

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
February 8, 2021

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

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

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda – Councilman Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$92,918.74. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

New Business- Approve Republic Services Contract Extension – After reviewing the new proposed contract, which would lower the current rate and not reach that rate until the fourth year of the new contract, Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the contract extension. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 21-2-3 – A Resolution to Allow Board of Review Protests in Writing – Councilman Watkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2-3. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 21-2-4 – Assessment Record Availability Policy – Councilman Watkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2-4. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-2-5 Civil Infractions Resolution – Councilman Rinehart moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2-5. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Prein & Newhof Professional Services Agreement for Engineering – Manager Mersman requested approval of a new Professional Services Agreement with Prien & Newhof for as needed engineering services in 2021. This would cover small projects that would only take a few hours, bigger projects would require a separate agreement on an individual basis. Councilman Watkins moved to approve the agreement with Prein & Newhof. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Professional Services Agreement – DWRF Lead Service – Manager Mersman asked Council to approve a proposal from Prein & Newhof for engineering services to apply for a EGLE loan for replacement of lead service lines. He said the loan could have principle forgiveness up to \$3,000,000 if the City met the “disadvantage community” status. Due to the nature of the work plan Manager Mersman felt the plan would require the work of an engineer. The proposal from Prien & Newhof is a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. Manager Mersman said the City submitted an intent to apply in order to find out if the City would be qualified as a disadvantage community and said the City should learn in a week or two of that determination. If the City did not meet that qualification the application for the grant would be withdrawn and the proposed work from Prien & Newhof would not be necessary. Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the proposal from Prein & Newhof for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 if the City met the “disadvantaged community” status. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of New Tasers – The Bronson Police Department was recently awarded a \$1200.00 grant from the Michigan Township Participating plan for the purchase of new tasers. Police Chief Johnson received a quote from Axon Enterprise of \$2,649.60 for two new tasers and supplies. The balance of the tasers would come from the police department budget. Councilman Duke moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Department of Public Works Lawn Mower – After reviewing the bids submitted Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the low bid from Burnips for \$6,719.16 for the purchase of the lawn mower. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Police Department Computers & Printers – Police Chief Johnson asked Council to approve the purchase of new computers and printers from IT Right in the amount of \$3,024.00. He said he sought bids from various vendors and found IT Right had the best price and warranties. He said \$2500.00 was in the police budget for computers so the balance of the purchase would come from the police salvage fund. Councilman Duke moved to approve the purchases as requested. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson thanked Council for supporting the police department and supplying them with the equipment they need. He also thanked the Michigan Township Participating Plan for the grant for the tasers.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told everyone bid requests were out for the farm lease on City property and lawn mowing of City property for the 2021 year. The proposals and bid forms were available on the City's website.

Council Comments – Council thanked the DPW for keeping the streets cleared in a timely matter when it snowed. Councilman Duke thanked Councilman Rinehart for facilitating a large donation of beans for the local food pantry. Councilman Rinehart and Councilman Watkins thanked Clerk/Treasurer Karen Smith and Administrative Assistant Lori Lambright for staffing the City office and keeping the office running the last few months. Mayor McConn thanked the DPW for the new stops signs that can be used when the power goes out in the downtown. Mayor McConn asked Utilities Supervisor Buckley when the DPW might have time to open the caps on all fire hydrants to make sure they were in working order. Supervisor Buckley said they would do it the next time hydrant flushing in the spring. Mayor McConn said he would like it done as soon as possible. Supervisor Buckley asked if maybe the fire department might help with this. He said it will be difficult for his department to do it themselves this winter with all the other things they need to do. He said he would check with Fire Chief Wilber about possibly coordinating with the fire department to get this done.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.