

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2020

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

Roll Call: Present: McConn, Earl, Johannes, Duke
Absent: Watkins

Public Comments – Adam Stockford, Mayor of Hillsdale, introduced himself and told Council he was running for the House seat currently held by Congressman Leutheuser and why he would be a good candidate. Bronson Postmaster Steven Kingsley told Council he came to talk about an ongoing complaint he has had with the house next door to the post office. He said they have a wood stove and when they burn in it the smoke fills the post office. He said he has spoke with numerous officials and wanted to know if it would be possible for the City have a police officer accompany the Branch Building Inspector to the house to inspect the wood stove and chimney. The Council agreed to the request and said they would help in anyway they could with the problem.

Presentations- Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Representatives from the Coalition Against Domestic Violence were present to explain the services they provide. They said they are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. They said all their services are free to all women.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor Earl moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$247,200.59. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Farmer’s Market Pavilion – After reviewing the bids submitted Councilman Johannes moved to approve the bid from Hershberger Construction in the amount of \$35,000.00 for construction of a 30 x 60 pavilion for the City’s Farmer’s Market. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Review of City Council Goals for FY 2020-2021 Budget – After reviewing the goals presented Council had no questions or additions.

Approve Fiber Connection to City Hall- Manager Mersman said he obtained a quote for creating a wireless link from the police department to City Hall. IT Right submitted a bid of \$700.00 for the radio equipment and Challenger Technologies provided an estimate of \$1,584.21 for cabling and installation. He said he thought this would make the internet and phone service at the City office more reliable. Vice-Mayor Earl expressed concerns saying there are times when weather could create interruptions in wireless services. Manager Mersman said he would double check with the providers to try insure this would not be an issue. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the installation as requested. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve City Hall Security Camera System Proposal – After reviewing the bids Councilman Johannes moved to approve the bid from ASI Security for installing security cameras at City Hall. The cost being \$3971.00 with \$2,000.00 being covered by a grant from the City’s insurance carrier, Michigan Township Association par Plan. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Earl. Motion carried.

Approve Sidewalk Ramp Improvement – After reviewing the bids for sidewalk ramp improvements, Councilman Johannes moved to approve the bid from DeForest Brothers Concrete in the amount of \$28,000.00. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Earl. Motion carried.

Approve Branch County Road Commission Proposal for Road Maintenance – After reviewing the proposal Vice-Mayor Earl moved to approve road maintenance of sealcoating in the amount of \$76,537.00 and HMA paver patch at \$1,411.20 per ton at a total cost for the two processes not to exceed a total of \$165,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments - Manager Mersman congratulated Bronson Wrestler Ben Modert on winning his 3rd straight State title, the Bronson girls Bowling Team for winning their second straight State title and the Girl's basketball team for winning their District Championship.

Council Comments – Council congratulated Bronson High School's athletes on their tremendous success this year. Councilman Duke said he is still looking for Little League sponsors and for anyone interested to please let him know. Council thanked Councilman Duke for all his time and work that he puts into making the Little League program a success for Bronson's little leaguers. Vice-Mayor Earl thanked Manager Mersman and Clerk/Treasure Smith for all the work they do on City projects.

Adjourn – Vice-Mayor Earl moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, Clerk/Treasurer