

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 12, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present: McConn, Earl, Johannes, Watkins  
Absent: Rinehart

Councilman Johannes moved to excuse Councilman Rinehart from the meeting.

Public Comment – Commissioner Kolcz said this would be the last Council meeting he would be attending as his term would be ending at the end of the month. He thanked everyone for their support during his time on the County Commission. He said it had been his honor to serve the citizens of the city and his district. He then updated Council on projects the Commission was working including the expansion of the Meals on Wheels service in the county. Resident Tom Lduwick asked Council to consider letting city residents have chickens. Council said there already was an ordinance prohibiting chickens but they would take it under consideration for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Ludwick also asked if the city was actively seeking new business and Mayor Watkins said City Council was definitely working on that.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Johannes moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$194,374.48. Seconded by Councilman McConn. Motion carried.

New Business – Board & Commission Appointments Resolution #22-12-16 – Councilman McConn moved to adopt Resolution #22-12-17. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Earl. Motion carried.

Approve Water Tower Payment – L&T Painting – Manager Mersman said the painting on the water tower has been completed and Nelson Engineering has approved the work. He was asking Council to approve payment of the work in the amount of \$114,620.00. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the payment. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Earl. Motion carried.

2016 Tahoe Vehicle Repair - Manager Mersman said the 2016 Tahoe was in need of repairs to its engine. There were two options, repairing the engine at a cost of \$3,172.34 which would come with a two-year warranty, or replacing the engine at a cost of \$7,028.97 with a 90-day parts warranty. He was recommending repairing the engine at a cost of \$3,172.34. Mayor Watkins said he was confused thinking this vehicle had been sold when the last two police cars were bought. Manager Mersman said he authorized Chief Johnson to use the vehicle for department use. Chief Johnson said he was entitled to a vehicle as a department head. Mayor Watkins said he was unaware of any of this. After further discussion Councilman McConn moved to approve the repairs in the amount of \$3,172.34. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

City Staff Comments – None

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the annual Christmas lunch for staff and council will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Council Comments – Council wished everyone safe and happy holidays. Vice-Mayor Earl thanked Supervisor Buckley, Chief Johnson and Clerk/Treas. Smith for their work throughout the year. Councilman

McConn thanked the DPW for keeping the town looking good. Councilman Johannes thanked Supervisor Buckley for his worked and said he appreciates everything he does. Mayor Watkins said the city is seeking a grant to hire someone to help with business attraction and retention. He said the grand reopening of Prestigious Glass was very nice and encouraged everyone to drop by the store and check it out. Mayor Watkins asked how the on-line payment system was working. He said he thought originally there would be a review after a year. Manager Mersman said there had been issues balancing and Clerk Smith said using the system was inconvenient. Councilman McConn asked Mayor Watkins to check with Union City and Quincy. Mayor Watkins said he would.

Closed Session – Councilman McConn moved to recess the meeting to closed session for discussion on sale or lease of City property. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session with no further action.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.