

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
May 9, 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 – County Commissioner Kolcz told Council the County received approximately \$451,000 in marijuana tax revenue from the State and the County has decided to use the funds to help eliminate the two-tier wage scale currently in place at the County and the balance of the funds will be used to help try and recruit new officers for the Sheriff's department. He also thanked Ken Stutzman for his 55 years of service on the Bronson Fire Department.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Rinehart moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$65,917.03. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

New Business – Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Draft – Discussion – Manager Mersman presented Council with a draft budget for fiscal year 2023. Council said they had reviewed it and did not have any questions or concerns.

Approve Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Union Agreement for 2022-2027 – Manager Mersman presented Council with a proposed union agreement for the City's police officers for years 2022-2027. He said the 5-year agreement included a 5% wage increase for the first year, for the second year the wage increase would be the same that was given to nonunion employees at the time and years 3-5 included a wage opener. He said it also included an additional vacation day. Council had no objections or questions to the proposed agreement. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the proposed agreement. Seconded by Councilman Rinehart. Motion carried.

Approve Lead Service Line Verification Bid – After reviewing the bids Councilman Duke moved to approve the low bid from Plummer's Environmental Services of \$87,202.00. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried. Manager Mersman said the funds to pay for this project would be 100% grant monies.

Staff Comments – Fire Chief Wilber said repairs to the fire department floor were complete and thanked the DPW for allowing the department to park the fire trucks in their barn while the work was being done.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said a request for bid proposals for the water tower rehab work were out and he should have bids for their review at the next meeting.

Council Comments – Councilman Johannes again thanked everyone who worked for the city for their dedication and service. Councilman Duke commended the DPW for the job they did on an after-hours water main break. Vice-Mayor Watkins thanked City employees for the work they do behind the scenes. He said until he became a Councilman, he didn't realize all that is involved in everyday operations that is done behind the scene. Mayor McConn thanked Fireman Ken Stutzman for his 55 years of service. Council thanked City Clerk/Treasurer Smith for her 39 years of service to the city.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.