

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 12, 2016

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

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

Public Comment: Branch County Sheriff Pollack gave an update of activities at the Sheriff's department.

Presentations – Proclamation of the Mayor of Bronson to the Bronson Girls Volleyball State Champions. Manager Mersman read the proclamation citing the Girls Volleyball team accomplishments. Council congratulated the girls and presented them with a copy of the proclamation.

FY 2016 Audit – Jeff Berry, CPA of Norman & Paulsen, and PC – Mr. Berry presented the FY 2016 audit to Council. He said the City received a clean opinion, the best opinion available. He said the City's pension fund is 55% funded, which he said was typical for a municipality of the City's size. He said the water and wastewater saw an increase of cash on hand. He also said the general fund saw an increase in fund balance of \$100,000. He said the City would have to be cautious in budgeting in the upcoming year due to the loss of the tax revenue from the closing of Bronson Precision Products.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$126,478.55. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Board/Commission Appointments Resolution No. 16-12-14 – Councilman Kenny moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-12-14. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

PA-152 Opt-Out Resolution No. 16-12-15 – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-12-15. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

2017 Meeting Schedule Resolution No. 16-12-16 – Councilwoman Cox moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-12-16. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

2017 Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution No. 16-12-17 – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-12-17. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Contract for Legal Services – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the contract for legal services with Lillis & Jansen, P.C. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Purchase New Dump Truck – After reviewing the bids for a new dump truck and snow plow Councilman Earl moved to purchase the truck from Hemel's Chevrolet at a price of \$48,508.10 complete. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman reminded residents if they were able to please keep snow cleared away from fire hydrants.

Council Comments – Council congratulated the Bronson Girls Volleyball team on their accomplishments. They thanked the DPW for the great job they did with leaf pick up this fall. They thanked Manager Mersman and Clerk/Treas. Smith for their work on the audit report. Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk