especially Patti Wolff-Wagner and her group of volunteers and the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

Adjourn – Councilwoman Cox moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk