

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
May 13, 2019

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

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

Public Comments – Librarian Lynell Eash outlined the summer programs available at the Bronson Library beginning on June 3rd. She said there are many events planned throughout the summer for all ages.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$30,841.06. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

New Business - Approve City Hall Landscaping Proposal -Vice-Mayor McConn moved to accept the low bid from Backyard Creations of \$12,755.76, which included a new underground sprinkler system. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Approve Cemetery Sealcoat Proposal – Councilman Earl moved to accept the low bid from Excel Paving of \$2,890.00 for sealcoating the cemetery drives. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. Motion carried.

Approve Police Officers Association of Michigan Union Agreement (POAM) – Council was given a proposed three year agreement which would run from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 between the City and the POAM. After reviewing the agreement Councilman Kenny moved to approve the three year agreement with the POAM. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget Draft – Discussion – Manager Mersman told Council the proposed budget included \$75,000 worth of street work in Major Streets and \$100,000 worth of work in Local Streets. It included \$100,000 to improve the street lighting in the downtown area. It also includes a 2.5% increase in wages for employees. He said funds of \$75,000 were included in the water fund for water tower work and funds were included to continue work on the sewer system in conjunction with the SAW grant funds. Council reviewed the proposed budget and had no suggested changes. Manager Mersman said the final draft would be proposed for adoption at the June meeting.

Approve Purchase Agreement & Adopt Resolution #19-5-7 Authorizing Sale of Property to Skaggs Assisted Living – Councilman Kenny asked if there was a caveat in the agreement that if the property was not developed in a certain time frame the property would revert ownership back to the City. Manager Mersman said that was included in the development agreement. Councilman Kenny moved to adopt Resolution #19-5-7. Seconded by Vice-Mayor McConn. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – Police Chief Johnson reminded everyone school would be out soon and to watch for children out playing and riding bikes. Fire Chief Scott Wilber said the Lucas device had been used successfully twice.

Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said the City has been awarded two grants. He said the first one is a MSHDA Neighborhood Enhancement Grant which is designed to target home improvement work in specific neighborhoods and the second grant is a MDOT Category B Grant for Mill & Fill work on Corey

and Grant Streets. Manager Mersman thanked student Brett Burtrum for performing a community service project in which he cleaned up debris at Kiwanis Park and Greenwald Park.

Council Comments – Council congratulated staff on obtaining the grants. They also thanked staff for the work on the budget. Council congratulated the Bronson High School Class of 2019 and reminded everyone school would soon be out and be mindful of children out playing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.