

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 11, 2022

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

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

Public Comment – Fire Chief Scott Wilber explained to Council a proposed proposal with LifeCare Ambulance and the Bronson Fire Department for putting into service a safety net ambulance system. He said LifeCare Ambulance would provide the Fire Department a used ambulance to have at the Bronson station to run priority one medicals when there was not a LifeCare Ambulance in the area or not available because they were on another call. He said he has talked with the personnel on his staff to get their questions and any concerns they may have about the proposal. He said LifeCare would reimburse the department \$200.00 for every call they had to run. Chief Wilber said he was looking for Council's thoughts on the proposal. He would be calling an emergency fire board meeting to have an official vote on the proposal once he spoke to each entity to get their thoughts. After some discussion Vice-Mayor Watkins moved to have Chief Wilber go ahead and pursue the agreement/proposal with LifeCare. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$168,529.93. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Administrative Consent Order for Wastewater Treatment Plant – EGLE – Manager Mersman told Council staff and EGLE representatives have met and made the recommended changes to the consent order as discussed at the previous Council meeting. It is now being presented for Council's approval. In the consent order the City agrees to have Phase I projects completed by December 25, 2025 and the Phase II projects completed by December of 2029. Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the Administrative Consent Order with EGLE. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Approve Engineering Proposal for Administrative Consent Order – Manager Mersman explained the first part of the Administrative Consent Order was to submit a Corrective Action Plan to EGLE by January 25, 2023. He said Prien & Newhof has submitted a quote of not to exceed \$12,000.00 to develop the plan and he was recommending to Council approval of the quote. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the quote of not to exceed \$12,000.00 from Prien & Newhof for the Corrective Action Plan. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve Engineering for Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund – Manager Mersman told Council Prien & Newhof submitted a proposal to create a project plan to submit to the EGLE Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. The plan when submitted would allow us to be eligible for loans and potential grant funds. The proposal from Prien & Newhof is a quote not to exceed \$28,000.00. Councilman Johannes moved to accept the quote from Prien & Newhof of not to exceed \$28,000.00 to develop the project plan for EGLE Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Engineering for Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund and USDA Work Plans – Manager Mersman said Prien & Newhof submitted proposals to prepare work plans and applications for loans from the USDA and State of Michigan for funding sanitary sewer improvements. The city is required to submit applications to both loan programs to determine which might have the best package for the city. Each loan has different requirements so Prien & Newhof would have to develop two different work plans. Total cost for the work plans would be \$79,000.00. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the proposal from Prien & Newhof for a cost of \$79,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve City Hall Parking Lot and Cemetery Resurfacing – Manager Mersman said the city received two bids for resurfacing work for the City Hall Parking lot and the Cemetery drives. He recommended accepting the low bid from the Branch County Road Commission of \$12,251.00 for the work. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the bid as recommended. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson asked everyone to have a safe and good Polish Festival next week.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council Plumbers Environmental would begin service line potholing in August. He said the work would take approximately 2 weeks and letters would be going out to the residents selected for this project.

Council Comments – Council wished everyone a safe and good Polish Festival. They all also congratulated Councilman’s Johannes wife, Cindy on retiring from the Branch County Health Department after many years of service. Mayor McConn said he noticed in the wastewater report that the SAW Grant project may be paying off since he thought infiltration was declining.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.