

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
September 10, 2018

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

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

Public Comment – Branch County Sheriff Pollack gave an update on his department and progress on the planning of the new jail. Branch County Commissioner Kolcz gave an update on projects the county is involved in.

Presentations – Bronson Community Schools Superintendent Rick Hilderley - Superintendent Hilderley explained the 2 mill sinking fund proposal that will be on the November ballot. He explained the 2 mills currently in place for the school sinking fund will expire this year. He said the Board of Education is asking for a new 5 year sinking fund millage of 2 mills to continue improvements particularly in the area of security for the schools and technology. He stressed how important voting yes on the millage was for the continued improvement of the school system.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Earl moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$113,025.85. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Water & Wastewater Rates – Resolution No. 18-09-09 –Vice-Mayor McConn moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-09-09 setting the water and wastewater rates for FY18-19. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance #208 – Adoption of 2018 International Property Maintenance Code – Councilman Kenny moved to adopt Ordinance #208. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Utilities Supervisor Buckley said his crew got the new banners up downtown and thought they looked very good.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told everyone there would be hazardous waste pick up on September 29th from 9 to 2 at the Branch County Fairgrounds. He said City of Bronson residents will be eligible for drop off if they have items they wish to dispose of.

Council Comments – Council again reminded everyone to watch out for children going back and forth to school. Council encouraged everyone to vote yes for the school sinking fund millage, stressing how important is it to keep making improvements to the schools security systems and technology. They also commented on how nice the streets with seal coating done on them looked and how nice the new banners looked.

Closed Session – City Manager Review – Councilman Earl moved to recess to closed session. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Return Open Session - Upon returning to open session Vice-Mayor McConn moved to increase Manager Mersman's salary by 2.5% which was in line with the raise given to non-union employees. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Adjourn — Councilman Earl moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.