

Town of Bronson  
Council Meeting  
April 16, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building 660 E. Hathaway Ave, Bronson FL

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Mayor: Call Meeting to Order

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Erik Wise, Dennis Russell, Pamela Whitehead, Robert Partin, Katie Parks, Bruce Greenlee, Beatrice Roberts, Attorney Warm. Absent: Curtis Stacy and Jason Hunt.

After the Pledge, Prayer and Roll Call Mayor Greenlee opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the of minutes from the April 2, 2018 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Parks, and a second from Vice Mayor Roberts. Motion Carried. The Clerk was directed to correct a typo.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee Compensation- Mayor Greenlee brought up this topic for discussion. Mayor Greenlee brought up the issue of excessive overtime that occurs every year. He wanted to make a suggestion to Council to utilize flex time or comp time. Flex time, he stated would be time worked in excess or to give the employee time off during the week but have the employee work an event. Vice Mayor Roberts asked Mr. Warm if that would be legal even if an employee's set working hours were Mon-Thursday. Mr. Warm stated that he done some preliminary research, but wanted to have some additional information before he gave an opinion. The Mayor stated that the problem is real and a solution needs to be considered. He stated that another option was Comp time, which is paid at the same rate at overtime, however it is not paid out at overtime wages. It is accrued at 1.5 time hours. Councilmember Parks stated that the Town had tried something similar, and it didn't exactly work correctly. Mr. Warm stated he would come with more information. A question was asked by an audience member, the question was "has the Town thought about going back to a five day work week in order to reduce the overtime?" Mayor Greenlee stated that the majority of the overtime is accumulated due to recreational activities and extra events sponsored by the Town. A follow question was asked as to whether the Council feels that four ten hour days are serving the Town well. Mayor Greenlee stated that he has heard of very few incidents relating to the Town being closed on Friday. An additional question was asked by an audience member regarding how many employees for the Town were on salary. The Mayor stated that all of the employees are paid hourly.

The Clerk requested permission to proceed with invitation to bid for CDBG (Engineer and Consultant). A motion to allow the Clerk to proceed with the invitation to bid was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, a second was made by Councilmember Partin. No further discussion, Motion Carried. A question was asked by an audience member as to what the CDBG was for. The Clerk explained that the grant was

for wastewater hook ups and improvements to the waste water treatment plant. The audience member stated that no back up documents are included, and they would like to see back information for each agenda item. Another audience member stated that if back up documentation is not included it is difficult to determine why the items are even placed on the agenda and if the meeting would be worth attending. The Mayor stated that if an item makes sense to have back up documentation it should be included.

Councilmember Parks brought up the discussion to set date, time and budget for Fourth of July. Vice Mayor Roberts stated that she feels that either the Fourth of July or Saturday after would be better. Mayor Greenlee stated he feels that the event should be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Partin agreed. Mr. Partin stated that he felt it should be held on the Federal Holiday. A member of the audience voiced her opinion of the event, stating the event is good every year but some complaints that she has heard there is nothing going on to keep people in the park for the vendors to sell to. She stated there is nothing for the children to do, and there was too many vendors in the last couple of areas. It was discussed to keep the budget at \$5,000 as in years past. A motion to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> with a budget of \$5,000 was made by Councilmember Parks, second by Vice Mayor Roberts. A question was asked about the use of Sheriff's deputies again this year. Mayor Greenlee stated that they would use the deputies again. We would have to arrange for parking and deputies. Motion Carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### BRONSON PARKS & RECS:

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Dennis Russel asked for approval to transfer donated Mini pumper from Levy County to the Bronson Fire Department. He stated that the truck is combination of an engine and brush truck. The vehicle is four wheel drive and could be used in areas that the engine cannot get to. A motion to allow the transfer of title and to get insurance coverage was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, a second was made by Councilmember Partin. No further discussion, Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

Erik Wise Public Works director stated that the field work is going well and the grass will be reseeded soon. He stated that some drainage improvements were also made. Erik made a request to attend a training course on May 3, 2018. The cost of the training is \$245.00. He explained that a "flushing program" is basically for water quality and the use of valves to make water flow in a correct way. A motion to allow Erik to attend this training was made by Vice Mayor Roberts with a second from Councilmember Parks. Motion Carried. An audience member commented on how well the park is draining and that there is not a lot of standing water. The Mayor directed the Clerk to write a letter to the County Road Department thanking them for the excellent job on the work they completed at the park. Mr. Partin stated that it was found that there were some high spots on the field that was making the flow of water difficult.

Vice Mayor Roberts stated that she was going to wait until her time but she wanted to go ahead and bring it up since the discussion had moved to the park. She stated that the Park is her responsibility and if there is anything regarding the Park that needs taken care off, it should come to her attention.

#### BUILDING & ZONING:

#### ATTORNEY REPORT:

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure Committee- Just reiterated that another SCOP grant for Wilson Ave was submitted.

Industrial Committee-

Cemetery Committee- stated that they had a meeting and some things discussed where to place some picnic pavilions at the cemetery. She also wanted the Clerk to see if there is any grant money for renovations. The cemetery committee would also like to have some water fountains installed. She stated that the Cemetery really looks good. The committee would also like to determine exactly how many Veterans in the Cemetery.

#### COUNCIL REPORT:

Councilmember Robert Partin-

Councilmember Katie Parks-

Vice Mayor Beatrice Roberts-

Councilmember Jason Hunt-

Mayor Bruce Greenlee- Brought up a comment that was made in a previous Council meeting. The discussion at the time was regarding getting a generator for the use at the red light. The Mayor stated that at the time he made a comment that may have been perceived incorrectly. He stated that some took the comment that he was trying to demine the Council. He went on to clarify that his message is always that we need to remain positive, and that he would never call out an employee or a Council member in a meeting. He stated that he feels the Council is working together better together now, than it ever has. He apologized if his comment was taken out of context.

Mayor Greenlee made the announcement that Susie Robinson would be leaving her position at the Town Hall to care for her mother. Mayor Greenlee stated that she has been an asset to the Town and will be greatly missed. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a lunch to celebrate her last day.

#### REVIEW AND PAY BILLS

A motion to review and pay the bills was made by Councilmember Parks, with a second by Vice Mayor Roberts. Motion Carried.

#### AJOURN

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.