

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 8,2021

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

Roll Call: Present: Rinehart, Watkins, Duke

Absent: McConn, Johannes

Councilman Duke moved to excuse Mayor McConn and Councilman Johannes from the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda – Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$132,428.95. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

New Business- Approve Bid for Ruggles/Compton Street Project – Manager Mersman said 6 bids were submitted with Concord Excavating being low bidder. The bids were reviewed and Manager Mersman recommended acceptance of the low bid contingent on MEDC approval and receiving the insurance and bid bond from Concord Excavating. Councilman Duke moved to approve the bid from Concord Excavating as recommended. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Resolution #21-3-4- BYRA Charitable Gaming License – Councilman Rinehart moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-3-4. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Industrial Ave. Farm Land Lease – Manager Mersman said the City put out request for proposals for lease of the City's farm land on Industrial Ave. and only one proposal was received. He said it was from Against the Grain Farms and it was a 5-year lease. He recommended approval of the lease. Councilman Duke moved to approve the farm lease proposal from Against the Grain Farms. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve of Lawn Maintenance Bid – Manager Mersman said he put out request for proposals for lawn maintenance on several City owned properties and the Cemetery. He said one bid was received from O'Rourke Lawn Care. He recommended approve of the proposal upon the signing of the mutually agreed upon contract. Councilman Rinehart moved to accept the bid from O'Rourke Lawn Care upon the signing of an agreed upon contract. Seconded Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

DWRF Lead Services – Manager Mersman told Council the City did received notification from EGLE the City qualified as a "disadvantaged" community under the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. This would allow the City to receive loan forgiveness up to \$3,000,000 for a potential grant and loan for water line replacements, even with the loan forgiveness the City would still have to fund a sizable amount of the water line replacements. EGLE has mandated that the City must replace all water lead/non copper service lines by 2040. Manager Mersman said with other projects underway and upcoming it does not seem feasible the City could afford to go ahead with the loan and the financial burden it would carry. He said the City can work at replacing water lines as time and money permits and hopefully get them replaced before 2040. After much further discussion Council agreed not to move forward with borrowing of monies from the DWRF.

911 Radio Tower Easement – Manager Mersman said a location for a tower to accommodate the County's 911 radio system upgrade has been suggested on the City's land at Well #4 on Parham Rd. He said EGLE has said it would be acceptable to be the tower at the location as long as it would be outside a 200-foot isolation area and this site can accommodate that condition. He asked Council to authorize him to work with the County's contractor and the City Attorney to come up with an acceptable contact and easement for the tower. Councilman Duke moved to approve Manager Mersman's request. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the SAW Grant project was complete and Prien & Newhof would be presenting the results at the next two Council meetings.

Council Comments – Councilman Duke and Rinehart thanked Vice-Mayor Watkins for stepping in, chairing the meeting and doing a great job this evening. Vice-Mayor Watkins thanked the DPW for the work they were doing fixing a sewer line on York Street. Councilman Duke said he viewed the video on the MSDHA grant projects that were completed and said he was pleased with the work done.

Adjourn – Councilman Rinehart moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.