

City of Bronson
Regular Council Meeting
November 12, 2018

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

Roll Call: Present: McConn, Kenny, Earl, Watkins

Absent: Cole

Councilman Kenny moved to excuse Mayor Cole from the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

City Clerk Smith administered the oath of office to newly elected Council members Kenny, Earl and Watkins. She then asked for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember McConn moved to appoint Councilwoman Cole as Mayor. Seconded by Councilman Watkins. With no other nominations Councilwoman Cole was unanimously appointed Mayor. Clerk Smith then asked for nominations for Vice-Mayor. Councilman Earl moved to appoint Councilman McConn as Vice-Mayor. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. With no other nominations Councilman McConn was appointed Vice-Mayor unanimously.

Public Comment – Branch County Commissioner Kolcz gave an update on projects the county is involved in. He said the County received 6 bids for an architect for the jail project and 5 were accepted. He said the project is moving forward as planned. He said the County is still working with the contractor on the heating/air conditioning unit at the COA building. He said it is still not working but the warranty has been extended so they are hoping the problems will be resolved soon.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Earl moved to approve the consent agenda including payment of invoices totaling \$73,235.68. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

New Business – Tree Removal Proposals - Bids were sought for tree removal and only one vendor submitted a bid. The bid came from Professional Climbers in the amount of \$4,640.00. Clerk Smith said the City has used Professional Climbers in the past and were satisfied with their work. Councilman Earl moved to accept the bid from Professional Climbers. Seconded by Councilman Kenny. Motion carried.

Staff Comments – None

Council Comments – Everyone welcomed Councilman Watkins. Councilman Watkins thanked everyone who voted for him and was looking forward to serving. Vice-Mayor McConn thanked Clerk Smith and Administrative Assistant Lori Lambright for all the work they did the last few weeks covering the office in Manager Mersman's absence. He also thanked the DPW for trying to keep up with the picking up of leaves in the cold and wet weather.

Adjourn – Councilman Kenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Earl. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, City Clerk/Treas.