

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
November 11, 2019

Vice-Mayor Kenny called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Watkins, Earl, Johannes (arrived at 5:15), Kenny
Absent: McConn

Councilman Earl moved to excuse Mayor McConn from the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Public Comments –None

Consent Agenda – Councilman Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$308,387.04. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

New Business – Metro Act Permit Request: Everstream/AT&T – Councilman Earl moved to approve the permit request from Everstream/AT&T for a new underground fiber line which will run from the corner of Matteson and Fremont Streets to the east Railroad Street water tower. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19-11-15 – MTS Risk Reduction Grant Application Resolution of Support – City Hall Security Cameras – Councilman Watkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-11-15. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Fire Chief Scott Wilber talked about some of the changes the Branch County Board of Commissioners are trying to implement with the 911 Board. He said the Commissioners are trying to strip the 911 Board of any authority to hire and manage employees for the 911. He said currently 911 employees are being paid according to a two tier wage plan set in the County contract. He said 911 employees are being trained and because of the low wage are then moving into other County positions or leaving the County completely to go to other Counties that pay better. He asked everyone to reach out to the County Commission and express their concerns about the County operating 911.

City Manager Comments - Manager Mersman told Council he was informed by MDOT that paving though the City would not be complete until the spring. He did say they hope to complete the concrete work this fall.

Council Comments – Council thanked all Veterans for their service on this Veteran’s Day. They reminded everyone to please not rake leaves in the street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer