

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

Mayor: Call Meeting to Order

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

After the Prayer, Pledge and Roll Call, Mayor Greenlee welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2018 council meeting was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, with a second by Councilmember Parks. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The Clerk read the invitation to BMHS FFA banquet May 10, 2018 @ 6pm, the Clerk also reminded the council of the BMHS Senior Awards Night May 11, 2018 @ 6pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk presented the Council with a print out and a request to pay out Susie Robinson Remaining Sick and Vacation Time. A motion to pay out the remaining sick and vacation for a total of \$47.75 hours was made by Vice Mayor Roberts with a second from Councilmember Partin. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

The Clerk read Resolution 18-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with FDOT for the purpose of Traffic Light Maintenance (attached yearly invoice in the amount of \$3,307.00, last FYE agreement, current year agreement), into the record. A motion to pass Resolution 18-04 was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, with a second by Councilmember Parks. No further discussion. Motion Carried. Attorney Warm pointed out one item for the record, he stated that for clarification the amount listed above it money that the Town will receive, not pay out).

The Clerk explained to the Council that this item was in regard to the Highway Lighting. Permission to submit invoice and enter into agreement with FDOT (attached invoice in the amount of \$19,524.77, prior year agreement, agreement next FYE). A motion to enter into the agreement and submit invoice was made by Councilmember Partin, with a second from Councilmember Parks. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

A comment from the audience stated that some towns are now going to power poles that run off of solar power. It was just a suggestion for the future.

Discussion: Rate of pay for Deputy Clerk position and Part-time labor position (rate of pay to be agreed upon before interviews). Vice Mayor Robert's brought up this topic, explaining that most people during interviews want to know the amount as a deciding factor in accepting a position. After much discussion between the Council members a decision was made on a range of pay. The Vice Mayor wanted to discuss the part-time labor person first. Councilmember Parks stated that she felt \$9.00 was acceptable for a part-time position. Councilmember Partin wanted to know if any benefits were included. It was explained that no, it was only a part-time position. A motion to set the pay scale for the part-time laborer at a minimum wage (\$8.75) to \$10 per hour according to experience was made by Councilmember Hunt, a second was made by Councilmember Parks. Motion Carried.

Moving on to the deputy clerk position, Councilmember Parks shared her thoughts stating the previous employee left making \$15.49 per hour, and the county starts their employees around \$10.00. She stated she felt that starting someone at \$13 would be the top depending on experience. Councilmember Hunt stated that he felt it should be somewhere between \$10 & \$14 per hour. A question from the audience asked what the full-time benefits package was worth. She went on to say she was surprised that the Town does not have a set employee salary range. The Mayor stated that those kinds of ranges are not in place currently within the town.

Vice Mayor Roberts stated that she prefers a range between \$10-\$12 based on experience. The discussion continued between the Council members. Councilmember Partin stated that the cost of the monthly town paid benefits is about \$780 per month. He went on to say that a lot of business today are offering fewer benefits. A motion to set a range between \$10-\$12 according to experience, for the deputy clerk position was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, a second was made by Councilmember Partin. A question was asked about how much vacation and sick time is earned each pay period. The Clerk explained that 1-5 years is 8 hours, and 5 years and above is 10 hours. Vote is 2:3 motion failed.

A motion was made to set the range for Deputy Clerk at \$10-\$13.50 per hour, depending on experience, education and interview qualities. A second was made by Councilmember Hunt. A question was asked from the audience if this position is bonded, the Mayor explained the only the Town Clerk is bonded. No further discussion. The vote was made of 4:1, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BRONSON PARKS & RECS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Russell informed the Council that the Brush truck is in the shop but at this time they are not sure what the issue is. He explained that the truck is 15 years old and may be getting to the end of its useful life.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Explained that the Spray Field pump at the Wastewater plant is completely gone, it is 14 years old and there is no hope of repairing it. He explained that a brand new one, installed and with epoxy coating is \$10,525.25. He went on to explain that the permit for the wastewater plant is up for renewal this year. He explained that currently the percolation ponds are being used. He explained that Citrus Well Drilling will be doing the work. A motion to order the pump and schedule it to be installed was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, with a second from Councilmember Partin. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

BUILDING & ZONING:

Mr. Samec wanted to address the Council regarding the building and zoning company that the Town is currently using. He expressed his concerns and frustrations regarding getting his land use and zoning in order to get some information on is plans for development of a parcel of land. He explained the he has been in contact with MT Causley and feels that he is not getting anywhere with them. The Clerk was instructed to get information to Mr. Warm regarding this company. Mr. Samec also asked Mr. Warm whether or not he would be involved in such decision. The Mayor stated that the Clerk would contact Mr. Samec once someone was learned from MT Causley. Mr. Tony Thomas commented that he has also been having problems with this company and how they are currently handing this process.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Commented on his grandson's success during his recent sporting event championship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure Committee-
Industrial Committee-
Cemetery Committee-

COUNCIL REPORT:

Councilmember Robert Partin- wanted to thank the staff for helping with preparing for the funeral recently.

Councilmember Katie Parks- wanted to ask the Council if anyone by interested in helping with the welcome at the Blueberry Pageant. The Mayor stated that he would be available. Some discussion about how many participants and what entertainment will available.

Vice Mayor Beatrice Roberts- commented on the achievements of the High School track team and her grandson's success at his various sports.

Councilmember Jason Hunt- wanted to apologize for missing the last meeting do to being ill

Mayor Bruce Greenlee- wanted to thank the staff and council for their work going in to the festival

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With no other business to be brought before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.