

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 2020

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

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

Absent: None

Appointment of Vice-Mayor – Mayor McConn moved to appoint Councilman Earl as Vice- Mayor. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of appointing Councilman Earl as Vice-Mayor.

Public Comments – Sheriff Pollack gave an update on activities as the sheriff’s department. He said he hoped the new jail would be started in March. He also said he has been authorized by the Branch County Board of Commissioners to hire two new deputies. In addition Sheriff Pollack announced he would be running for another term in November. He said he hopes to get re-elected to see thru the construction of the new jail.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$329,919.17. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Earl. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Updated Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2026 – Manager Mersman explained the MEDC has announced a new infrastructure grant for communities. In order to be eligible for the grants communities must have an up to date capital improvements plan. He reviewed the updated plan and asked for Council approval. Councilman Johannes moved to approve the Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2026. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Earl. Motion carried.

Approval of Professional Services Agreement – Prein & Newhof – Manager Mersman presented the professional services agreement from Prien & Newhof to assist the City in preparing the application to MEDC for the infrastructure grant. He said they would do the work for a lump sum price of \$15,000.00. He asked for approval of the agreement. Vice-Mayor Earl move to approve the agreement with Prein & Newhof. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Appoint Representatives to 911 Communications Board – Resolution No. 20-1-1 - Vice-Mayor Earl moved to approve Resolution No. 20-1-1. Seconded by Councilman Johannes. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None.

City Manager Comments - Manager Mersman told Council all the funds available from the MSHDA Grant have been awarded. He said a total of six grants were awarded. He said this meant the City was a high performer and may be eligible for more grant funds. He said MSHDA would make that decision next month.

Council Comments – Council wished everyone a good New Year. They thanked the City staff and DPW crew for the work they do every day. They welcomed Joe Duke council and thanked Vice-Mayor Earl for taking over that position.

Adjourn – Vice-Mayor Earl moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, Clerk/Treasurer