

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
February 14, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present: McConn, Watkins, Duke, Rinehart

Absent: Johannes

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

Public Comment – Commissioner Kolcz asked Council if they would be interested in donating any part of their America Rescue Funds to the County to help with the projects they would like to accomplish or if they had any projects they would like the County to add to their list of proposed projects. He said the County is updating their website and if Council had any comments or suggestions for the website to let him know. He said the new 911 radio is almost fully operational. He said he thought the remaining pieces of the system should be in place by the end of March. Council thanked him for his update and said they would get back with him on any comments or suggestions concerning the America Rescue Funds.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$73,264.98. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

Old Business – Police Vehicle Purchase – Manager Mersman said back in October Council approved the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer for police. He said the vehicle has not been built. He said the dealer where the vehicle was ordered has in stock a similar vehicle with a few more options on it. The cost difference would be \$2,144.02. He was asking Council if they would like to consider the purchase of the vehicle currently available instead of waiting for one to be built. Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the purchase of the Ford Explorer in stock at Cole Ford for \$43,326.40. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

New Business – Police Vehicle Upfitting – After reviewing the bids, Councilman Rinehart moved to accept the low bid from First Response Fleet of \$11,104.41 for upfitting the new police vehicle. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

Review of Council Goals for FY 2023 Budget – Discussion – Manager Mersman said he had reviewed the on-going goals of the city. He said he added working the EGLE to address inflow and infiltration and possible upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. He asked Council if they had any suggestions or requests for the upcoming budget year. They did not.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson thanked Council for continuing to support the department with purchasing cars and equipment.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council he had included in their packet an update from Prien & Newhof on the drinking water asset management plan and said if they had any questions or concerns to let him know. He said also installation of the new water meters had begun and was progressing smoothly.

Council Comments – Council congratulated Clerk/Treasurer Smith on being inducted in the Bronson High School Hall of Fame. Council thanked the DPW keeping the streets cleared during the days of snow and ice. Councilman Duke said he had the DPW come and install his new water meter and was impressed how quickly and efficiently it was installed.

Councilman Rinehart to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Council returned to the open meeting with no further action taken or business discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.