

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council**  
**Monday, July 14, 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 Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve payment of the claims and to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

**Open Forum**            Julio Lopez asked the Council's permission to close Dogwood Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street on September 20<sup>th</sup> for a Spanish Heritage Festival and to ask about obtaining a temporary liquor license. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve the requested street closure. Passed unanimously. Julio was advised to stop in the City Office for an application for temporary liquor license.

Renee Wurzer was present on behalf of the Bird Island Civic & Commerce to ask the Council's advice on how to coordinate snow removal billing for the business district sidewalks.

Rosemary Glesener asked the Council about changing the location of the port-a-potty in the Main Street Park.

Carmen and David Kienholz, representing the Bird Island Lions Club, presented a design for a permanent bathroom/storm shelter to be placed at the Lion's Park on the east side of town.

**Law Enforcement**    Deputy Brady Nesburg reviewed the June law enforcement report and blight property list with the Council. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to agree with the Sheriff's recommendation to give citations to all violations listed after second letters as non-compliant, changing the one recommendation from abatement to citation, and to move forward with abatement if citations are unsuccessful. Passed unanimously.

**Bollig Engineering**    Ben Aaseth, Bollig Engineering, gave an update on the Cherry Avenue Project. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Pay Request to Schmit Construction for the amount of \$51,918.26. Passed unanimously.

**Public Works**            John Thompson reviewed his monthly report to the Council. Problems with the water plant high service pumps are being addressed and electrical improvements will be planned in the future. Staff has been busy with splash pad construction, mosquito spraying, and mowing. Groundwork will happen at the ball park for the building that will be moved in for the BOLD Baseball Association and Bird Island Lions Club. Dave feels it is time to pass the torch to John, but will continue to work with him and give advice.

**Paving Quotes**            A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve the paving quotes by M&R Paving for 7 additional patches and mobilization fees to be paid out of the street capital outlay budget. Passed unanimously.

**Cleaning Contract**        A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve the cleaning contract

with ACTS, with no changes from last year. Passed unanimously.

Lion's Park Building The Bird Island Lion's would like to pay for a permanent bathroom/storm shelter. The City is being asked to prepare the ground for placement, dig and connect water & sewer, and to maintain and clean the structure. The building will have solar lighting, a plumbed toilet, and hand sanitizer dispenser. The bathroom will be locked during winter months and the toilet will need to be winterized annually due to the building not being heated. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve the BI Lion's placement of the bathroom/storm shelter structure along with a Lion's drinking fountain contingent upon approval of getting a land use permit and building permit if required. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Tracey Ahl, City Administrator