

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
August 14, 2017

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

Roll Call: Present: Cole, McConn, Cox, Earl, Kenny
Absent: None

Public Comment – Branch County Commissioner Kolcz gave an update on various projects the Branch County Board of Commissioners are currently working on.

Presentation – Water Reliability Study Results – Dan Lewis of Prien & Newhof – Mr. Lewis presented the city's water reliability study to Council. He said the study was given to the State and was approved. He said with the completion of the study will make the City eligible for a SAW grant and an ICE grant. He said he felt confident the City would be awarded a SAW grant in 2018. Council thanked Mr. Lewis for his work on the study.

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$279,798.69. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Water & Wastewater Rates – Resolution No. 17-8-8 - Councilman Kenny moved to approved Resolution No. 17-8-8. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Traffic Control Order No. #37 – Councilwoman Cox moved to approve Traffic Control Order No. 37. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

MERS Pension Changes & Options – Manager Mersman explained the increases in the employee cost of pension over the next two years. He outlined options for offsetting some of these increases for employees. After some discussion Council agreed not make any changes at this time but to look at the options in the upcoming year.

Sewer Camera Purchase – Manager Mersman told Council the City has received a \$2500.00 from Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction fund to use toward the purchase of a sewer camera. He said he sought bids and the low bid of \$7,927.80 came from USA Blue Book. He asked to approve the purchase with the City cost being \$5427.80 coming from wastewater capital improvement funds. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the purchase. Councilwoman Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Utilities Supervisor Buckley thanked Mr. Lewis from Prien & Newhof for his work on the reliability study.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman thanked all the area law enforcements agencies for their assistance during Polish Festival.

Council Comments – Thanked everyone who helped make Polish Festival a success this year. They congratulated local resident Kevin Miller on receiving the Silver Star award from the State Police for saving the life of a local man who was electrocuted while working on an irrigation system.

Adjourn – Councilwoman Cox moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.