

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 8, 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 - None

Consent Agenda –Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$94,593.42. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

New Business – Appointment to Bronson Area Fire Association Board – Resolution No. 22-8-8 – Councilman Rinehart moved to approve Resolution No. 22-8-8. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

Approve Letter of Engagement for Bond Counsel – Manager Mersman explained with the possibility of the City needing to bond for funds for upcoming water and sewer projects the City will need a bond counsel. He said he spoke with two firms recommended by City engineers and their fees were very similar. He said not knowing an amount the City may have to bond for makes it difficult to determine exact fees. He said Miller Canfield was one of the firms he spoke with and was used by the City in 1993. He was recommending using them again saying an estimate of their fee, again depending on the amount needed to bond, would be \$100,100. Councilman Duke moved to engage Miller Canfield for the City's bond counsel. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Approve Letter of Engagement for Financial Advisor – Manager Mersman said as with the Bond Counsel the City will need a financial advisor to guide the City through the bonding process. It will also be difficult to know an exact fee not knowing how much the city may need to bond for. He said he reached out to two firms recommended by engineers and was recommending using Municipal Financial Consultants at an estimated cost of \$85,085. Vice-Mayor Watkins engage MFC for the city's financial consultants. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson said Polish Festival went smoothly. He reminded everyone school would be starting soon and to be careful of students walking to school. Fire Chief Wilber said he was thankful fire millages passed in all three townships where it was on the ballot. He said the department should be receiving its safety net ambulance around the first of September.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the new police vehicle was now in service. He told Council the City did not get the grant that was applied for new speed limit signs. He asked Council if they would like to pursue buying them even though the city did not get grant money. Council said they would like to have current pricing brought back to them so they could decide on whether to purchase them or not.

Council Comments – Council thanked everyone for a safe and successful Polish Festival. Vice-Mayor Watkins thanked Councilman Johannes for accepting the position on the fire department board. Councilman Rinehart introduced German exchange student Dirk who will be staying with him for the

upcoming school year. Councilman Duke said he recently had an incident where a family was ill and he called 911 and in just a few minutes three first responders from the city fire department were there to help. He said he and his family were very grateful and the community is very fortunate to have such dedicated members on the fire department.

Closed Session – Vice-Mayor Watkins moved to recess the meeting to closed session for the discussion of purchase, sale or lease of real property. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Council returned to regular session with no further action or discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.