

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
July 13, 2020
Virtual Meeting

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

Roll Call: Present: McConn, Watkins, Duke, Johannes, Earl
Absent: None

Public Comments – Julie Waterbury, candidate for Branch County Treasurer, introduced herself and ask for support in voting for her at the August Primary. Andy Welden, candidate for the 58th District House of Representatives, also introduced himself and ask for voter support at the August Primary.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$73,912.78. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

New Business – Approve Proposal from Revitalize LLC for Certified Grant Administrator (CDBG Grant) – Manager Mersman said the city solicited proposals for a certified grant administrator through the MEDC for working on the MEDC CDBG I & R Grant for S Ruggles and Compton Streets. He said only one proposal was submitted and that was from Revitalize LLC. They submitted a proposal for a not to exceed amount of \$23,830 for an estimated of 298 hours of work. He said they came with excellent references and recommended accepting their proposal. Vice-Mayor Earl moved to accept the proposal as recommended from Revitalize LLC. Seconded by Councilman Duke. Motion carried.

Approve Engineering Firm for CDBG Grant – Manger Mersman said the City solicited requests for engineering firms for the CDBG I & R Grants for S Ruggles and Compton Streets and three proposals were received. After reviewing the bids, he recommended accepting the proposal from Prein & Newhof. Councilman Duke moved to accept the proposal from Prien & Newhof as recommended. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Sanitary Sewer Camera – After reviewing the bids Vice-Mayor Earl moved to approve purchase of the camera from Bell Equipment for \$12,682.43. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Supervisor Buckley thanked everyone who helped to clean up the City after the recent storm.

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman thanked the DPW crew, Cowan Construction, the Cities of Coldwater and Sturgis and their crews, and the Branch County Road Commission crews for all the extra time and effort they put in to help clean up after the recent storm. He told Council he has applied for a grant through the CARES Act for hazard reimbursement pay for police officers for time worked during the pandemic.

Council Comments – Council again thanked everyone who helped clean up after the storm that went through the Bronson area especially the DPW and Bronson Fire department. Councilman Johannes asked if Council would have an objection to putting up a banner at the City limits of Bronson thanking hometown heroes for their efforts during the pandemic. Council agreed it would be a nice gesture and Manager Mersman said he would work with Councilman Johannes to get banners up.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Smith, Clerk/Treasurer