

**City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2020
Bronson Farmers Market
7 Foy Court**

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

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

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda – Councilman Earl moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$214,397.72. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion Carried.

New Business – Traffic Control Order No. 38 – Chief Johnson explained that there is a need to prohibit parking on a short area of Roosevelt Street immediately east of South Matteson to allow proper traffic flow and for the safety of the public. Councilman Johannes moved to approve Traffic Control Order No. 38. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion Carried.

Fair Housing Ordinance (#214) and Fair Housing Policy – Manager Mersman stated that the language is pretty much standard on the templates provided by the state and adoption of a Fair Housing Ordinance and Policy is needed in order for the City to be eligible for CDBG (federal funds). Councilman Johannes moved to approve Fair Housing Ordinance (#214) and Fair Housing Policy. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion Carried.

Section 3 Policy – Manager Mersman said the City is required to adopt a Section 3 policy in order to be eligible for CDBG/HUD funding. Councilman Duke moved to approve Section 3 Policy. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion Carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman congratulated Douglas Autotech for having no accidents in 2 years. He thanked them for making safety a priority. He also reported that the sidewalk ramps were complete.

Council Comments – Councilman Johannes thanked Morris Motorsports for bringing the Hometown Hero signs over. Council complimented Morris Motorsports on the good job they did on the signs. They also thanked Chuck and the DPW for getting the streets swept and the great job they are doing at keeping the City looking good. They congratulated Douglas Autotech for their safety award. Mayor McConn thanked Chuck for fixing the drain at Barone Hardware and the Road Commission for a job well done on the streets. He also thanked city staff for the great job they have done during these hard times. They thanked Manager Mersman and Clerk Smith for their help in driving trucks during the City's clean up.

Mayor McConn introduced the local pharmacist, Suchit Shah and recommended everyone take advantage of the new pharmacy. Mr. Shaf introduced himself and informed council of the services they provide. He said he hopes to add 1 or 2 jobs in the future.

City Manager Annual Review – Mayor McConn said he asked all of the council members how they thought Manager Mersman was doing and he got the same response from all of them. They all felt he was doing a great job and should get an excellent rating. Mayor McConn suggested a 2 ½ % raise retroactive back to July 1. Councilman Johannes moved to give Manager Mersman an excellent rating and a 2 ½% raise retroactive back to July 1. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion Carried.

Adjourn – Councilman Johannes moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Lambright, Deputy Clerk