

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Sander, Prokosch, Lingl

A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Lingl to authorize payment of the claims and to approve minutes from the last regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

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| 2025 Audited Financial Report | Sara Oberloh, CPA with Oberloh & Oberloh, Ltd. was present to review the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 12/31/2025. Because the City's population is under 2500, we are allowed to report on a cash basis, which is different than the accounting principles generally accepted in the U. S. Management and Auditor responsibilities were identified with no material misrepresentations noted. No legal compliance issues were found and two internal control findings were cited (same every year due to limited staff). The financial reports in the audit were reviewed. The unassigned General Fund balance at year end was 145% of the subsequent year's budgeted disbursements, which is above the State Auditor's recommendation. The City could assign some of these funds to future capital purchases/projects or to the water/storm sewer fund since they have such low balances. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve the 2025 Audited Financial Report as presented. Passed unanimously. |
| The WingOut | Julio Lopez introduced the owner/operator of The WingOut and invite the Council to a soft open on Friday 13 th starting at 6:00 PM. The WingOut is located at 110 North Main Street in the former Athmann's Inn location. |
| Lead Service Line Replacement Ordinance 228 | As a part of The Lead Service Line Replacement Project an application with the PFA is needed with the funding package being all grant (or loan with immediate and complete principal forgiveness). A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve Ordinance 228, Authorizing the Replacement of Lead, Galvanized, or Other Hazardous Water Service Lines on Private Property. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve Resolution 1-26 Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Grant/Loan Application for the Lead Service Line project. Passed unanimously. |
| Ball Park Complex | The BOLD School has approached the BOLD Baseball Association to ask about possibly playing Varsity and JV Softball at the Bird Island ballfield. A new field will have to be constructed to accommodate this request. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to table the discussion until Mike Nagel can attend a council meeting in the future. Passed unanimously. |
| Ball Park Contract | The Council reviewed the Ball Park Complex Contract (same as last year) with BOLD School and BOLD Baseball Association. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve the Ball Park Complex Contract as presented. Passed unanimously. |
| Public Works | Maintenance Supervisor Thompson reviewed his monthly report with the Council. Items discussed included: snow blowers and school demolition. Residents are reminded to move their sump pump discharge to the street as of March 15 th , weather permitting. |

LMCIT Liability Coverage Each year before insurance renewal, the City needs to officially decide whether or not to waive the statutory tort liability limits. If not waived, a claimant could recover no more than \$500,000. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Lingl to waive the statutory tort limits. Passed unanimously.

Spring Clean Up A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve the Spring Clean-Up flyer as presented. Passed unanimously.

Apprenticeship Scholarship A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to accept a \$2,000 Apprenticeship Scholarship grant from Minnesota Rural Water Association and Hawkins, Inc. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.
Tracey Ahl, City Administrator