

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
February 11, 2019

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

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

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$33,734.87. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion Carried.

New Business – Bronson Plating Invoices – Ordinance Enforcement – Manager Mersman told Council that Bronson Plating is the City’s only industrial pretreatment customer and with the PFAS found in the wastewater the DEQ required numerous tests be conducted. As such, the City had incurred testing and legal fees totaling over \$18,000 which were invoiced to Bronson Plating. He stated there were a couple mistakes on the invoice which would be corrected. Toby Welch, President of Bronson Plating Company was present to request Council to reverse some of the charges the City had billed them for. He explained the process and costs his company was experiencing with the PFAS problem. Following discussion, it was moved by Vice-Mayor McConn to seek ordinance enforcement and to deny the request from Bronson Plating to reduce the charges and to have Toby Welch involved in the process for disposal of bio-solids going forward. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tractor & Equipment Purchase – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the Burnips Equipment Company quote for the WWTP tractor and equipment purchase. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 19-2-4 Adopt Planning & Zoning Fees – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2-4. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion Carried.

Police Department In-Car Computer & Video System Purchase – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the Police Department In-Car Computer & Video System Purchase and Installation. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion Carried.

Public Comments – Suzanne Phish with the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence announced they are expanding their locations to rural areas. She said one of the new locations will be located in the Sew What building at 402 W. Chicago Street in Bronson. She said she will contact us with the ribbon cutting date.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Steve Johnson thanked the Council for their support over the years.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman explained to Council that the Police camera will be able to be used to enforce the Rental Ordinance also. He said that the Planning Commission will be meeting to discuss recreational marijuana.

Council Comments – Council reminded everyone to drive careful in the bad weather with kids walking to school when its dark in the morning. They thanked the DPW for doing a good job with snow removal. Council congratulated the wresting team on winning Districts. Vice-Mayor McConn stated his concern with the speed of traffic going through downtown and that it should not be 35 mph.

Adjourn – Councilman Kenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Lambright, Deputy Clerk