

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 2018

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

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

Public Comment – County Commissioner Kolcz thanked everyone who voted and supported the millage for the new jail. He said the County recently received their annual audit and were given a clean opinion. He also said there would be a scrap tire pickup on August 18th at the Human Services Building in Coldwater and if anyone had tires they needed to get rid this would be a good time to do it at little or no cost.

Consent Agenda – Councilwoman Cox moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$112,307.56. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

New Business – Police Ammunition Purchase – Councilman Earl moved to approve the purchase of ammunition under the State of Michigan purchasing program up to \$2,500.00. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Rental Housing Rates – Resolution No. 18-8-8 - Vice-Mayor McConn moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-8-8 establishing fees to be charged pursuant to the rental ordinance. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

SAFEbuilt Professional Services Agreement – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the professional services agreement with SAFEbuilt for rental inspection services at \$1,275.00 per month for two years. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Ordinance #207 – Rental Housing Ordinance Amendment – Councilman Earl moved to adopt Ordinance #207. This ordinance makes a change in terminology where in the original ordinance it references “building code official” it will now read “ordinance enforcement officer”. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Approve 510 N. Douglas Tax Sale Purchase – Manager Mersman asked Council to authorize the purchase of 510 N. Douglas St at the annual State of Michigan tax sale with the intent of demolition for abating a blight nuisance. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the request for purchasing 510 N. Douglas at tax sale. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Road Maintenance Work – Branch County Road Commission – Manager Mersman requested approval of road maintenance to be done by the Branch County Road Commission at a cost of \$89,111.46. Councilman Earl moved to approve the road maintenance as requested. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Well Siting Study – Manager Mersman said he asked Prein & Newhof for a quote for doing a well siting study. He said our current wells were constructed in the 1960’s and both are in the same general area. He said to create redundancy and better loop our current system we need to begin looking for a new location. This process will be done in phases and he is asking approval for this phase with Prein &

Newhof as a cost of \$8,000.00. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Downtown Mural Proposal – Manager Mersman said following the SWOT analysis for Marketing and Economic Development he was asked to obtain a proposal for a downtown mural. He presented a mock-up and quote from the artist who had done a similar mural for the Village of Quincy. He asked Council to approve the project at a cost of \$4,000.00 and to work up a lease agreement for the owners of 103 E. Chicago Street who have agreed to have the mural painted on their building. Councilman Kenny moved to authorize Manager Mersman to move forward with the mural project. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Approve Greenwald Park Roof Proposals – Councilwoman Cox moved to accept the low bid from Hershberger Construction of \$8,600.00 to replace the roofs on the two pavilions and the park building at Greenwald Park. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Approve Downtown Banner Purchase – Manager Mersman said it was time to replace the banners downtown. He said he has received artwork from Hilary Eley at 6 Feet Solutions and a low bid from Consort Display Group of \$1,903 for the twelve banners and asked for authorization to move forward with ordering the banners. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the purchase of the banners as requested. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson said Polish Festival was held with little incident and thanked those who helped with traffic control during the parade.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman invited everyone to stay in town for music in the park this evening.

Council Comments – Council congratulated the Polish Festival Council on another successful year. They reminded everyone school is starting and watch out for children going back and forth to school. Council thanked staff for the work done on the rental ordinance and again said they felt this was a move in the right direction to keeping Bronson's housing stock in good repair and safe for residents.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.