

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2020

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

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

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

Mayor McConn asked for a moment of silence honoring Sherry Losinski, Bronson Housing Director, who passed away unexpectedly last week.

Public Comments –Sheriff Pollack said progress was being made on the construction at new jail. He said the skeleton of the structure was up and they hoped to have it enclosed by this fall. He said the County was able to hire two new deputies but had a 22-year veteran of the department take a position with the City of Coldwater because their starting pay was \$3.00 per hour higher than his current wages with the sheriff department. County Commissioner Kolcz also commented on the construction of the jail and said to date the low bid had been awarded for every phase and part of the construction. He also said the County Commissioners have voted to put on the November ballot a proposal to add a surcharge for 911 services to each device in a household. He said this was necessary to upgrade communication devices for the county 911.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$52,920.74. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

New Business – Water and Wastewater Rates Resolution #20-8-12 – Manager Mersman explained after evaluating projected costs for the upcoming rate it would be necessary to raise water rates \$1.00 per month and wastewater rates \$4.00 per month. He said raising rates would help fund maintenance on our infrastructure and pay for capital expenses. Councilman Johannes moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-08-12. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said he was in the process of researching the purchase of a new police vehicle. He said there were many issues with the Tahoe so the City would be looking at other options.

Council Comments – Councilman Johannes said he was working on the Hometown Hero banners and hope to have them in place soon. Council complimented the DPW on how the town was looking and the progress they made after the cleanup from the storm. Mayor McConn commented on the 911 surcharge proposal that would be on the November ballot. He said it was necessary to upgrade the county's radio system so it would be possible to communicate with other agencies around the State.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, Clerk/Treasurer