

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
May 14, 2018

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

Roll Call: Present: Cole, McConn, Cox, Kenny

Absent: Earl

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

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$43,536.53. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Prein & Newhof Agreement for Engineering Services – SAW Grant – Dan Lewis from Prien & Newhof outlined the scope of work to be done under the grant. The City has been awarded a \$1.6 million for wastewater and storm sewer work. He outlined the engineering work to be done under the agreement for services. Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Fiscal year 2019 Budget Discussion – Manager Mersman discussed the highlights of the proposed 2019 budget. He asked Council if they had any questions, concerns or changes they would like to see. They agreed to have Manager Mersman present the budget as outlined at the June meeting with no changes.

Approve Purchase of City Hall & Police Servers – Manager Mersman told the Council servers at City Hall and the Police department were in need of replacement. He said doing this now would save the City over \$3,200 in labor cost with the City's IT provider as they would include the labor as part of our first year contract with them. The cost of the servers would be \$7,173.52. Updating the police server would also make them LEIN compliant. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Downtown Trash Receptacles – After reviewing the bids Councilman Kenny moved to accept the low bid from ArchTec Parkview of \$3,859.84 for the trash receptacles. Seconded Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Sanitary Sewer Auger – After reviewing the bids Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the low bid from Barone Hardware of \$2428.76 for the sewer auger. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Wage Re-Opener (2018-19 Budget Year) – Manager Mersman said two years ago when the City and the POAM approved a new contract that it included a wage reopener for years two and three. The POAM and the City have tentatively agreed to a 2.5% increase for union officers which is on par for non-union employees pending Council approval. He

said with Council approval he would sign a letter of understanding with the POAM. Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the proposed wage reopener. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Rubber Mulch – Manager Mersman asked for approval to purchase rubber mulch to refresh the playground areas at the parks of \$4,060.00. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson introduced Officer Doug Pope, the city’s newest police officer.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman welcomed Officer Pope to the city staff.

Council Comments – Council also welcomed Officer Pope to the City. They reminded everyone school will soon be out and to watch for children out playing and riding bikes. Mayor Cole thanked staff for the work done on the upcoming budget. Vice-Mayor McConn said he was not in favor of trying to regulate in door wood burners. Mayor Cole thanked Prien & Newhof for the work on the SAW grant.

Adjourn – Vice- Mayor McConn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.