

City of Bronson  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 8, 2018

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

Roll Call: Present: Cole, McConn, Cox, Kenny

Absent: Earl

Vice-Mayor McConn moved to excuse Councilman Earl. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Sheriff Pollack gave an update on activities at the Sheriff's department. He said housing female population at the jail was still an ongoing problem. Linda Lysholl, Branch County District Librarian, talked to Council about happenings at the library. She said hours have been extended at the library with it now being open on Mondays. Kathy Eichler, an employee at the local post office, explained to Council that a resident next to the post office has a wood stove and when they start it up the smoke from it is extremely offensive and is drifting into the post office's back doors. Council thanked her for coming in and said they will look into the matter.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Kenny moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$255,669.59. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

New Business – Additional MERS Pension Contribution – Manager Mersman said the State of Michigan has passed new legislation which allows the state to intervene into pension plans which do not meet minimum state requirements for funding percentage levels. Units under 60% maybe targeted. The City is approximately 60.9% funded but this amount could decrease depending on investment returns. MERS allows cities to open a surplus division to make voluntary contributions to help reduce the City's underfunded liability. Manager Mersman suggested setting up a surplus division to insure the City would not drop below the 60% funded level. He gave Council projected percentages on funding depending on different amounts put into a surplus fund. After reviewing the suggestions, Vice-Mayor McConn moved to make a contribution of \$100,000 to a surplus fund to lower the City's unfunded liability. Seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

City Manager Comments – Manager Mersman said there would be a Planning Commission meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> to hear a special land use permit request by M & M Core. He invited interested parties to attend.

Council Comments – Council thanked all City employees for the work they have done over the last year and for their continued dedication to the City.

Adjourn – Councilwoman Cox moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.