

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
September 13, 2021

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

Roll Call: Present: McConn, Watkins, Johannes

Absent: Duke, Rinehart

Councilman Johannes moved to excuse Councilmen Duke & Rinehart from the meeting. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$164,088.80. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Water & Wastewater Rates – Resolution No. 21-9-9 – Councilman Johannes moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-9-9. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

Approve Concord Excavating Payment Request #3 – Manager Mersman said he has received the third payment request from Concord Excavating for work on the Ruggles/Compton Street project. He said the work has been done compliance with specifications and plans. He recommended paying the invoice in the amount of \$177,410.43. Vice-Mayor Watkins moved to approve the payment. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Approve Credit Card Processing Proposal – Point & Pay – Manager Mersman said after requesting proposals he received five. He was recommending Point & Pay and outlined the fees and terms of the contract. Vice-Mayor Watkins questioned the length of the contract saying he thought three years was too long if it turned out that the service was not something that was not working out for the City. Councilman Johannes agreed. Both thought a 6-month agreement with the option of continuing was a better than getting tied into a three-year proposal. Clerk/Treasurer Smith said she was concerned about the time it would take to balance the account each day. She said Administrative Assistant Lambright and herself had days when there was not enough time for them to get done what they needed to do without adding more. After further discussion Council directed Manager Mersman to check with Point & Pay about the possibility of a shorter term so a trail run could be made of their process before signing into a longer contract. Vice-Mayor Watkins moved to table any decision on credit card processing until Manager Mersman could talk further with Point & Pay. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Biosolids Dewatering Proposal – Infrastructure Alternatives – Manager Mersman told Council that the State of Michigan told the City in 2018/19 that our wastewater biosolids could no longer be land applied due to PFOS being in the solids. In 2019 the city contracted with a company to install geotextile tubes to allow the biosolids to dewater onsite to reduce the number of solids that would need to be hauled to a landfill. At that the City was only able to empty part of its biosolids from storage into the tubes. The City now needs to move forward with the transfer of the remaining biosolids to the tubes for dewatering. The cost estimate for this transfer is \$51,100 with Infrastructures Alternatives doing the work. Bronson Plating would be responsible for this cost with the City arranging the work. Vice-Mayor Watkins asked if Bronson Plating was aware of need for this to be done and the cost and what was their response. Manager Mersman said they were and their response was mixed. Supervisor Buckley said the worked must be done because storage for the biosolids at the plant would become an issue if not done. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the work being done by Infrastructure Alternatives at a cost \$51,100. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council BS&A was live on the City’s website for tax, utility billing and assessing information. He asked everyone to keep Jerry Rinehart’s wife in their prayers as she was injured in an accident.

Council Comments – Council thanked the DPW crew for cleanup from the recent storm. Mayor McConn thanked the crew for going to Coldwater to help them out after the storm also. They also wished Jerry Rinehart’s wife a speedy recovery from her accident. Councilman Johannes asked if it would be possible to have a plaque installed on the Farmer’s Market Pavilion stating when it was built and that Consumer’s Energy provided the funds for it. Manager Mersman said he would check into getting one.

City Manager Annual Review – Councilman Johannes moved to table the review until all members of Council were present. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.