

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Sander, Lingl, Leach, Prokosch, Schneider

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Prokosch to authorize payment of the claims and to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting with clarification of possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance portion. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve a land use permit for Xcel Energy (fence). Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve a land use permit for Island Living Elm Avenue 4-Plex (storage shed). Passed unanimously.

Splash Pad Kory Eiler was present to give an update on Splash Island Adventure Park. Project expenses were reviewed and everything looks to be on track for the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant. The possibility of accepting donations using a QR Code is being researched. Eiler asked for the Council's support to erect a fence around the pickle ball court. Eiler will contact the Administrator with the price for adding the pickle ball fence to the reclaim pond fence order to try to save money on shipping and installation.

Engineer The Council reviewed the update of Task Orders 2-4 update submitted from Bollig Engineering.

Ordinance 228 Concerned business owners were present to express their opposition to Ordinance 228, Amendment to Article XI. B-1 Central Business Districts of Bird Island City Zoning Ordinance 153, Adding Section 11.03. F to uses requiring a conditional use permit. After much discussion, a motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to enforce the current zoning ordinance 153 Article XI. Section 11.01 Uses Permitted and to allow the Administrator to discuss with City Attorney on how many days to allow for eviction, allowing no more than 90 days. Passed unanimously.

Ball Park Joint Powers The Council reviewed proposed changes to the Ball Park Complex Joint Powers Agreement with BOLD School. Satellite bathrooms and the availability of the facility bathrooms were discussed. Suggestions were noted and will be updated. The Administrator will send the amended agreement to the school for their review and comment.

City Cemetery Paul Setzepfandt was present to discuss weed control in the City's parks, empty lots, and cemetery. The Council agreed to take a more aggressive approach in the future.

Public Works Thompson reviewed the monthly maintenance report. Pond discharging is done for the spring, catch basin have been getting cleaned out, tree trimming quotes are being requested, and dust control has been completed. Backboards for the Park have been ordered.

Liquor Licenses A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Schneider approve the following licenses: Tricia's Pelican Pub – On/Off Sale; Rumors – On/Off Sale; BOLD Baseball Assn. – On Sale Wine/Beer; B&D Market - Off Sale. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve a 1 to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Renville County Ag. Society for the Renville County Fair held August 6, 7, & 8. Passed Unanimously.

Woelfel Retirement Woelfel was asked if a resignation letter with his retirement date has been submitted now that his replacement has now been hired.

MRU A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to accept the resignation of Abbey Hatch-Elfering from the MRU. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.
Tracey Ahl, City Administrator

Special Email Votes:

On Friday June 20, 2025 a special email vote went out to replace the second VFD drive that had gone out on the second pump at the water treatment plant from WZ Electric for \$5,800. The first VFD drive of the two was replaced in November when it had failed. Passed unanimously.

A second fence bid was received for the pickleball courts and an email went out with the second bid from Larsen for \$11,785. The original bid was from Century Fence for \$15,980 and was reviewed by the council at the June 9th meeting. A motion and second was made to approve Larsen to put up a fence around the pickleball courts to be paid for by Splash Island Adventure Park. Passed unanimously.