

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
July 8, 2019

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

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

Public Comments – Branch County Sheriff Pollack gave Council on update on the activities of the sheriff's department. He said proposed start date of the new jail was in September and they were planning on being under roof by December.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor Kenny moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$38,059.78. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

New Business – Resolution No. 19-7-11 – MDOT Category B Grant Contract Approval – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-7-11. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Ordinance #212 – Amend Zoning Ordinance – Downtown Apartments – Vice-Mayor Kenny moved to adopt Ordinance #212. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Security Cameras for Bronson's Backyard – Councilman Watkins moved to accept a bid from ASI Security for the installation of security cameras at Bronson's Backyard. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried. Mayor McConn asked Manager Mersman to look into the cost of adding an additional camera near the ballfield and dugouts at the park. Manager Mersman said he would and bring the cost back to Council at the next meeting.

Appoint Council Liaison to Bronson Area Fire Association Board – Manager Mersman said with the resignation of Mayor Cole Council needs to appoint a replacement for her on the Bronson Area Fire Association Board. He asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the position. Councilman Earl said he would be willing to fill the position. Councilman Watkins moved to appoint Councilman Earl to the fill the vacancy on the Fire Board. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Kenny. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19-7-12 – Board Appointment to the Board of Review – Vice-Mayor Kenny moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-7-12 appointing Esther Rice to the Board of Review to fill out her husband Richard Rice's term. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase & Installation of AC Unit at WWTP – Manager Mersman told Council the roof unit at the WWTP was in need of repairs. Good's Heating quoted repairs at approximately \$4,000.00 and could not guarantee it fix the acid in the system. The quoted a new unit at \$5,907.00. Councilman Earl moved to purchase a new unit from Good's Heating at a cost of \$5,907.00. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Staff Comments –None

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the first contractor awarded the sidewalk and ADA ramp project did not complete the work so he talked with the second lowest bidder, DeForest Brothers, and

they were willing to do the work. He said they would be starting on the work within the next couple of weeks.

Council Comments – Council wished the Polish Festival Council good luck with the upcoming festival and hope everyone enjoys it. Councilman Watkins thanked Councilman Earl for volunteering for the fire board position. Mayor McConn complimented the DPW for the work they have done in preparing for the festival. Council also expressed their sympathy to the Richard Rice family.

Adjourn – Councilman Earl moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.