

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 2019

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

Roll Call: Present: Cole, McConn, Kenny, Watkins
Absent: Earl

Vice-Mayor McConn moved to excuse Councilman Earl from the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Branch County Sheriff Pollack gave the latest update on the activities in his department. He said soil borings are scheduled to be done next week at the proposed location of the new jail and hopefully the site plan review will be done soon. He also said he had recently been appointed Chair for the Rural Sheriff's Committee for the National Sheriff's Assn. and is hoping he can be a voice for rural sheriffs on the national level.

Presentations – Proclamation of the Mayor – Bronson High Volleyball Team – Manager Mersman read a proclamation of the Mayor honoring the Bronson High Volleyball Team for winning their fourth straight State Championship Title. Proclamation of the Mayor – Bronson High Bowling Teams – Manager Mersman read a proclamation of the Mayor honoring the Bronson High Boys Bowling Team for winning back to back State Championship Titles and the Bronson High Girls Bowling Team for winning the first ever State Championship Title for Bronson High.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$32,636.59. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Sidewalk Ramp Improvement Bid – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to accept the low bid from Beerman Construction of \$10,020.00 for the ramp improvements. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Police Video Server – Councilman Watkins move to accept the low bid from Watch Guard of \$4,360.00 for a new video server for the police department. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Codification of Ordinances – American Legal Publishing – Manager Mersman explained the city's ordinances are due for codification. This needs to be done to keep the ordinance code book up to date. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to have the code book updated by American Legal Publishing at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Blighted Home for Demolition – 7 Foy Court – Manager Mersman told Council the home at 7 Foy is going up for tax sale. He said he would like Council to authorize the purchase of the home at tax sale for the purpose of demolishing the home with the intent of using the location for the city's farmers market. With its location it has plenty of parking and it is in the downtown area just off US 12. The purchase price would be \$5,510.94, with part of that coming back to the City as taxes owed to the City. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman congratulated Bronson business G&W Display on being name Business of the Year for 2018 by the Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce. He also congratulated the Bronson Bowling Teams and the Volleyball on their outstanding seasons. He also commended the Bronson Fire Department for obtaining the Lucas device. The device was obtained with donated funds and will be great asset to the department for saving lives.

Council Comments – Council congratulated the Bronson Bowling Teams and Volleyball teams on their State Championships. They also congratulated G & W Display on being named Business of the Year. Vice-Mayor McConn said the Lucas device was in service by the Fire department and thanked those who donated the funds to purchase the device. He said the Bronson Community was very fortunate to have generous donors that made the purchase of the life saving device possible.

Adjourn – Councilman Kenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.