

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
April 10, 2017

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

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda – Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$22,362.31. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Old Business – N. Ruggles Street Extension – Manager Mersman said as directed by Council at their last meeting he sought bids for paving the new gravel portion of N Ruggles Street to connect Mill Street. He said he also asked those bidding to bid resurfacing approximately 120 feet of existing street which was in need of repairs. He said the best overall price was from Excel Paving for a cost of \$17,730.00. He said given the mild winter we experienced there was money in the Local Street to do the whole extension. Councilman Earl moved to accept the bid from Excel Paving of \$17,730.00 to do the whole extension. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Consumer’s Energy Easement Approval - Manager Mersman explained that G & W Display and Consumer’s Energy were wanting to obtain an easement from the City on the former railroad property purchased by the City. G & W Display is requesting the removal of two large transformers on their property and the installation of a new utility line which will save them a considerable amount in utility cost. Manager Mersman said the easement has been reviewed and approved by the city attorney and he has reviewed the placement of a new pole on the City’s property and believes it will not hinder the development of the railroad property into a trail. He recommended approval of the easement. Councilman Kenny moved to approve the easement. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Fuel Contract Approval – Manager Mersman said the City’s fuel contract with North Central Co-Op has expired and he has been negotiating a new contract. He recommended renewing the contract in September for a September to April contract with a price of \$2.09 for unleaded and \$2.32 for diesel. He said gas prices are expected to be cheaper in the summer at the cash price vs. contract price that is why the suggested September start for the contract. Councilman Earl moved to approve the proposed contract. Seconded by Councilman Kenny, Motion carried.

Approve Bid of Lawn Maintenance Contract – After reviewing the bids Councilman Kenny moved to approve the low bid from M & M Lawn care of \$24,100. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Approve Amendment to Bronson Area Fire Association Agreement – Manager Mersman told Council at the February Fire Association meeting the members discussed amending Article VIII, Sec D. of the agreement which now states capital improvements would be assessed on both real and personal property value of each unit. It is being proposed to change the language to have the splits for capital improvements be based on real property only to more evenly distribute the costs. Manager Mersman said this change

would benefit the City in the case of the purchasing new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus that the Fire Association Board is currently looking at having to replace. It said it would lower the City's portion of the apparatus by approximately \$600.00. He said he recommended approving the proposed amendment. Vice-Mayor McConn moved to approve the amendment. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman told Council he would have proclamations ready next month recognizing Bronson's wrestling and bowling teams for their outstanding season.

Council Comments – Council reminded everyone that now the weather was getting nice to watch out for children riding bikes and playing. They also wished everyone a Happy Easter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, City Clerk