

Town of Bronson
Council Meeting
May 21, 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: Curtis Stacy, Dennis Russell, Pamela Whitehead, Robert Partin, Bruce Greenlee, Beatrice Roberts, Jason Hunt and Mr. Warm. Absent: Erik Wise and Katie Parks.

Mayor Greenlee welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order. He then proceeded to the first order of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2018 Council meeting was made by Vice Mayor Roberts with a second by Councilmember Partin. No corrections, no further discussion. Motion Carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Roberts read the thank you letter from Scholarship winner Tayea Mayes. Mayor Greenlee commented on the awards banquet and how impressed he was with the academic achievements of the students of BMHS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

BPR coach Jeff Jordan made the presentation on behalf of Berlon Weeks (regarding 12U Baseball Team). The team was asking for support to attend a National Tournament in Orlando on June 29-July 5, 2018. Mr. Jordan went on to explain the team's strengths and asked the Council for their support. Rev. Mark Stiles explained the team has two main requests 1. They would like permission to utilize the catchers gear supplied by BPR that they used during the regular season that would help cut down on cost. The second request is to ask for a donation of any size that would be used toward the total cost of \$3400.00. He went to explain the first fundraiser that would take place, a car wash at Ace Hardware. The council discussed the request among themselves and voiced their support for this cause. A question was asked how many players were on the team and how many coaches would be attending the trip. The Council continued to discuss among themselves a course of action. Councilmember Hunt made a motion to donate \$500 for the baseball team to use towards their expenses in Orlando, a second was made by Vice Mayor Roberts. Mayor Greenlee stated that he would personally donate. Mayor Greenlee called for a vote, however Parks and Rec Director Curtis Stacy asked to speak for the vote was final. He stated that he had doing a little research with the limited information he has been given. He stated that insurance may be an issue, he went on to explain that he was all for the trip but stated that if they had come to him beforehand, he may have been able to help them get a scholarship. Some discussion went on about the various types of insurance and what exactly the town's secondary insurance would cover in case of an accident. He also stated that all parents would be required to sign a liability waiver. Mayor Greenlee called for a vote, motion carried. The Mayor directed the coaches to get with Curtis and get the details worked out.

David Robertson candidate for 8th Circuit Court Judge for the 8th circuit. Mr. Robertson wanted to introduce himself and tell a little about his experiences. He continued to discuss some issues and other projects he was currently involved in. He wanted to leave the Council with a few final items, that no one pays attention to voting for judge, as more people are focused on commissioners, ext. He stated that he feels that a judge has more of an impact on people's lives than any other position. He then thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Elijah Williams approached the Council and stated his concerns about not being involved in the Blueberry Festivities. Mayor Greenlee stated that information was conveyed to the public.

Mayor Greenlee moved on to the new business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Kite from Purvis Gray approached the Council to present the end of year audit, he introduced his partner Barbara. The audit covered FYE through September 30, 2017. He started with a communication letter that makes the council aware of various regulations. He stated that the Town's most significant estimate was depreciation. The most important disclosure is the disclosure of long term debt. He explained the adjustments that were made during the audit. Mr. Kite went on to discuss the independent auditors report, he stated that the Town received a favorable report, that it fairly presents the statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Mr. Kite provided an overview of the various financial statements, he went on to discuss the findings and things that need to be improved in regards financial practices. Some of the findings include: segregation of duties, significant audit adjustments, and the amount of overtime paid, the need for accurate bank reconciliations, the need to have separate water and sewer accounts, and the need for budget amendments. Findings from the water and sewer and fund include, the inability to cover its expenses, compensation that should be recorded on 941, extension of credit is not allowed, and requirements for the reserve account under the USDA. Mr. Kite provide the Clerk with extra copies of the report if needed. Mr. Kite answered a few questions from the audience.

The Clerk presented the Council with an email regarding options for Picnic Street Project. Mayor Greenlee went over the recommendation from Mittauer. The clerk stated that after the application has been approved that the SCOP grant would not pay for sidewalks. The Mayor explained the options. The Council decided that more information was needed in order to make an informed decision. The motion to table this item until the next Council meeting was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, with a second from Councilmember Hunt. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BRONSON PARKS & RECS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

BUILDING & ZONING:

The Clerk commented that a staff meeting had taken place with MT Causley regarding the planning and zoning issue. Mr. Warm had submitted a courteous but firm letter on behalf of the Town.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure Committee- (see above discussion about SCOP)

Industrial Committee-

Cemetery Committee- Mr. Roosevelt wanted to thank Erik and the crew for their continued work at the cemetery.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Councilmember Robert Partin- wanted to comment on the Blueberry Festivities and thank the employees for working on the event.

Councilmember Katie Parks-

Vice Mayor Beatrice Roberts- wanted to thank the employees that stayed and helped with the blueberry festival, she appreciates the work done by the employees on their day off.

Councilmember Jason Hunt-

Mayor Bruce Greenlee- wanted to thank the staff that worked to get the festival completed.

A discussion took place between an audience member and the Council about the various items for sale and the number of visitors. The comments continued until the mayor voiced a final thought. He stated that this is a small town and events require positive support and that if people stay negative about things that happen within the Town that is how things will stay if the attitude remains negative.

REVIEW & PAY BILLS

A motion to review and pay the bills as presented was made by Vice Mayor Roberts, with a second from Councilmember Hunt. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

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With no other brought before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm