

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
September 12, 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 \$109,419.41. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Water & Wastewater Rates – Resolution #22-9-9 – Councilman Johannes moved to approve Resolutions #22-9-9. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Liquor License – Azteca Mexican Restaurant – Resolution #22-09-10 – Councilman Johannes moved to approve Resolution #22-09-10. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve Liquor License – Smitty’s Pizza & Subs – Resolution #22-09-11 – Councilman Johannes moved to approve Resolution #22-09-11. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve Pay Request #1 – Lead Service Verification – Manager Mersman said Plummer’s Environmental submitted their first pay request for the work they have done to date under the Drinking Water Asset Management System Materials Grant. The engineer has reviewed the pay request and recommends payment of \$43,546.10. Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the pay request. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Watkins. Motion carried.

Wastewater/DPW Structure – Discussion – Manager Mersman said with the pending retirement of Chuck Buckley at the treatment plant he wanted to discuss with Council his intention for restructuring the DPW and the treatment plant staff. He said when advertising for a wastewater treatment plant operator no applications were received for anyone with the license needed to run the plant. He said DPW employee Jerry Rinehart has expressed interest in moving to the plant from the DPW and would work toward the licenses needed. He said hopefully a new employee could be hired and they also would work toward the licenses needed also. He said Chuck has agreed to stay on part time to meet the requirements needed to run the plant. Council thanked Chuck for agreeing to stay on to help with the changes and transition.

Staff Comments – Fire Chief Wilber said there would be a Fire Academy in Branch County in October and there would be four firemen from the department attending.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said work would begin on the water tower next week.

Council Comments – Councilman Johannes asked that the city employees be recognized for their work and dedication with a luncheon in the near future. Manager Mersman said he could organize one and the rest of Council agreed with the suggestion. Council welcomed the owners of Azteca Restaurant to the City.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.